

Saint Monica Catholic School Dress Code

The dress code at Saint Monica Catholic School reflects the social and Christian values we want to instill within our students: professionalism, modesty, respect for self and others, unity among classes, and positive self-esteem. The dress code fosters a serious approach to academics.

All students are required to wear their uniform in a manner that portrays a positive and modest self-image, conveys personal neatness and cleanliness, and demonstrates an attitude of excellence in performance and achievement. All students are expected to be in the full uniform each day. Students dressed inappropriately will be required to wear an appropriate uniform from the school clothing closet.

The school reserves the final judgment as to the appropriateness of any dress code item or issue.

Students in Kindergarten through Third Grade

- Solid red long or short sleeve shirt with a collar
- Navy Saint Monica logoed sweatshirt or Red SMS logoed sweater/ sweater vest may be worn
- Solid navy pants and shorts.
 - Belts (optional) must be brown or black
- Saint Monica school plaid skirts or jumpers for girls with bike shorts, leggings, or tights underneath

Students in Fourth through Eighth Grade

- Solid navy blue long or short sleeve shirt with a collar
- Gray Saint Monica logoed sweatshirt or Red SMS logoed sweater/ sweater vest may be worn
- *Eighth grade only*: Solid color leadership shirt in forest green.
 - One of these shirts will be given to students as part of their eighth grade leadership experience. Additional shirts may be purchased by families at their own cost.
- Tan or khaki pants and shorts.
 - Belts (required) must be brown or black.
- Saint Monica school plaid skirts and plaid jumpers for girls with bike shorts, leggings, or tights underneath

General Notes for all students

- All clothing must be neat and clean. No clothes may be tight fitting, frayed, torn, stained, or excessively worn.
- Tops
 - Shirts must be tucked in.
 - Shirts must have buttons and be buttoned except for the top button.
 - No denim shirts or turtlenecks are allowed.
 - No words or sports team logos are allowed.
 - Only solid, white undershirts with no lettering are allowed under uniform shirts.
 - Only Saint Monica sweatshirts or sweaters may be worn, no hoodies or fleece during the school day.
 - Jackets and coats may be worn to and from school and during recess.
- Bottoms
 - Pants must be worn at the waist.
 - Shorts may be worn at appropriate length of no more than two inches above knee.
 - No skinny leggings, skinny pants or cargo shorts/pants.
 - No navy or tan skirts or skorts. Only Saint Monica plaid skirts or skorts are acceptable.
- Shoes
 - Shoes may not be open toe or open backed.
 - Shoes with laces should be tied.
 - Heels on shoes are not permitted for girls.
 - Sandals and crocs are not permitted at any time.
 - If a student wears boots, they must change upon arrival to school. No Uggs or similar boots are allowed to be worn during the school day.
- Socks/tights/leggings
 - Socks/Tights/Leggings must be solid white, red, navy blue, or black.

- No Brands on the visible portion of the socks are allowed. If the Logo is on the visible must be same color as socks (**Nike Swoosh is a brand logo**)
- Hair/Makeup/Jewelry
 - Hair must be clean, neat, and combed.
Haircut styles may not be distracting in any way.
Hair color must be consistent with natural hair color and may not be distracting in any way;
Hair accessories must not be distracting
 - Makeup, nail polish, lipstick, tattoos, body piercings, stickers, message buttons are not acceptable at school.
 - Jewelry items
Simple religious medals and watches are allowable. No smart watches.
Earrings: **Girls** single-stud or small, simple hoops **Boys**: none allowed
No rings, silly bands, athletic bracelets.

Gym

- All students in gym must wear tennis shoes with socks.
- Students in fourth through eighth grade will change for gym class.
- Saint Monica red gym shirt (purchased at spirit shop) and plain navy blue athletic shorts.

Dress Down Days

The money raised will benefit a local community organization as students will pay \$1 for the privilege of not following the regular dress code.

- At least one shirt/layer must have a crew or banded collar and reach the waist.
- T-shirts must be loose fitting with appropriate words and pictures.
- Jeans, athletic pants, or sweatpants in good condition with no rips.
- No skinny jeans, tight fitting jeans, or yoga pants.
- No hats.
- Students who are not participating must wear school uniform.
- Students dressed inappropriately for dress down days will be required to change into a school uniform from the uniform closet.

Spirit Days and Faith Filled Fridays

- Students may wear an approved logoed SMS shirt including team wear, band shirts, Faith Filled Friday shirts, etc.
- All shirts must be tucked in and only uniform bottoms will be permitted.

Field Trips and Volunteer opportunities

- Unless noted on permission slip - Full uniform
- If dress clothes are appropriate
 - No low cut shirts/dresses or tight fitting pants. No leggings or yoga pants.
 - Shirts tucked in.
 - Skirts and dresses must be knee length and not tight.

Boy Scout/Girl Scout meeting days

- Scout uniform shirt, vest, or sashes may be worn on troop meeting days with school uniform bottoms.

Uniform Retailers

- Logoed Saint Monica sweatshirts and sweaters must be purchased from the spirit shop in the school, School Belles, or Land's End.
- Plaid skirts, skorts, and jumpers must be purchased from School Belles or Land's End.
- Uniforms shirts, pants, shorts, belts, and socks can be purchased at various retailers such as Kohl's Target, Wal-mart, Jcpenney, Land's End and School Belles.