

Dress Code/Uniform Policy (Grades Kindergarten - Grade 12) As a private Catholic school, St. Mary's Springs Academy reserves the right to determine appropriate attire and insists upon a norm of proper appearance for its students, faculty and staff. SMSA promotes respect for and the dignity of each individual person, and believes that values are reflected in one's words and behaviors, including grooming and clothing. The school expects students to represent themselves well at school, on field trips and at competitions and other school functions through appropriate attire and proper hygiene. Cleanliness, neatness, safety and modesty are key in determining proper grooming and attire.

Students are expected to dress appropriately for a Catholic school environment. Any clothing that interferes with or disrupts the educational environment is unacceptable. Clothing should fit properly, be neat, clean and conform to standards of safety, good taste and decency.

Parents/guardians have the responsibility of ensuring that their student(s) reports to school appropriately dressed, clean and neat in appearance.

To review approved school uniform selections, go to the Lands' End website by visiting the SMSA web site home page (www.smsacademy.org), click the Family link and select Uniforms. There is a direct link to the uniform store at Lands' End on that page. Once on the Lands' End page, create an account for your student(s) to help with the ordering process. Any item available to order on the SMSA dedicated Lands' End website is dress code approved. Extended sizing options are available.

General Dress guidelines (Preschool & 4K): Uniforms are optional for P3 and K4 students.

General Dress guidelines (Kindergarten – Grade 8)

While it is impossible to list all types of unacceptable attire, limits are placed on clothing that is distracting, inappropriate or indecent. Following are guiding principles regarding appropriate dress:

- Students are expected to be in "dress code" from the time they enter the building until the time they depart at the end of the day, as well as on any school sanctioned off-campus activity. This includes breaks, lunch, all-school masses, and field trips.
- Lands' End logo polos and oxfords are acceptable shirts without the fleece, sweater or cardigan. Oxford shirts must be tucked in at all times. Boy cut oxfords worn by girls, must be tucked in. Polos, oxfords, sweaters, fleece (must be buttoned or zipped to collar bone). Oxford button down shirt in blue, French blue, lake blue stripe and white with SMSA logo are acceptable.
- Any visible undershirts must be solid and in uniform colors (i.e. white, blue, navy blue, French blue, gray, cobalt or black) without any writing or graphics. (Revised 9/5/17)
- Long sleeved white shirts may be worn underneath long sleeved polos, but not underneath short sleeved polos
- Shirts or blouses that expose midriffs, or have low-cut necklines that expose cleavage are not allowed.
- Shorts and capris will be allowed April 1 to October 31.
- Lands' End logo pants and shorts are recommended but not required. The color options include: navy, khaki, gray or black.
- Non-Lands' End pants must be in the chino style (no cargo, carpenter or jean) in classic navy, black, gray or khaki.
- Skirts, dresses, or shorts that are excessively short and/or excessively tight fitting are not allowed. Skirts/shorts must be mid-thigh or fingertip length with arms at side.
- Skirts (K5-5), skorts (K5-5), jumpers (K5-5) and polo dresses (K5-5) in classic navy, khaki and classic navy plaid

with SMSA logo are required and available on the Lands' End website.

- Hosiery for girls is recommended, but optional under a skirt. Tights, nylons, and ankle length leggings in black, navy, white, or nude are acceptable.
- Leggings bought from the SMSA Lands End website page are acceptable without being covered in grades K-5.
- Knee-high socks are acceptable as long as they are in uniform colors. (Revised 9/5/17)
- Boys and girls must wear a solid colored black, brown, navy or white belt if belt loops on pants or shorts are provided.
- Low-cut pants or oversized pants that droop or sag, so as to expose underwear, are not allowed.
- Students will be required to dress in uniform attire on competition and performance days. The SMSA Administration Team will notify students of spirit days or jeans days in advance.
- All shoes must go around the heel to prevent the shoe from slipping off (Grade K-5). Birkenstock-type sandals are allowed Grades 6-8.
- Clothing or accessories intended for outdoor use (e.g. hats, caps, bandannas, sunglasses, coats, etc.) may not be worn indoors.
- Accessory scarves for boys or girls are not allowed.
- Clothing that is torn, has holes or is designed to look frayed, or is unkempt or disheveled is not allowed.
- Clothing or accessories with language or images that are vulgar, discriminatory, defamatory or obscene is not allowed; clothing or accessories that promote illegal or violent behavior, including but not limited to, the use of weapons, drugs, drug paraphernalia, alcohol or tobacco, is also not allowed.
- Pajamas are not allowed nor are sport/sweat/running/wind pants or shorts (except on designated days).
- Visible tattoos and body piercings (except ears) are not allowed. Ear gauges are not allowed.
- Chains/spiked accessories are not allowed.

Mass/Special Event Attire (Grades 6-8)

- Lands' End Oxford button down shirt only with SMSA logo in white, French blue, and Lands' End Lake blue and white striped.
- Boys must wear an approved SMSA Lands' End striped neck or bow tie. Bow ties are not available on the Lands' End website; they may be purchased from Beautiesltd.com (Collegiate Blue and Silver)
- Navy Lands' End blazer with SMSA logo is optional.
- Only long slacks or Lands' End skirts may be worn.
- Shorts may not be worn on Mass/Special Event Days.
- **Students are expected to wear Mass Day attire for school photographs.**

Grades P3-5 are not required to wear Mass Day attire for prayer services or mass, but must dress in school uniform daily attire. (Revised 8/4/21)