

DRESS CODE FOR GRADES 6-12

All students will dress in accordance with the guidelines listed below. Gender-based specifications and exceptions based on grade level are noted within the applicable section. All clothing should be in good repair. No tears, cuts or similar type modifications to clothing are permitted. This includes notching/slitting the bottom of pant legs and/or frayed cuffs.

WARM WEATHER DRESS CODE

A warm weather dress code will be in effect prior to Oct. 1st and after May 1st. During those times, all students in grades 6-12 may wear a navy blue or white polo-style shirt. The shirt must have the approved school monogram design, SCCS or SMCC. Shirts/blouses must be tucked in at all times. All other aspects of the regular dress code apply. The regular dress code apparel is also permissible on these days.

Pants

All students may wear navy blue or khaki chino-style trousers with belt loops. Pants should be of a traditional, conservative cut and may be pleated or flat front, cuffed or un-cuffed. Cargo pants, low-rise, hip-huggers, jeggings, skinny style, capris or bell-bottoms are prohibited.

- If pants are khaki color, choose true khaki, a darker tan, and avoid lighter shades.
- Belt-less style pants are prohibited.
- The style and fit should allow pants to ride near the “natural waist;” low-rise and hip-hugger styles are prohibited.

Belts

A belt must be worn at all times. Belts will be made from leather or a leather-like material, be black or brown in color, and have a plain finish with no decoration. The belt must have a standard buckle that is no larger than a student ID card.

Skirts

Female students in grades 6-12 may wear the school approved skirt(s) available for purchase through Schoolbelles (school code is S0490) or French Toast.

- Length no shorter than two inches above the front and back of the knee. Students will forfeit this option (wearing a skirt) if length is repeatedly shorter than two inches above the knee.
- There is one approved style for grades 6-12; style #1525. The skirt for grades 6-12 comes in two types of fabrics and two approved colors; navy blue and khaki.
- French Toast approved styles for grades 6-12 are 1302N or 1302X.

Shirt/Blouse

All students will wear a white dress shirt or blouse with a full-button placket (buttons from collar to shirrtail) with approved pants or skirts.

- Shirts/blouses may be made of oxford or broadcloth weave.
- Shirts/blouses may have long or short sleeves.
- The collar may be of any standard dress style such as point, spread, or button down.
- Shirts/blouses must fit properly to:
 - Be worn long enough to prevent exposed skin
 - Be tucked in at all times
 - Allow the collar to be comfortably buttoned to properly wear a necktie.

- Allow all buttons on the front of the shirt to be properly buttoned.
- Shirts/blouses may be tailored to achieve a proper fit.
- A solid white undershirt/undergarment may be worn under the dress shirt. If an undershirt/camisole is worn, it must be white, free of any visible printing or logos, and not extend beyond the dress shirt sleeve.
- Female students in grades 6-12 must wear the school approved monogrammed sweater or sweater vest over the dress blouse. Any company or vendor that can create/replicate the approved logos can be used for monogramming.
- **Note of exception:** The dress shirt/blouse is required for grades 9-12 but is optional for grades 6-8. Instead of a dress shirt/blouse, students in grades 6-8 may wear a navy blue or white polo-style shirt with a collar. The polo-style shirt may be short or long-sleeved, may not have a pocket, and must have the approved school monogram design.

Necktie

A dress necktie (traditional long tie) or bowtie (traditional size) in good taste must be worn by male students in grades 9-12 at all times. They are to be neatly tied and covering the top button of the shirt. Any of the various neckwear alternatives— scarves, ascots, etc.—are prohibited. The dress shirt/necktie combination is optional for male students in grades 6-8.

Sweaters or sweater vests

Female students in grades 6-12 must wear a navy blue V-neck style sweater or vest that has the approved school monogram design, SCCS or SMCC, over the dress blouse. A solid navy blue colored sweater—crew-neck cardigan, V-neck pullover, V-neck vest, or V-neck cardigan (Schoolbelles style #1970, 1993, 1994, 5912, or similar)—is an optional item for all students. In grades 6-12, all sweaters must have an approved school monogram, either SCCS or SMCC. Approved school logo apparel is available at Shirt Shack on Milan Road.

- Sweaters and vests should be appropriately sized and worn long enough to prevent exposure of the dress shirt or skin.
- Sweaters or sweater vests must cover the beltline when arms are at rest or raised to shoulder height.
- Approved uniform fleece options, sold through the Spirit Shop, are acceptable starting 2016-2017 school year for grades K-12.
- Outside coats, jackets, hoodies, and sweatshirts are not permitted during class time.
- **Note of exception:** For the 2016-2017 school year, all students in grades K-8 may wear the school approved crewneck sweatshirt, with the approved school monogram. An approved shirt must be worn under the sweatshirt.

Blazers

All students in grades 7-12 may wear a navy blue blazer over any authorize shirt/blouse/sweater combination. The approved Schoolbelles style #5820 or similar is acceptable.

Shoes

All students must wear sturdy, sensible shoes. The shoes must be a shade of brown or black, they cannot have a heel that exceeds 1", and they must have closed back and heel. The following specific guidance applies to shoes:

- Athletic shoes of any style are unacceptable.
- Any variation of a Topsider-style boat shoe that is made from brown or black leather or leather-like material is acceptable. The majority of the shoe must be a shade of brown or

black leather/leather-like material. Boat shoes made entirely of canvas or other cloth are prohibited.

- Boots for wet or snowy weather can be worn to school **with** a change of shoes. Boots of any style are prohibited for daily wear.
- Several examples of other shoe styles that are unacceptable include moccasins, flip-flops, crocs, galoshes, platform shoes, sandals, slides, mules, ballerina flats, or slippers. These are all prohibited.

Socks/Tights/Nylons

Socks, nylons, or tights must be worn at all times. They must be fully visible outside the shoe, and must be a solid color of navy, white, black, or khaki.

Accessories

Any apparel accessories must be limited and in good taste.

- Male students may not have exposed body piercing or wear any jewelry related to piercing.
- Female students may have expose body piercings but will be limited to wearing only one earring in the lower lobe of each ear. When worn, earrings will fit tightly against, and will not extend more than ½” below the earlobe.
- Students may not have exposed tattoos.
- Male students may not wear nail polish or make-up.
- Females may wear nail polish or make-up but these must be properly and conservatively applied.

General Grooming

The hair on the head must be neatly trimmed and styled. No unusual hairstyles or colors are allowed. Any hair color or highlighting must represent a natural hair color recognized by the school administration.

- Male students’ hair must be off the collar, above the eyebrow, and not extend below the mid-point of the ear.
- Sideburns must not extend beyond the earlobes.
- With the exception of sideburns, all facial hair is prohibited. Male students that have started shaving must be cleanly shaven every day.
- Combs or picks may not be worn in the hair.
- Unnatural hair colors including primary colors, secondary colors, and/or metallic colors are prohibited.
- Hair pieces or extensions of any kind are prohibited.
- No unusual hairstyles or colors are acceptable. Extreme styles such as Mohawks, faux hawks, carvings (designs, symbols, a part that zigzags or curves, etc.), spikes, and unnatural hairstyles are prohibited. The administration reserves the right to identify styles and colors as unusual, deem them unacceptable, and direct that style and color be changed.
- No scarves, designs, or accessories are permitted in the hair.
- Modest headbands in any color/pattern are acceptable. Flowers, feather, or other extensions of the headband are prohibited.
- Barrettes, pony tail ties, and bows are acceptable.

- Feathers, flowers, beads, or any other yet-to-emerge fashion fads that are attached or applied to the hair are prohibited.

Team/Club Attire

During season team/club warm-up tops or shirts may only be worn on Fridays during a week of a game/performance/competition. Students should wear the normal dress code under any approved team/club attire. Shirts must be approved by the administration. Hoodies are NOT acceptable. **Administration may cancel due to special circumstances.

Dress Down Days

During dress down days students must either remain in standard dress code or wear a St. Mary/SCCS t-shirt or sweatshirt with the school name, insignia or logo printed on it. The SMCC/SCCS logo must be visible at all times. Tennis shoes are allowed instead of the usual dress shoes. Students cannot wear flip flops, sandals, boots, sweatpants, track pants, yoga pants, jeggings, or any other pants other than jeans or uniform pants. Themed dress down days or days during spirit week will follow pre-approved theme of the day(s). Any student choosing not to participate must be in regular dress code attire for the day.