

DRESS CODE

The dress code provides a standard for our students, which fosters an environment conducive to learning and respectful behavior.

Final decisions regarding the school uniform rest with the principal/administration.

Uniform Requirements & Other Pertinent Information

ST. MARK Catholic School provides many options for students to dress comfortably in all seasons; therefore, it is not appropriate for students to wear out-of-uniform jackets and sweatshirts in the classrooms.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS

ST. MARK Catholic School Uniform
2019-2020 School Year

Pre-school Uniforms

For 2019-2020, we will be introducing a uniform for pre-school. **If you only want to purchase one uniform, purchase the one that mirrors the Kindergarten gym uniform.** We have been working with our authorized vendors, Lands' End and Flynn & O'Hara, and they are able to extend some of the other uniform options down to the smaller sizes. Because of this, in addition to the gym uniform, you are welcome to purchase any of the K-4 uniform options that are available in sizes that fit your child.

While the most convenient vendor is likely Lands' End online store, the vendor with the most options is Flynn & O'Hara. They have a store in Fairfax where your child can try on different sizes.

Pre-School Required uniform (if you only want to purchase ONE required uniform): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo• Navy blue mesh shorts with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo• White, navy, or black crew length socks (socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing)• Navy sweat pants with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo are to be worn after Thanksgiving and until the Feast of St. Joseph.• Athletic shoes. Shoes can be Velcro or laced.	Optional pre-school uniform additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gray sweat shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo• Long-sleeved gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo
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<p>Pre-School GIRLS Optional uniform pieces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ST. MARK</i> plaid jumper with closed top • Short-sleeved white, light blue, or navy knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> Logo • White, navy, or black crew length socks (socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing) • Matte finish black Mary Jane shoes with sturdy rubber sole for the playground. Shoes can be Velcro or buckle. 	<p>Optional uniform additions (Not all options available in toddler sizes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy tights • Navy leggings may be worn under the jumper. • Long-sleeved white, light blue or navy polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Button front V-neck drifter cardigan with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo
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<p>Pre-School BOYS Optional uniform pieces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue trousers with elastic waist • Short-sleeved light blue, white, or gray knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo (there are some color limitations in the toddler sizes) • Navy or black crew length socks (socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing) 	<p>Optional uniform additions (Not all options available in toddler sizes):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue shorts (may not be worn on cold days), with elastic waist • Long-sleeved light blue, white, or gray knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Button front V-neck drifter cardigan with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo
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<p>Grades K-8 Boys</p>	<p>If you only want to purchase ONE required uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue trousers with solid black, navy, or brown belt • Short-sleeved light blue, white, or gray knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Navy or black crew length socks (Socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing.) • Sturdy, <u>solid black</u> athletic shoes. They must have black laces, and not be wide-laced “skate” shoes or high tops. (These can work for both the regular uniform AND for gym.) <p>Required gym uniform (this uniform is worn all day on gym/P.E. days):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Navy blue mesh shorts with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • White, navy, or black crew length socks (Socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing.) • Navy sweat pants with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo and gray sweat shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo (or polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo) are to be worn after Thanksgiving and until the Feast of St. Joseph. • Athletic shoes 	<p>Optional uniform additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue shorts (may not be worn on cold days), with solid black, brown, or navy belt • Long-sleeved light blue, white, or gray knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Button front V-neck drifter cardigan with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo <p>Optional gym uniform additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-sleeved gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo
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<p>Grades K-4 Girls</p>	<p>If you only want to purchase ONE required uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ST. MARK</i> plaid jumper with closed top <i>or</i> • <i>ST. MARK</i> plaid side-pleat skort <i>or</i> • Navy blue pants <u>with solid black, brown, or navy belt</u> • Short-sleeved white, light blue, or navy knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> Logo • White, navy, or black crew length socks (Socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing.) • Matte finish black Mary Jane shoes with sturdy rubber sole for the playground OR sturdy, solid black athletic shoes. They must have black laces, and not be wide-laced “skate” shoes or high tops. (The solid black athletic shoes can work for both the regular uniform AND for gym.) <p>Required gym uniform (this uniform is worn all day on gym/P.E. days):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Navy blue mesh shorts with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • White, navy, or black crew length socks (Socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing.) • Navy sweat pants with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo and gray sweat shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo (or polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo) are to be worn after Thanksgiving and until the Feast of St. Joseph. • Athletic shoes 	<p>Optional uniform additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy tights <i>or</i> knee socks • Navy leggings may be worn under the jumper or skort. • Long-sleeved white, light blue or navy polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Button front V-neck drifter cardigan with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo <p>Optional gym uniform additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-sleeved gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo
<p>Grades 5- 8 Girls</p>	<p>If you only want to purchase ONE required uniform:</p> <p>A-line <i>ST. MARK</i> plaid skirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo with navy blue bike shorts (must be worn underneath and hidden by skirt). Please note, skirts must touch the top of the knee when the student is standing straight.</p> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue pants <u>with solid black, brown, or navy belt</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-sleeved light blue or navy polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • White, navy or black crew socks (Socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing.) • Sturdy, <u>solid black</u> athletic shoes. They must have black laces, and not be wide-laced “skate” shoes or high tops. (These can work for both the regular uniform AND for gym.) <p>Required gym uniform (this uniform is worn all day on gym/P.E. days):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Navy blue mesh shorts with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • White, navy, or black crew length socks (Socks must be solid in color and plain with no logos or writing.) • Navy sweat pants with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo and gray sweat shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo (or polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo) are to be worn after Thanksgiving and until the Feast of St. Joseph. • Athletic shoes 	<p>Optional uniform additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy blue Bermuda shorts (may not wear on cold days), with solid black, brown, or navy belt • Long-sleeved light blue or navy knit polo with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Navy tights <i>or</i> knee socks • Navy leggings may be worn under the skirt • Polar fleece with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo • Button front V-neck drifter cardigan with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo <p>Optional gym uniform additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-sleeved gray t-shirt with <i>ST. MARK</i> logo

PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS

All items are to be “uniform,” purchased only from Flynn and O’Hara and/or Land’s End. Parental cooperation is expected in this matter.

Another source of uniforms is the used uniform sales hosted several time a year by the PTPO.

Guidelines In Wearing The Uniform

Students are expected to dress neatly and modestly at all times. Anything that detracts from a respectful, caring, academic setting is inappropriate. Specifically:

- Hairstyles: hair should be well groomed and styled conservatively. Fad hairstyles and hair coloring are not permitted.
 - Boys’ hair should be trimmed above the collar and out of the eyes.
 - Girls’ hair should be away from the eyes. Ribbons and other hair accessories must be appropriate for school and coordinate in color with the uniform.
- Jewelry: All jewelry should be kept to a minimum and be appropriate for the school uniform. Wearing of a small crucifix or cross, a miraculous medal, or saint medal is encouraged.
 - Girls may wear a single small post or small ring style earring in their ears.
 - Boys may not wear earrings or any necklace other than a scapular, simple cross, or religious medal on a fine metal chain.
 - Make up and colored nail polish are not permitted, with the exception of 8th grade girls’ privilege of a clear or *light* shade of pink nail polish. Acrylic/fake nails are not allowed. The nurse and teachers may have nail polish remover and students wearing non-compliant nail polish may be asked to remove it. Students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it.
- Hats are not to be worn in the building.
- Polo shirts are to be tucked in and sleeves may not be rolled up. P.E. shirts may be un-tucked. **Pants/shorts are to be worn at the waist (not the hips) and with a belt. Skirt hems are to be a modest length and should touch the top of the knee when the student is standing straight or be longer.**
- **Socks must be crew length, plain with no logos or writing, and visible above the shoe at all times.**
- **Athletic shoes must be appropriate for school, and not be “Wheelies” or have flashing lights.**

ST. MARK Catholic School has extra uniform pieces. In the rare event that a child attends school in the wrong uniform or severely soils his/her uniform during the day, a replacement will be issued. Parents are asked to launder the replacement item(s) and return them to the school nurse.

Out-Of-Uniform Dress-Up & Dress-Down Day Requirements

On out-of-uniform days, students may choose to dress out of uniform, to wear their regular uniform, or if it is the day of their P.E. class, to wear their P.E. uniform.

All out-of-uniform items should be chosen in regards to modesty.

Dress-up Day (including graduation):

Girls:

- Girls may choose to wear nice slacks or a modest-length skirt or dress.
- Girls’ tops or dresses must not have spaghetti straps, **be strapless or an “off the shoulder”** style, or show bare midriff.
- **Backless shoes and open-toe sandals** are not permitted on dress up days. Open-toe shoes are allowed for graduation and Confirmation only.
- Heels may not exceed 2 inches.
- No blue or black jeans may be worn by either boys or girls.

Boys:

- Boys are required to wear a collared shirt (no printing) with nice slacks, a belt, and dress shoes with socks.
- Sneakers/gym shoes are not permitted on dress up days.
- Backless shoes and **open toe sandals** are not permitted on dress up days.
- No blue or black jeans may be worn by either boys or girls.

DRESS DOWN DAY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

Allowed items	Items <u>NOT</u> allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• jeans in good repair• athletic shoes• short ankle socks• shorts no shorter than two inches above the knee• sweatshirts• nail polish• jewelry• slacks• skirts, dresses, and skorts that touch the top of the knee when standing straight• loose-fitting athletic pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• open-toe sandals or shoes• open-back shoes• tank tops, racerbacks, tube tops, bare midriffs, low-cut tops, or see-through tops• t-shirts with inappropriate writing• tennis shoes that convert to roller skates (Wheelies)• biker shorts or running shorts• pajama pants• undergarments worn as outerwear• any pants with writing on the seat• yoga, exercise, or running pants• any clothing that is extremely tight• leggings worn as pants – leggings, if worn, must be worn with a dress or skirt• make-up or colored hair• cutoffs or clothing with rips/holes• hats (in the building)

Students wearing immodest or inappropriate clothing will be asked to change into something more appropriate and modest.

BACKPACKS

Only regular-sized backpacks are allowed. Rolling backpacks are not allowed as they will not fit in the lockers or in-class cubbies. Backpacks and bags cannot be carried around the building, but must remain in the locker/cubby during the school day.

Dress Requirements for Visitors

Because adults are setting the example for students, volunteers or parents/guardians dropping off and picking up students in the building should be dressed modestly. Revealing exercise attire is not appropriate and at the very least should be covered by a large T-shirt.

Inappropriate Materials

Students are not permitted to possess the following items on school property or at school functions:

- Weapons (real, toy, or look-alikes)
- Fireworks, explosives, or other incendiary devices
- Laser pens/pointers
- Inappropriate written materials/pictures
- Sharp objects such as pocket knives
- Gum
- E-cigarettes or vapors
- Alcohol, drugs, or any tobacco products
- Electronic games
- Musical devices
- Rolling backpacks
- E-readers
- Remote control devices
- Radios, CD players, or DVD players
- Toys and trading cards
- Personal playground equipment
- Scent producing items

Cell Phones

Use of cell phones in school or on school property during school hours by students is not permitted. (See complete cell phone policy on p. 17.)

Interactive Watches

Interactive watches, such as Fitbits, may only be used by students for time purposes while students are at school. Smart watches are not allowed in school. If a parent feels their child must have a smart watch, it must be kept in the locker and cannot be used during school hours.