



St. Mary School

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Follow the Son !



As a significant ministry of St. Mary's Parish, our mission is to support the faith formation of families, providing a quality education within a Catholic Christian setting. Our purpose is to nurture the life of Jesus within each child through programs and experiences that allow them to mature into disciples of Christ.

DRESS CODE POLICY

The development of habits of neatness and good grooming are goals which should be part of the education of every student. Clothes worn by both girls and boys should always be neat, appropriate for school, and in keeping with the basic norms of modesty. The intent of our dress code is to devine school wear which emphasizes our academic environment and Christian values rather than the latest fads and designer styles. Our choice of guidelines has direct bearing upon discipline and our desired atmosphere for learning.

Specific Dress Code Requirements

Shirt/Blouse Dress Code – St. Mary's shirt/blouse dress code is a collared or un-collared, patterned or solid colored shirt/blouse with no words, numbers or pictures on front or back, can be easily tucked in the pants so when walking or bending it does not come un-tucked, and is not tight fitting. If the shirt/blouse has a logo on the front of it, this logo may be no larger than the size of a "quarter coin". A logo is a symbol, not a word. Logo words are not permitted. Spaghetti strap blouses are not to be worn, nor worn under a school shirt/blouse or layered with other blouses.

Sweaters and Vests – V-necked sweaters, cardigans (button-down or zippered), and vests are to be worn with a regular collared or un-collared shirt/blouse, or turtleneck underneath.

Pants Code - We recommend school dress pants, any solid color. If jeans are worn, their appropriateness will be evaluated in the same way dress pants will be checked: 1) they are a solid color, no fading anywhere, 2) the waist band is on the waist, not the hips, and 3) the pants are not tight fitting or dragging on the floor. Lined or unlined mesh pants and shirts are not included in our dress code.

School Spirit Days - Every day is St. Mary's Panther Spirit Day! Please see reverse side for more details.

Game Day Options - Students may wear St. Mary's School Spirit t-shirts or their team shirts on game days for those sports St. Mary's sponsors (basketball). For those sports we combine with Leipsic Public School to form a team (volleyball, football), students may wear their game day shirts on game days that fall during the week, as well. When games fall on the weekend, game shirts will not be designated to be worn on a school day. YMCA Mighty Might basketball, Putnam County Youth soccer, and other sport shirts are not t be worn because they are not sponsored by St. Mary's School or participated in in conjunction with Leipsic Public School.

Shoes – Tennis shoes may be worn at any time. A good gym shoe and socks are necessary for gym classes. Socks (and/or tights/hosiery for girls) are to be worn with shoes. Footies or peds may not substitute for socks. Sandals and shoes must have a back or heel strap. Stacked heels and shoes with wheels are not permitted.

Jogging Pants / Winds Suits / Sweat Suits (tops and/or bottoms) are not allowed for any grade level.

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Shorts: Solid or patterned shorts/skorts and mid-calf pants (capris) are permitted during the months of August, September and May. Shorts must be fingertip length or longer. Regular school shirts/blouses are to be worn with shorts. Short skorts, biking shorts, cut-offs, oversized, and layered shorts and shirts may not be worn. Shirts/blouses must be able to be tucked in.

Dress Code for Mass – Dress shoes and pants (not shorts) or other dress clothes are recommended when students serve, read, lead petitions or are part of a procession during Mass. They may change after Mass.

Hats – Hats are needed for outside

Hair – Hair should be well groomed, clean, and should not interfere with vision.

Earrings/Face Piercing – Boys may not wear earrings. No student may wear tattoos. Girl's earrings are to be a simple style, post earring or ones that hug the ear lobe without dangling. No face piercing is permitted.

St. Mary's Spirit-Wear Guidelines



St. Mary's school spirit-wear is any **shirt/polo, sweatshirt, or hooded sweatshirt** that is solid blue and white combinations, with lettering in school colors that say "St. Mary's", "St. Mary's School", or "St. Mary's Panthers", etc. of any style or size of print, with or without paw prints. It is a shirt/polo with long or short sleeves, with or without a collar.

Students may have their **names added** to the **back** of school spirit-wear. They may have first and/or last name, first initial with last name. **NO NICKNAMES.** (e.g. "Liz" for Elizabeth or "Matt" for Matthew etc. are accepted derivatives of names, so these are not considered nicknames. However, "Lizard" or "Bubba" etc. would be nicknames.)

St. Mary's students may wear school **spirit-wear shirts/polos all year round on any day they choose.** Pizza/hot dog days and every Friday will continue to be Spirit Days. These are untucked days and classrooms with the highest % of St. Mary's blue and white on these days earn an additional untucked day.

St. Mary's School spirit-wear **sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts** may be worn from **Oct. 1 to April 30,** as weather dictates. Because classroom temperatures fluctuate, students need to be prepared to take off sweatshirts by wearing a regular dress code shirt/polo under these or to change into regular dress code shirt/polo. If sweatshirts (regular or hooded) are worn as a coat or outside jacket, then for health reasons, students are asked to wear a regular dress code shirt/polo inside school.

All **regular and hooded sweatshirts** must be St. Mary's spirit-wear. **Hooded sweaters** are permissible as identified in our regular dress code.

Sweat pants are not to be worn in school at any time during the year.

St. Mary's **basketball players** may continue to wear their warm-up/sports shirts on game days, as is in our present school dress-code policy. This policy also includes dressing according to other established requirements on game days during the school year.

GO PANTHERS !!!!!