

## Uniform Policy

Saint Margaret's Catholic School follows a mandatory uniform dress code.

Parents/guardians may select vendors per their discretion as long as clothing complies with the uniform policy. One prominent vendor is the French Toast uniform company at [www.FrenchToast.com](http://www.FrenchToast.com). Use the Saint Margaret's Catholic School Code # QS46G6P to view the Saint Margaret's Catholic School uniform options on the website. Catalogs can be picked up at the office or by calling French Toast at 1-800-373-6248. Other common vendors include The Children's Place, Gap, Old Navy, Land's End, among others.

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES:**

- Dress neatly. All shirts tucked in, shoes tied, no holes/tears/distressing. Appropriately sized (not baggy or too tight).
- Be clean. Bathed, hair kept and combed.
- Be modest. Jumpers, shorts, and skorts must reach at least the bottom of the child's fingertips when arms are relaxed by their sides.
- All students need to wear appropriate undergarments and socks.

### **BOTTOMS:**

- Navy blue or khaki pants. Navy blue plaid is allowed.
- Girls may wear jumpers, skirts, or skorts.
- Shorts may be worn, weather-permitting, in August, September, April and May, and must be long "Bermuda" style.
- Girls may wear other shorts under skirts for modesty.
- Leggings or tights must not be worn as pants, but may be worn under skirts/skorts. Must be plain black, white, or navy.

### **TOPS**

- Navy blue or white collared shirt, polo, or blouse (girls).
- Must have short or long sleeves (no sleeveless shirts).
- Cardigans, button-up/zip-up sweaters, or blazers may be worn over the uniform, but must be school colors if worn during class time. Vests in school colors are allowed.
- Headwear (hats, hoods, etc.) is not to be worn during class time.

### **SHOES**

- Must be safe on the playground (no flip flops or high heels).
- No distracting features or patterns such as lights, sounds, wheels.
- Dark colors are preferred, but not required.

### **SWEATERS/HOODIES**

- If students want to wear sweaters or hoodies for warmth inside buildings, they must be uniform colors (navy blue, white, or khaki).

### **ACCESSORIES**

- Must be safe on the playground.
- No dangly or distracting jewelry or hair bows/bands.
- Must stay firmly on the child's person during physical activity.



## OUTDOOR WEAR

Unless weather is severe, students attend recess outside during the winter months, so please remember to send them with mittens, hats, warm coats and boots during these months. Inside shoes may be sent in backpacks to prevent slippery, messy floors. Hats are not to be worn indoors. Children wanting to play on snow piles or on the playground equipment in winter need to have boots and snow pants.

## FRIDAYS

On Fridays, unless otherwise notified, students may wear denim/jean pants with a uniform-compliant top if they wish. No short shorts. Capris and Bermuda style shorts are allowed, weather-permitting, in August, September, April and May. No holes or distressing.

## FREE-DRESS DAYS

Throughout the school year, the school may celebrate free dress days, where students do not need to wear their uniforms and can instead dress in outfits of their choice. On these days, please adhere to all applicable dress code rules (skirt/dress length, sleeves, etc.).

### Please do not let your child bring or wear to school:

- Long, artificial nails (painful breaking, distractions). Solid, painted nails are allowed.
- Face make-up (touching face, distractions). Chapstick is allowed for dry lips, but remind your student not to share with friends (germs).
- Temporary tattoos.
- Any symbols or insignia that could be perceived as offensive, inappropriate, or not in line with our school's Christian principles.
- If casual hooded sweatshirts/hoodies that do not comply with the dress code are worn to school, they may be worn only during recess and before/after the school day.



**UNIFORM CLOSET:** We invite families to visit the uniform closet at our school to pick up uniform items if you need them.

**We encourage families to donate outgrown items that are still in good condition to our uniform closet or directly to another St. Margaret's family.**

*Dress code offenses will be handled per our school behavior management guidelines.*