

## **Dress Code (Revised June 2009)**

### **Rationale Behind a Dress Code**

The physical appearance of our students sets the tone for the school day. Maintaining a positive environment depends on a cooperative student body that takes pride in their personal appearance. Clothing that is neat, clean, and modest accurately reflects the spiritual and academic environment we are trying to accomplish.

Parents/Guardians and faculty/staff of St. Mary's Springs students have a responsibility to reinforce expectations of dress appropriate for school. This is an important aspect of the preparation of your son/daughter for life in future academic, professional, and religious environments. We appreciate the support of parents in helping to teach our students their dress at school is different from being at the mall shopping, beach or park.

### **General Notes About Clothing**

Any clothing that belittles any other person, group of people, or institution is unacceptable at any time. Any clothing that depicts affiliations with groups or philosophies contradictory to Catholic/Christian values is unacceptable. This includes clothing supporting music groups, TV shows, movies, alcohol/drug companies or any other forms of entertainment that are not consistent with the Catholic/Christian mission of St. Mary's Springs High School.

The Principal or Dean of Students can make any final decision regarding the dress of a student.

The following code applies to student dress each academic day from 7:30 A.M. to 3:05 P.M.

### **No denim of any style is allowed.**

### **Shirts, Sweaters, Sweatshirts**

- Collared shirts with sleeves, buttoned up to the collarbone, turtlenecks, and 'mock' turtlenecks must be worn underneath another layer or worn alone. Sweaters, sweatshirts or fleece may be worn when a **collared shirt** is worn underneath.
- SMSHS apparel, collegiate, professional and brand name apparel with a **single logo** is allowed.
- No cleavage will be allowed

### **Pants**

- Solid color pants, dress pants (includes pinstripe), cargo pants
- All pants must be worn at waist level.

### **Shorts / Capris**

- Capri pants, knee length shorts, including cargo style, will be allowed May 1 through October 31.

### **Skirts and Dresses**

- Skirts and dresses must be worn to the knee.
- Dress necklines or shirt underneath will cover the collarbone. No cleavage will be allowed.

### **Footwear**

- Footwear that covers the toes must be worn at all times

### **Headwear**

- Hats, bandanas, do-rags, sweatbands, will not be worn at any time inside the school building.
- Headphones will not be worn in the building at anytime.

### **Piercing**

- Piercing will be limited to the ear. Gauging will not be allowed.

### **Hair**

- Facial hair, neck hair and sideburns below the ear lobe will not be allowed.
- Hair that is tinted or dyed must be in natural colors. Administration reserves the right to restrict what may be considered outrageous or a distraction from learning.

### **Tattoos**

- Visible tattoos are not allowed. If you have a tattoo prior to enrollment at St. Mary's Springs High School, it must be registered with the Dean of Students.

### **Field Trips**

- Dress code applies for all school field trips.
- Teachers may request an exemption for their class on field trips from the administration.

### **Dress Code Violations**

- Students violating the dress code will be required to change into approved clothes provided by the office, leaving the inappropriate clothes for retrieval after school on the day of the violation.
- Detention will be given for each violation.
- Parents will be notified after the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation and subsequent offenses.

### **Exceptions to Dress Code**

- Athletic teams that travel to away games in uniform do not need to wear school day dress code to their event.
- "Jeans Day" for fund raising (no holes or frays on Jeans)
- Administration approved attire for SMS – related activities/co-curricular activities
- Student Birthday "Out of dress code" day - appropriate attire (as approved by administration)
- Open toed dress shoes that compliment dress up attire on liturgy days.