

## **UNIFORM POLICY (2024-2025)**

All students must report to school each day in the correct uniform. SVMS faculty and administration are responsible for enforcing the uniform policy outlined below. Where certain clothing items not enumerated below are deemed inappropriate or distracting to our students' education, SVMS faculty and/or administration has a responsibility to bring those instances to the attention of students and their families.

### **COMPLIANCE**

A student's failure or refusal to adhere to the uniform policy will result in the following consequences.

- The first time a student is deemed not in compliance with the uniform policy, verbal notification will be issued to the student followed by an email to the parent(s) or guardian(s).
- The second time a student is deemed not in compliance with the uniform policy, the parent(s) or guardian(s) will be contacted to bring the correct items that day.
- Where a child cannot meet uniform requirements due to a medical or some other reason, a parent and/or guardian must send a note with the child providing the reason.

### **SUMMER/WINTER UNIFORMS**

SVMS rotates between a "warm weather" uniform and a "cold weather" uniform during the school year as follows:

- Summer "Warm Weather" Uniform: starts on the first day of school
- Winter "Cold Weather" Uniform: starts on 10/16
- Summer "Warm Weather" Uniform: resumes on 4/16

***Exceptions:*** During the summer uniform period, students may wear the winter uniform at their discretion. During the winter uniform period, if the temperature is expected to exceed 70 degrees, students may wear their summer uniform on those days.

### **OBTAINING UNIFORMS**

Uniforms can be obtained from an authorized retailer (new) or for free from the SVMS Uniform Exchange (gently used), as outlined below. Uniforms (including navy and khaki pants/shorts) obtained from unauthorized retailers (e.g. Land's End, Target, etc.) constitute a violation of the SVMS Uniform Policy.

- **SVMS Uniform Exchange** is located in the closets at the back of the school stage. Families in need of uniforms are encouraged to take whatever is useful to them during

publicized Uniform Exchange events. Families can donate gently used items (freshly washed and without holes, rips, stains or discoloration) to the Uniform Exchange. It is not required to donate items in order to take items from the Uniform Exchange.

- **Flynn and O'Hara** ([www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)), Parsippany, NJ, 973-882-0833
- **Alfred's Sports Shop** (gym uniforms only) ([www.AlfredsSportShop.com](http://www.AlfredsSportShop.com)) 32 Main St., Madison, NJ, 973-377-0051
- **Suburban Shoe Store** (5 Waverly Pl., Madison, NJ, 973-377-2115), carries shoes that meet our uniform requirements. However, school shoes and sneakers can be purchased from any retailer.

### **RULES FOR ALL STUDENTS (K-8)**

1. **Socks:** Students are to wear white or navy crew socks only, without any logos, stripes, designs, etc. Crew socks should reach mid-way between the knee and ankle. Quarter socks, ankle socks, and no-show socks are not allowed, even on gym days. Girls may wear tights or knee socks (white or navy, opaque or ribbed) in lieu of crew socks with winter uniforms. Socks are required every day, including Tag Days and Spirit Days.
2. **Shoes:** Students must wear sensible shoes in the following colors: solid black, solid beige, solid brown, solid gray, or solid navy. Shoes with laces must be tied. Students may wear sneakers on gym days. Students may not wear backless shoes, boots, cleats, clogs, moccasins, platform shoes higher than one-inch, flip flops, sandals, or slippers. If rain or winter boots are worn to school, school shoes must be put on before first period, and if worn at recess, before the next period begins.
3. **Sweater Vests, Cardigans, and Sweatshirts:**
  - Kindergarteners do not wear the uniform sweater vest or cardigan, but may wear their gym sweatshirt year round.
  - Grades 1-5 must wear the uniform vest or cardigan with their winter uniform. They may only wear their uniform sweatshirt with their winter or summer gym uniform. They may also wear their sweatshirt with the summer daily (walking short) uniform.
  - Grades 6-8 have the privilege of wearing the middle school gym sweatshirt year-round with their summer and winter uniforms and their gym uniforms. They may also wear the uniform vest or cardigan with their summer and winter uniforms.
4. **Belts:** Boys in Grades 2-8 must wear black, brown or navy leather belts with walking shorts and pants. No other belt type is allowed. Belts are not to be worn by boys in Grade 1 or Kindergarten.
5. **Tuck It In:** Uniform shirts and blouses must be tucked in.
6. **No Rolling:** Students may not roll their shorts or skirts.
7. **Jewelry, Watches and Bodily Markings:** Girls may wear a single pair of stud or small earrings; long, dangling earrings are not permitted. Boys may not wear earrings. Boys and girls may only wear appropriate necklaces inside the collar and a single bracelet. No other jewelry may be worn. Expensive jewelry is strongly discouraged. The school will not be responsible for any lost jewelry. Watches that connect to the internet are discouraged and will be collected each morning with phones. Any bodily markings considered inappropriate or distracting by the administration (e.g. tattoos, non-ear piercings) may not be worn.

8. **Make-up:** Make-up is not permitted for students in Grades Kindergarten-5. Middle School students may wear natural-looking concealer/foundation. No eye make-up, lipstick/gloss or blush may be worn.
9. **Hair:** Boys must keep their hair neat, out of their eyes, and cut above their shirt collar. Girls must keep their hair neat and out of their eyes. Dyed hair or wild hairstyles are not permitted for any student. Girls may wear plain hairbands. Bandanas, decorative hairbands, scarves, etc. may not be worn with any uniform.
10. **Labels:** Please label all sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts with the student's name. The school is not responsible for lost items. Periodically, unclaimed lost and found items are donated to Catholic Charities.
11. **Spirit Days:** On days that are designated as Spirit Days, students may wear any SVMS spirit-wear shirt, blue or gold shirt, or SVMS spirit-wear sweatshirt with either their gym shorts (during summer uniform dates) or their gym sweatpants (during winter uniform dates). Sneakers or uniform shoes must be worn with uniform socks.
12. **Uniform Free/Tag Days:** Some days will be designated as uniform free/tag days. While children may wear their own clothes on these special days, their attire must be appropriate. The school administration reserves the right to disallow participation in dress down activities if clothing does not meet the school's standards of modesty. The following are examples of inappropriate clothing:
  - Old, faded, ripped or very tight jeans;
  - Leggings/yoga pants (unless they are worn with a top that ends mid-thigh;)
  - Pajamas or lounge pants;
  - References on clothing that are inconsistent with Catholic faith and morals;
  - Items that reference drugs, alcohol, or songs/musical groups whose lyrics are inconsistent with Catholic teachings;
  - Tank tops, strapless or thin-strapped tops (bare shoulders);
  - Crop tops (bare midriff);
  - Short shorts. Shorts must fall mid-thigh (halfway between the knee and the top of the leg) for boys and girls of all grade levels. Shorts may only be worn during summer uniform dates;
  - Short skirts, skorts, and/or rompers. These items must fall mid-thigh, which is halfway between the knee and the top of the leg;
  - Backless shoes, flip-flops, clogs, platform shoes, slippers or high heels;
  - Hats, bandanas, caps, sweatbands, or head gear. When wearing a hooded sweatshirt, the hood may not be worn over the head.

## PRE-SCHOOL

There is no uniform for our pre-school students; however, clothing must be appropriate.

## KINDERGARTEN

	SUMMER DAILY UNIFORM	SUMMER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy blue twill walking shorts with elastic or button waist</li><li>• White short- or long- sleeve polo shirt with logo</li><li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li><li>• Navy micromesh gym shorts with SVMS logo</li><li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li></ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy blue twill walking shorts with elastic or button waist</li><li>• White short- or long- sleeve polo shirt with logo</li><li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li></ul>	

	WINTER DAILY UNIFORM	WINTER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy gym sweatpants with SVMS logo</li><li>• White short- or long- sleeve polo shirt with logo</li><li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li><li>• Navy gym sweatpants with SVMS logo</li><li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li></ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Navy gym sweatpants with SVMS logo</li><li>• White short- or long- sleeve polo shirt with logo</li><li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li></ul>	

- See above for rules related to socks, shoes, accessories, etc.

**GRADES 1-3**

	SUMMER DAILY UNIFORM	SUMMER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue twill walking shorts with button waist (Grade 1 may wear elastic waist) OR green plaid drop-waist jumper</li> <li>• White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with logo OR white Peter Pan collar blouse only if wearing the jumper</li> <li>• Optional gym sweatshirt with SVMS logo if wearing twill shorts OR navy cardigan sweater with SVMS logo if wearing jumper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Navy micromesh gym shorts with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li> </ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue twill walking shorts with button waist (Grade 1 may wear elastic waist)</li> <li>• White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with logo</li> <li>• Optional gym sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Grades 2-3 must wear brown, black or navy leather belt. Grade 1 may not wear a belt</li> </ul>	

	WINTER DAILY UNIFORM	WINTER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green plaid drop-waist jumper or navy flat front girl's slacks</li> <li>• White Peter Pan collar blouse, white short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo, or white turtleneck</li> <li>• Navy cardigan sweater with SVMS logo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy gym sweatpants with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li> </ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twill navy pants with button waist (Grade 1 may wear elastic waist)</li> <li>• White short- or long- sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo or white turtleneck</li> <li>• Navy v-neck sweater vest or navy cardigan sweater with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Grades 2-3 must wear brown, black or navy leather belt</li> </ul>	

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**GRADES 4-5**

	SUMMER DAILY UNIFORM	SUMMER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue twill walking shorts or green plaid pleated skirt or skort</li> <li>• White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Optional gym sweatshirt with SVMS logo if wearing twill shorts OR optional navy v-neck sweater vest/navy cardigan sweater with SVMS logo if wearing skirt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Navy micromesh gym shorts with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Optional school sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li> </ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue twill walking shorts</li> <li>• White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Optional gym sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Brown, black or navy leather belt</li> </ul>	

	WINTER DAILY UNIFORM	WINTER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green plaid pleated skirt or skort, or navy flat front girl slacks</li> <li>• White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo, white turtleneck, or oxford blouse</li> <li>• Navy v-neck sweater vest or navy cardigan sweater with SVMS logo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy gym sweatpants with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Navy gym sweatshirt with SVMS logo</li> </ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Navy blue twill pant</li> <li>• White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo or white turtleneck</li> <li>• Navy v-neck sweater vest or navy cardigan sweater with SVMS logo</li> <li>• Brown, black or navy leather belt</li> </ul>	

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**GRADES 6-8**

Please note the following differences in middle school uniforms (compared with Grade 5):

- **Navy (not plaid)** skirts for girls and **Khaki (not navy)** shorts and pants for boys
- **Sweatshirts and sweatpants** have a white (not yellow) logo.
- **Option to wear the school sweatshirt with the daily uniform** (year-round) rather than the navy v-neck or cardigan sweater. When purchasing the middle school sweatshirt from Alfred's, students can customize it with their last name on the back.

	SUMMER DAILY UNIFORM	SUMMER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy pleated skirt</li> <li>● White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Optional middle school gym sweatshirt with white SVMS logo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Navy micromesh gym shorts with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Optional middle school gym sweatshirt with white SVMS logo</li> </ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Khaki twill walking shorts or pants or khaki men's classic pants</li> <li>● White short-or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Brown, black or navy leather belt</li> <li>● Optional middle school gym sweatshirt with white SVMS logo</li> </ul>	

	WINTER DAILY UNIFORM	WINTER GYM UNIFORM
GIRLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy pleated skirt</li> <li>● White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Optional middle school gym sweatshirt with white SVMS logo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Navy gym t-shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Optional middle school gym sweatshirt with white SVMS logo</li> <li>● Gym navy sweatpants (open or closed bottom) with white middle school logo</li> </ul>
BOYS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Khaki twill pants or khaki men's classic pants</li> <li>● White short- or long-sleeve polo shirt with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Navy v-neck sweater vest with SVMS logo</li> <li>● Brown, black or navy leather belt</li> <li>● Optional middle school gym sweatshirt with white SVMS logo</li> </ul>	

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