## SPIRIT WEAR GUIDELINES

Spirit wear is a type of alternate uniform offered to students on certain days which allows the studentsto express and cultivate a sense of pride in our school community. For this reason, spirit wear is considered an alternate uniform. Thus, students will have a limited set of options for their attire thesedays.



We recognize that there are many types of St. Margaret Mary clothing options that families have purchased and collected over the years. Without limiting the options, however, the variety of colors and styles the students are wearing makes it difficult to adopt the concept of an "alternate uniform".

Official spirit wear, in general, consists of t-shirts of classic navy, gray, and/or true red which are plain (no text or design) or references St. Margaret Mary Catholic School in the above colors will be acceptable for spirit wear.

If families or groups want to make a t-shirt for use on spirit wear days, they must first be approved by the principal.

## Non-uniform and spirit wear pants and shorts:

- ~Students can wear jeans, athletic pants (not yoga or tight-fitting), chino pants, or capris pants.
- ~Legging will not be permitted unless the dress or top worn is at least one inch above the knee or longer.
- ~Pants cannot have rips or holes.

We are increasingly sensitive to the fact that measuring short length is a process that can invite unwelcome attention to students. Unfortunately, measuring shorts length is not a science; therefore, to eliminate problems surrounding these judgment calls, **uniform shorts will be the only shorts permitted for spirit wear days and out of uniform days.** Female students can also wear their uniform skirts.

## **Requirements:**

- ~All students are to be neatly dressed.
- ~Tops must be modest, loose-fitting, and have a sleeve.
- ~No midriffs, backs, or bare shoulders (tank tops or peek-a-boo shirts) are to be exposed.
- ~Tight-fitting clothing including tops and bottoms, are not to be worn to school.
- ~Clothing promoting objectionable products, musical groups, or inappropriate sayings are not to be worn.
- ~Uniform shorts will be the only shorts permitted on these days if a student chooses to wear shorts.