

# *Martin Saints Uniform Policy*

## OVERVIEW OF UNIFORM

Martin Saints Classical High School intends to form character, and our uniform exists as an extension of our curriculum. We believe that students benefit from being taught and practicing how to dress appropriately for various contexts, and the uniform is designed to support this effort. Showing our shared identity as a school and our commitment to the serious task of learning, our uniform demonstrates unity and discipline while exhibiting a classic academic look.

We recognize that purchasing a uniform requires a substantial financial investment on the part of Martin Saints families. However, the high quality, durable items that our uniform provider offers support the value we as a school place on both craftsmanship and sustainability. In addition, with the help of our families we hope to soon form a uniform exchange program where students may share their outgrown items with one another.

The purposes that our uniform serves are as follows:

- To foster respect for ourselves, each other, and our environment
- To develop a sense of the formality and professionalism appropriate to an academic context
- To build up the student's aesthetic sensibility regarding clothing and personal appearance
- To encourage confidence in appearance.
- To dress safely and appropriately for weather and activity
- To discourage peer pressure
- To foster reverence for when we worship in Church
- To learn a simple, thrifty, humble lifestyle
- To encourage the development of a school culture that appreciates the dignity of each member of our academic community and of education itself

The uniform has been tastefully designed, however for it to be effective in meeting the established goals, it should also be worn modestly by all students. This means that it should not be worn in such a manner as to draw an immoderate degree of attention toward any particular part(s) of the body, but rather contribute to approaching each person as a whole.

It should be noted that proper hygiene undergirds our uniform. In consideration of the school community, wearing strong perfumes or cologne or having poor hygiene are not permitted. Students should be well groomed and neat in appearance.

Students are encouraged to call each other toward the high bar we are setting at MSC, and are particularly responsible for members of their own House. When an issue arises regarding the modesty, formality, or any other significant factor of a student's attire, a teacher of the same sex as the student or an administrator will make uniform corrections and disciplinary decisions on the spot.

Martin Saints also has a Gymnastic and Craftsmanship Dress Code. This dress code will be worn on all regular Fridays (not all Frassati Fridays) for the full day. The policy for this uniform is on page 8 of this document.

Beginning in March 2023, Flynn O'Hara is the Martin Saints uniform supplier, and uniform items can be ordered in store or online through the [Flynn O'Hara Martin Saints School Uniform website](#). The Ambler Flynn O'Hara location will stock MSC uniform items. Items purchased previously from Lands End may still be worn until they are outgrown or otherwise need to be replaced. All replacement items must be purchased from Flynn O'Hara.

## I. UNIFORM POLICY FOR LADIES

On Mondays through Thursdays, ladies are expected to wear a white, Oxford style, short or long sleeve shirt tucked into *either* the maroon/gray plaid pleated skirt with elastic waist reaching between the top and bottom of the student's knee cap when standing up straight, *or* gray dress slacks in one of two fabric blends. As the more formal option, the skirt will be required on certain days and a properly fitted skirt must be purchased by all female students. During the winter uniform period, from October 15th - April 1st, ladies are required to wear either the maroon v-neck long sleeve sweater or the maroon cardigan throughout homeroom, in order to ensure that they are in full uniform at the beginning of the day and that they have warm enough clothes with them at school. This sweater may be removed during the day as needed. Students may also purchase the v-neck vest for warmth at any time of the year, but it is not considered part of the winter uniform. Knee high socks or opaque tights in the permitted colors (maroon, navy, white, gray or black) should be worn with the skirt, and dress socks in the same colors should be worn with the slacks. Flynn O'Hara offers three choices of shoes that are approved for the MSC uniform, the brown Eastland Oxford, the Sahara Tan Sperry Shoe, and the Dirty Buc Oxford. Shoes must be chosen from among these three options, though shoes purchased for the MSC uniform during the 2022-2023 school year may be worn until they are outgrown or need to be replaced. A student's undergarments should never be visible, therefore a white or skin tone undershirt may be worn if needed for modesty. Similarly, black shorts may be worn under the skirt. If a female student chooses to wear a belt with the slacks, it should be a medium brown leather belt with a simple buckle. Students who purchase the reversible black/brown belt from Flynn O'Hara should wear the brown side, not the black one. Finally, the uniform should be appropriately fitted to the student's body, rather than excessively tight or excessively loose. The specific products approved for the ladies' uniform are listed below and included on the Flynn O'Hara school site. The list also includes further details regarding each item. While similar products may be available through other vendors, purchases should be made from Flynn O'Hara only unless otherwise specified. Note that the fleece jackets available through Flynn O'Hara are optionally available for outdoor use and are not permitted to be worn during homeroom or classes. Students are expected to arrive at school in full uniform. The norm is that students depart from school in full uniform, unless they are attending sports practice. If, for any other reason, a student needs to change into other clothing before leaving school, he or she may only change into clothes that meet the requirements of the dress down dress code.





In addition:

- Ladies are encouraged to use make-up for the purpose of enhancing rather than masking or changing their natural features.
- Hair dye should be a natural shade of human hair.
- Skirts may not be rolled up and must be no shorter than to the top of the knee.
- Solid color Headbands, scrunchies, hair wraps, and scarves worn over hair in the permitted colors (maroon, gray, white, navy) should meet the standard of formality.
- Jewelry and nails should be tasteful and should not obstruct normal school activities, including craftsmanship courses and gym class.

ITEM	COLOR(S)	DESCRIPTION
V-Neck Sweater, or Cardigan Sweater  V-Neck Vest <i>(optional)</i>	Maroon w/logo	<p>The long sleeve sweaters are finishing items. From October 15th through May 1st, a finishing item is required during homeroom. It should then be available to the student should she need it during the day. The sweaters may also be worn year-round.</p> <p>While a long-sleeve sweater is required in homeroom during the winter uniform period, the sweater vest is an optional add-on that students may wear for additional warmth during class at any time in the year.</p>
Oxford style shirt	White	The Oxford style long or short sleeve dress shirt should fit well and should not be excessively baggy or snug. Only the approved shirts from Lands' End should be purchased. Only the top button may be unbuttoned. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
Skirt	Maroon/ Gray Plaid Pleated with Elastic Waist	<p>Pleated skirt with elastic waist. If necessary the skirt may be altered for fit, however, it should be worn between the bottom and top of the knee and not shorter than the top of the knee. Navy or black bike shorts may be worn under the skirt.</p> <p>The skirt is the normal ladies uniform, though pants are also permitted as a secondary option. All ladies must purchase a skirt, which will be required on certain occasions, and may be worn every day.</p>
Pants	Charcoal grey	Flat front dress pants in one of two styles are permitted as an optional secondary uniform item, to alternate with the plaid skirt.
Socks or Tights	Grey, Maroon, Navy, Black, or White	<p>Knee high socks reaching to the knee, or opaque tights, must be worn with the skirt.</p> <p>Dress socks in gray, maroon, black or navy should be worn with the pants. These may be purchased from any vendor. Athletic socks are not permitted and white socks should not be worn with dress pants.</p>
Shoes	Brown	Women's shoe options include three styles available through Flynn O'Hara: Brown Eastland Oxford, Sahara Tan Sperry Shoe, and Dirty Buc Oxford. No other shoes should be purchased for uniform wear.
Undershirt <i>(optional)</i>	White or student's skin tone	No patterns or lace should be showing through the shirt, and undergarments should never be showing. Therefore, a short sleeve, tank, or camisole style undershirt may be worn under the shirt if needed.
Belt <i>(optional)</i>	Medium Brown	A medium brown leather belt with a simple buckle may be worn with the ladies pants and may be purchased from any vendor. A reversible black/brown belt may be purchased from Flynn O'Hara, in which case the student should wear the brown side of the belt. The belt should not be worn with the skirt.
Fleece Jacket <i>(optional for outdoor use only)</i>	Maroon or Navy	A navy or maroon fleece full zip or quarter zip jacket is available through Flynn O'Hara for optional outdoor use. Students are not required to purchase this item and this item is not permitted to be worn during classes or homeroom.

## *Ladies' Daily Uniform Visual Guide*

### **Items that must be purchased [FH = Flynn O'Hara]**

<p>Short or long sleeve oxford shirt <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Maroon/Grey pleated skirt with elastic waist <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Maroon v-neck pullover or v-neck cardigan with logo <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Knee Socks or Tights in permitted colors (<b>FH</b> + additional vendors permitted)</p> 	<p>Dirty Buc Oxford, Sahara Tan Sperry, or Brown Eastland <b>FH</b></p> 
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### **Optional Items**

<p>Maroon V-Neck Sweater Vest with logo <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Charcoal grey flat front slacks <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Medium Brown leather belt (<b>FH</b> + additional vendors permitted)</p> 	<p>Dress socks to be worn with pants (<b>FH</b> + additional vendors permitted)</p> 	<p>Hair Accessories in permitted colors (any vendor)</p> 	<p>Maroon or Navy Fleece sweater or vest with logo (outdoor use only) <b>FH</b></p> 
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## II. UNIFORM POLICY FOR GENTLEMEN

On Mondays through Thursdays, gentlemen are expected to wear a white, Oxford style, short or long sleeve shirt tucked into gray dress slacks. Slacks should always be worn with a medium brown belt with a simple buckle. During the winter uniform period, from October 15th - April 1st, gentlemen are required to wear either the navy v-neck long sleeve sweater or the navy cardigan throughout homeroom, in order to ensure that they are in full uniform at the beginning of the day and that they have warm enough clothes with them at school. This sweater may be removed during the day as needed. Students may also purchase the v-neck vest for warmth at any time of the year, but it is not considered part of the winter uniform. Dress socks in the permitted colors (charcoal gray, maroon, navy, or black) should be worn with the slacks. Flynn O'Hara offers three choices of shoes that are approved for the MSC uniform, the brown Eastland Oxford, the Sahara Tan Sperry Shoe, and the Dirty Buc Oxford. Shoes must be chosen from among these three options, though shoes purchased for the MSC uniform during the 2022-2023 school year may be worn until they are outgrown or need to be replaced. Finally, the uniform should be appropriately fitted to the student's body, rather than excessively tight or excessively loose. The specific products approved for the gentlemen's uniform are listed below and included on the Flynn O'Hara school site. The list also includes further details regarding each item. While similar products may be available through other vendors, purchases should be made from Flynn O'Hara only unless otherwise specified. Students are expected to arrive at school in full uniform. The norm is that students depart from school in full uniform, unless they are attending sports practice. If, for any other reason, a student needs to change into other clothing before leaving school, he or she may only change into clothes that meet the requirements of the dress down dress code.

In addition:

- Hair including facial hair should be well groomed and properly trimmed according to the style of the cut.
- Any hair dye should be a natural color of human hair.
- A t-shirt worn under a dress shirt must be plain white.
- Jewelry may include religious medals, rings, and watches. A simple, masculine bracelet may be permitted if it meets the standard of formality. Earrings or other piercings are not permitted for gentlemen.

ITEM	COLOR(S)	DESCRIPTION
V-Neck Sweater, or Cardigan Sweater  V-Neck Vest <i>(optional)</i>	Navy w/logo	The long sleeve sweaters are finishing items. From October 15th through May 1st, a finishing item is required during homeroom. It should then be available to the student should he need it during the day. The sweaters may also be worn year-round.  While a long-sleeve sweater is required in homeroom during the winter uniform period, the sweater vest is an optional add-on that students may wear for additional warmth during class at any time in the year.
Oxford style shirt	White	The Oxford style long or short sleeve dress shirt should fit well - it should not be excessively baggy or snug. Shirts should be tucked in at all times.
Pants	Grey	Plain front tri-blend dress pants are permitted.
Tie	Maroon and Gray Stripe	The tie is required daily and should be properly tied at all times. Students should not purchase the pre-tied tie.
Socks	Charcoal Gray, Maroon, Navy, or Black	Solid color dress socks in the permitted colors should be worn with the pants. Athletic socks are not permitted. Socks may be purchased from any vendor.
Shoes	Brown	Men's shoe options include three styles available through Flynn O'Hara: Brown Eastland Oxford, Sahara Tan Sperry Boat Shoe, and Dirty Buc Oxford. No other shoes should be purchased for uniform wear.
Undershirt	White	A white short sleeve undershirt should be worn under the Oxford dress shirt.
Belt	Medium Brown	A medium brown leather belt with a simple buckle must be worn with the men's pants and may be purchased from any vendor. A reversible black/brown belt may be purchased from Flynn O'Hara, in which case the student should wear the brown side of the belt.
Fleece Jacket <i>(optional for outdoor use only)</i>	Maroon or Navy	A navy or maroon fleece full zip or quarter zip jacket is available through Flynn O'Hara for optional outdoor use. Students are not required to purchase this item and this item is not permitted to be worn during classes or homeroom.

## *Gentlemen's Daily Uniform Visual Guide*

### **Items that must be purchased [FH = Flynn O'Hara]**

<p>Long or Short Sleeve Oxford style shirt <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Maroon and Gray Tie <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Navy v-neck pullover or v-neck cardigan with logo <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Grey tri-blend pants <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Dirty Buc Oxford, Sahara Tan Sperry, or Brown Eastland <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Dress socks in permitted colors (<b>FH</b> + additional vendors permitted)</p> 	<p>Medium Brown Leather Belt (<b>FH</b> + additional vendors permitted)</p> 
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### **Optional Items**

<p>Navy V-Neck Sweater Vest with logo <b>FH</b></p> 	<p>Maroon or Navy Fleece sweater or vest with logo (outdoor use only) <b>FH</b></p> 
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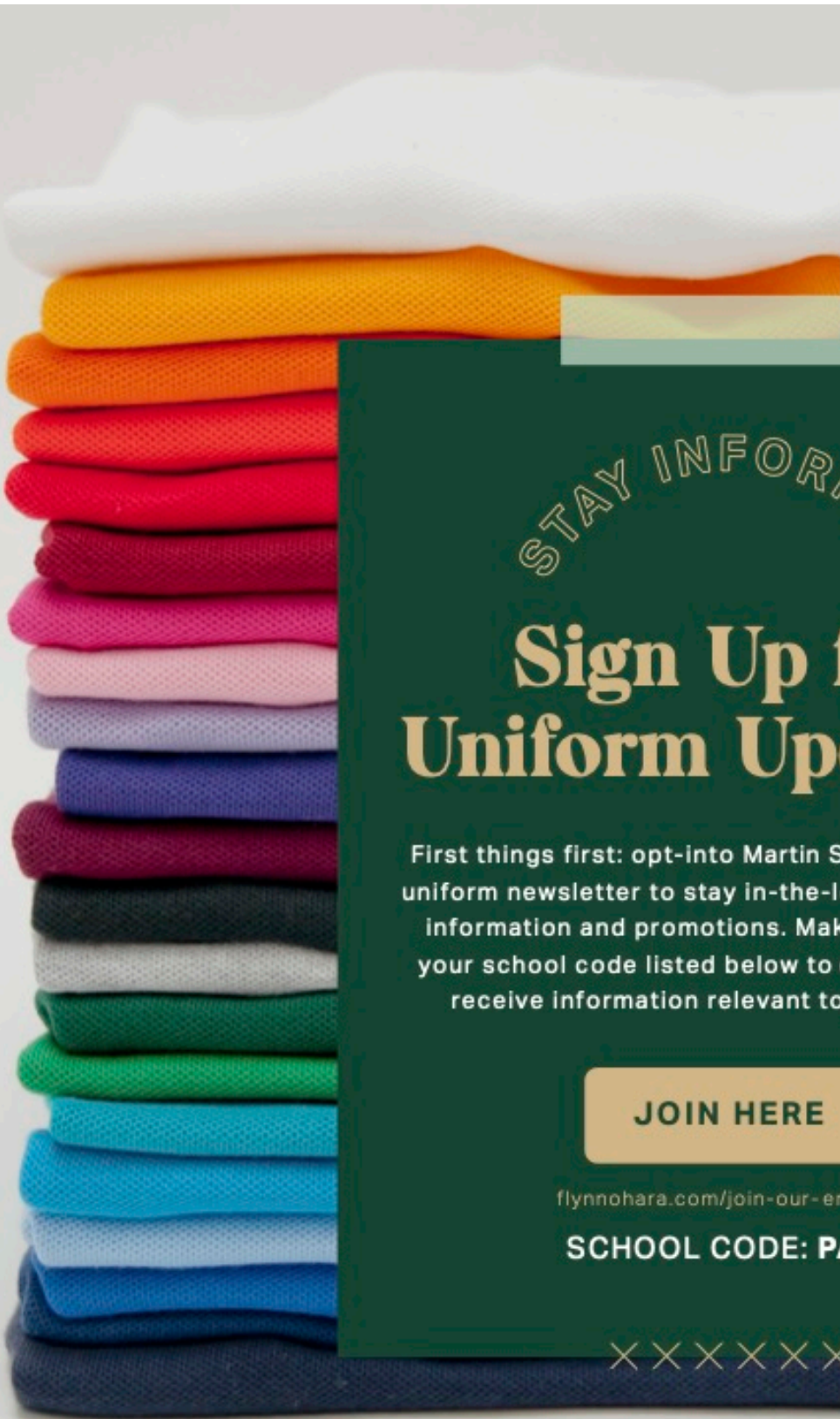
## GYMNASTIC AND CRAFTSMANSHIP UNIFORM

This dress code will be worn on all regular Fridays (not all Frassati Fridays) for the full day.

### *Requirements:*

- Students must wear athletic shoes of their choosing, not dress shoes.
- Students must choose from the following options for clothing:
  - Any items sold as MSC spiritwear on the Salt Water Colours MSC store (<https://saltwatercolours.com/store/martinsaints/>)
  - Solid color athletic wear in the following colors: gray, black, white, navy, maroon.
  - Shorts should have a minimum 5" inseam for ladies and 7" inseam for gentlemen.
  - Items should not have any writing, logos, or additional colors on them.
  - If leggings are worn they should be worn underneath shorts that meet the criteria outlined above. Leggings should not be worn on their own, nor should other tight fitting clothing.
- Students may not wear any other pants, shorts, shirts, or jackets for Fridays either in the school building or outdoors.
- Clothing must be weather appropriate.





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# School Uniform Shopping

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## 1 ONE

### Review Your Uniform Requirements

Click the link below & enter your student's Grade & Gender to view their specific uniform requirements, products, and pricing.

[flynnohara.com/shop/martin-saints-classical-pa126/](https://flynnohara.com/shop/martin-saints-classical-pa126/)

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** We recommend families get their uniform shopping done at least **ONE MONTH** before the first day of school to ensure your students have everything they need!

## 2 TWO

### Shop For Your Uniform!

#### IN-STORE

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SPRING HOUSE, PA 19477  
(215) 793-9436

[HOURS & DIRECTIONS](#)

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PHILADELPHIA, PA 19154  
(215) 637-4600

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[FLYNNOHARA.COM](https://flynnohara.com)



## Additional Resources

### Need Help with Sizing?

Visit the link below for fitting tutorials and other resources to help you choose the right sizes for your student's uniform.

[flynnohara.com/sizing-fit/](https://flynnohara.com/sizing-fit/)

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