

## Uniform Tips and Tidbits

With the start of a new school year only a few months away, we wanted to share with you some helpful information regarding the St. Margaret's School uniform.

*Skirts, pants, skorts, polos, button downs: so many choices...*

*The SMS uniform has about 40 different options*

*We have 3 required pieces:*

*Plaid Kilt*

*Navy & white sweater (choice of: v-neck, v-neck vest, or cardigan)*

*Long or short-sleeved white blouse (choice of: oxford blouse or peter pan collar)*

*More options can be found on our website ([www.sms.org](http://www.sms.org)) and the Flynn & O'Hara website ([www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com))*

*How to keep your legs warm on those cold days...*

*Tights can be navy, grey, or black*

*Knee socks can be white, navy, grey, or black*

*No patterned tights, fishnets, or seamed hose*

*Now, onto shoes...*

*Shoes must be closed-toe (no flip-flops or sandals)*

*Shoes must be navy, black or grey*

*Exceptions: athletic shoes and taupe-colored Birkenstock-like clogs*

*How to order SMS uniform...*

*Visit a Flynn & O'Hara store (highly recommended)*

*Store locations can be found at [www.flynnohara.com](http://www.flynnohara.com)*

*Call Flynn & O'Hara at 1-800-441-4122*

*Order from the Flynn & O'Hara website*

*Tips when ordering uniforms...*

*From our experience the uniform sizes run big*

*If you think an adult small will fit you, you should probably go one size down and order a youth extra large (especially with the sweaters)*

*We highly recommend that families try on the uniforms at the store to ensure that the pieces fit*

*We recommend that families order a week's worth of uniforms*

*Shipping typically takes 10 business days*

*Order early to avoid the end of the summer rush*

*Remember to leave enough time for any returns or exchanges*

*Note: items on back order can take up to 4-6 weeks*

*What to do when you receive your uniforms*

*Try everything on to make sure it fits*

*Contact Flynn & O'Hara if you need to return or exchange any items*

*Skirts will fall to about the knee*

*If you choose to alter your skirt, please do not alter more than 3 inches above the knee (think an appropriate length to wear to church)*

*Write your name or initials in every piece of uniform*

*You share the same uniform as 130 girls and you want to make sure no one mistakes yours for theirs in the laundry room*

*How to wear the uniform when you get to school...*

*The uniform is worn during the academic day (roughly 8:00 am- 4:00 pm) and at various events on and off campus throughout the year*

*Your shirt must be long enough to tuck in to your skirt or pants*

*The polar fleece is to be worn inside classrooms during the cold months; no outside sweatshirts or fleeces may be worn inside the classrooms, chapel, or dining hall during the academic day*

*You'll hear the term "dressy school uniform" a lot when you get to school*

*The dressy school uniforms is the plaid kilt, the white button down shirt, navy and white sweater (when cold outside), and black shoes*

*For even more information about the uniform...*

*Visit the SMS website ([www.sms.org/uniform.htm](http://www.sms.org/uniform.htm))*

*Visit the Flynn & O'Hara website ([www.flymnobara.com](http://www.flymnobara.com))*

*Call the admission office, 804-443-3357*

*Have a great summer and we'll see you in September!*