

DRESS CODE

All students attending STM Catholic will be expected to abide by the uniform dress code established by the school.

The uniform at STM Catholic reflects the seriousness and importance of learning and our pride in being members of this school community. All uniform items must be purchased from Dennis Uniform or Educational Outfitters, except: white oxford dress shirts, white blouses, required belts, and socks. Shoes may be purchased anywhere. **Tennis shoes must be worn on PE days.** Uniform shorts may be worn the first and last trimesters ONLY (August, September, October and after Spring Break). Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, casual items of clothing (polos, sweatshirts, hoodies, vests, and turtlenecks) will require the new logo on them. Dress uniforms (red sweaters, girls' white blouses and boys' white dress shirts) currently require no logo and will not require one beginning in 2010-2011. A logo on the red sweater is optional.

Occasionally, students will be allowed "Free Dress", "Theme", or "Dress up" days. Parents will be notified of these occasions in advance. Students may always wear an approved uniform instead on these days.

Uniform items should be clearly marked with the student's name. Parents are expected to monitor student dress to ensure compliance with the required uniform. Students should wear the "dress uniform" on Friday for Mass and other days when they are attending Mass. Students should not plan to change into uniform shorts after Mass on Fridays. Eighth grade boys may wear khaki slacks, and 8th grade girls may wear a khaki skirt or slacks (both are available from Dennis Uniform and Educational Outfitters), as part of their casual and dress uniform. Shirts, blouses and turtlenecks must be worn tucked inside the pants, skirts, skorts, or shorts.

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sweater is optional. This is the "new logo":



or



REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM:

Girls:

- Grades K-7: Plaid jumper (K-4) or skirt (K-7) no more than two inches above the knee;
- Grade 8 ONLY may wear either the plaid or khaki skirt no more than two inches above the knee;
- White broadcloth blouse with Peter Pan collar;
- Red cardigan sweater.

Boys:

- Navy twill, pleated-front pants and belt; belt is to be solid black, brown or navy;
- White oxford cloth button-down collar shirt;
- Red cardigan sweater.

OPTIONAL CASUAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Girls:

- Navy twill, pleated-front slacks, navy corduroy slacks, with belt; uniform navy twill shorts may be worn during August, September and October and after Spring Break;
- Skorts (K-5 only), skirts (K-8), jumper (K-4 only);

- Sweaters: V-neck cardigan, V- or crew neck pullover, vest; (all in red);
- Turtlenecks and polo shirts: red, navy or white;
- Girls may wear navy or black shorts under jumpers/skirts;
- STM blue fleece vest;
- STM hoody;
- Skorts may NOT be worn in grades 6-8;
- 8th grade ONLY, girls may wear the khaki skirt or slacks from Dennis Uniform and Educational Outfitters.

Boys:

- Navy corduroy pants; and belt; uniform navy twill shorts may be worn during August, September and October and after Spring Break;
- Sweaters: V-neck cardigan, V- or crew neck pullover, vest; (all in red);
- Turtlenecks and polo shirts: red, navy or white;
- STM blue fleece vest;
- STM hoody;
- ***Eighth-grade students may wear Dennis or Educational Outfitters khaki slacks/pants all year (or shorts during August, September and October and after Spring Break) with a belt.

SOCKS AND BELT

- Crew or knee-high socks in solid navy, white or red (no logos) must be worn at all times.
- Belts are to be solid black, brown or navy. No ornamental belt buckles may be worn.

SHOES

Tennis shoes (non-marking black soles; no slip-ons) or other appropriate school shoes should be worn. Tennis shoes are required on PE days. A separate pair of tennis shoes for P.E. IS NOT REQUIRED. Sandals, backless shoes, or other types of shoes, which could be a safety hazard, should never be worn to school even on dress-up or dress-down days.

STREET FLYERS/HEELIES

These shoes are fitted with roller blade wheels in the sole of the shoe, which can be snapped into place to convert the shoes into roller blades. These shoes are not appropriate school attire and children are not allowed to wear them to school.

FREE DRESS DAYS

When Free Dress Days are announced, students may be out of uniform. Dress, however, should be appropriate for school. Clothes should not be too tight fitting or provocative. No "short" shorts. All items should reflect the same modesty as the approved items. Jeans may be worn. Jeans must be neat with no cuts, tears, fringes or holes.

THEME-DAYS

Theme Days may be announced. Additional theme information will be announced with the Day's Declaration (Sports Theme, St. Patrick's Day, etc.). All items should reflect the same modesty as the approved items. Wear uniform pants or skirt, NO JEANS.

DRESS-UP DAYS

On designated Dress-Up Days, students who choose not to wear the uniform, are expected to dress up from the uniform, not down. Clothing should be modest; not be overly tight, see-through, nor draw undue attention. Denim is never considered "dressy".

Girls:

- Skirts and blouses, dresses (no spaghetti straps, no more than two inches above the knee)
- Dress slacks, no jeans or shorts

- Tennis shoes or dress shoes

Boys:

- Polo, dress shirts, or buttoned down shirts with collar
- Dress slacks, no jeans or shorts
- Tennis shoes or dress shoes
- Ties, sport coats, suits, etc. are optional also.

HAIR

Hair is to be neat and natural in color. Highlighted, dyed, or spiked hair is not allowed. Boys' hair should be of short length (well above the collar), combed, and clean-cut, **not shaggy**. Caps are not to be worn in the school building. For girls, hair accessories should be limited to headbands or bows that match the uniform (sold at the uniform stores) or should be solid navy blue, solid red or solid white.

JEWELRY

None other than the following:

- Necklaces, only a crucifix or a religious medal, on a chain are allowed.
- Earrings (limited to one per ear) may be worn only by girls. No hoops for safety reasons, posts only.
- No other body piercings;
- Watches may be worn;
- One small, religious ring is acceptable.

FAD CLOTHING/MAKE-UP

Fad clothing items and fad shoes, as well as make-up and excessive jewelry, are not consistent with the learning environment at STM Catholic. Nail polish for girls only should be of a **clear color**. Special colors for special days are allowed (St. Patrick's Day-green, Valentines-red, Christmas-red, etc.).