

DRESS CODE

All students attending St. Thomas More Parish School will be expected to abide by the uniform dress code established by the school.

The uniform at St. Thomas More reflects the seriousness and importance of learning and our pride in being members of this school community. Uniform items may be purchased from Dennis Uniform or Educational Outfitters with the exception of white-colored items. White oxford dress shirts, white blouses, white polo shirts, required belts, socks, and shoes can be purchased anywhere. Uniform shorts may be worn during August, September, and October and after Spring Break of the school year. Occasionally, students will be allowed "Non-uniform Dress" Days, "Dress up" Days, "Theme" Days, or "Jeans" Days. Parents will be notified of these occasions in advance. 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 to uniform shorts after Mass. Eighth grade girls may wear the khaki skirt available from Dennis Uniform, and Educational Outfitters, as part of their casual and dress uniform.

REQUIRED DRESS UNIFORM

Girls:

- Grades K-7: Plaid jumper (K-4 only) or skirt no more than two inches above the knee;
- Grade 8 only may wear the plaid or khaki skirt no more than two inches above the knee;
- White broadcloth blouse, 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, and button-down collar shirt;
- Red cardigan sweater.

CASUAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Girls:

- Navy twill, pleated-front slacks, navy corduroy slacks, navy twill shorts with belt;
- Sweaters: V-neck cardigan, V- or crew-neck pullover, vest (all in red);
- Turtlenecks and Polo shirts: red, navy, white;
- Girls may wear navy or black shorts under jumpers/skirts;
- STM blue fleece vests;
- 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 or Educational Outfitters.

Boys:

- Navy twill shorts, navy corduroy pants and belt
- Sweaters: V-neck cardigan, V- or crew-neck pullover, vest (all in red)
- Turtlenecks and Polo shirts: red, navy, white
- STM blue fleece vests
- 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. Sandals, backless shoes, or other types of shoes, which could be a safety hazard, should not be worn to school even on dress-up or dress-down days. A separate pair of tennis shoes for P.E. IS NOT REQUIRED as long as your shoes have non-marking soles.

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.

NON-UNIFORM DRESS DAYS

Non-uniform Dress Days will be announced periodically throughout the year when the students may be out of uniform. Uniform pants, skirts or skorts (K-4 only) are to be worn on a Non-uniform Dress Day. Uniform shorts may be worn on Non-uniform Dress Days during August, September and October and after Spring Break. **No tank or midriff tops.** Tennis shoes with non-marking soles (no black soles or slip-ons) or other appropriate school shoes should be worn. Sandals, backless shoes, or other types of shoes, which could be a safety hazard, should not be worn to school on Non-uniform Dress days.

FREE DRESS DAYS

When Free Dress Days are announced, students may be out of uniform completely. Dress, however, should be appropriate for school and/or Mass. Guidelines are same as Non-Uniform Dress Days. Clothes should not be too tight fitting or provocative. No "short" shorts.

THEME-DAYS OR JEANS DAYS

Theme Days or Jeans Days may be announced. Jeans may be worn with an appropriate top. Jeans must be neat with no cuts, tears, fringes or holes. Additional theme information will be announced with the Day's Declaration (Sports, STM, St. Patrick's Day, etc.).

DRESS-UP DAYS

Girls:

Skirts and blouse, dress

Nice slacks, no jeans or shorts

Tennis shoes or dress shoes

Boys:

Polo or buttoned down shirts with collar

Nice slacks, no jeans or shorts

Tennis shoes or dress shoes

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, and 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 St. Thomas More Parish School. Nail polish for girls only should be of a clear or pale color. Special colors for special days are allowed (St Pat's Day-green, Valentines-red, Christmas-red, etc.).