

ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL 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. Casual items of clothing (polos, sweatshirts, hoodies, vests, and turtlenecks) require the logo on them. Dress uniforms (red sweaters, girls' white blouses and boys' white dress shirts) do not require a logo. A logo on the red sweater is optional.

Occasionally, students will be allowed "Dress-down", "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.

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 or flat-front pants and belt; belt is to be solid black, brown or navy;

White oxford cloth button-down collar shirt;

Red cardigan sweater;

Ties are optional, but the color needs to blend with the school uniform.

*****Only** eighth-grade students may wear Dennis or Educational Outfitters khaki pants (pleated or flat front) all year (or shorts during the first and third trimesters).

OPTIONAL CASUAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Girls:

Navy twill, pleated-front or flat-front slacks, with belt; uniform navy twill shorts may be worn the first and last trimesters ONLY;

Kindergarten **only** may wear pull-on pants;

Skorts (K-5 only), skirts (K-8), jumper (K-4 only);

Skorts may NOT be worn in grades 6-8;

Sweaters: V-neck cardigan, V- or crew neck pullover;

Turtlenecks and polo shirts: red, navy or white;

Girls may wear navy or black shorts under jumpers/skirts;

STM hoody or sweatshirt;

***Eighth-grade girls **ONLY**, may wear the khaki skirt or slacks from Dennis Uniform and Educational Outfitters.

Boys:

Navy twill pants; and belt; uniform navy twill shorts may be worn the first and last trimesters ONLY;

Kindergarten only may wear pull-on pants;

Sweaters: V-neck cardigan, V- or crew neck pullover;

Turtlenecks and polo shirts: red, navy or white;

STM hoody or sweatshirt;

***Eighth-grade students may wear Dennis or Educational Outfitters khaki slacks/pants (pleated or flat-front) all year (or shorts during the first and third trimesters) with a belt.

Drop-waist skirts are not acceptable.

SOCKS AND BELT

All socks, tights and leggings, etc. must be **solid** navy, white, black or red and cover the ankle. Socks must be seen above the shoe and cover the ankle.

All belts must be solid black, brown or navy blue without adornment.

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, flip-flops, street flyers 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**. It is recommended that shoes should be **neutral** in nature: black, white, brown, gray, navy blue, and tan with **neutral** trim/accent colors so as not to detract from the uniform. No neon, bright colors, sequins, light-up or sparkly shoes, please. Neutral shoe laces must be worn and must be tied. Shoe laces must be tied. Boots should be limited to **inclement weather days only**.

DRESS-DOWN DAYS

When a **Dress Down Day** is 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 (including, but not limited to running shorts). All items should reflect the same modesty as the approved items. Jeans may be worn but jeans must be neat with no cuts, tears, fringes or holes. No Yoga pants. Leggings may be worn with a long “tunic” top only.

THEME-DAYS

A **Theme Day** 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.

The second Tuesday of the month, STM Catholic teachers are honored with a Parent Luncheon. Students and teachers may **DRESS DOWN** that day according to the luncheon theme. Jeans and an appropriate t-shirt/top may be worn. No yoga pants. Those choosing not to participate may wear their school uniform.

DRESS-UP DAYS

On a designated **Dress-Up Day**, 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, dresses/skirts 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 SHORT in length (well above the collar), combed, above the ears and eyebrows, 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 small bows that match the uniform (sold at the uniform stores only) or should be solid navy blue, solid red or solid white.

JEWELRY

None other than the following:

- Necklaces, only a crucifix, scapular, 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 (no Apple watches);
- One bracelet;
- 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 should be clear color only. Special colors for special days are allowed on the day only (St. Patrick's Day-green, Valentines-red, Christmas-red/green, etc.). Make-up of any kind may not be worn.

ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS.

MARKING CLOTHING

Parents and Students are encouraged to clearly label all students' clothing that is worn or brought to school.

