



Uniforms and Dress Code Policy

It is our strong belief that a student's appearance for school has an impact on his/her attitude, behavior and readiness to learn. A formal dress code allows every child to remain unique and special while wearing a uniform that shows membership in our community of faith and learning.

It is important that we establish a standard of modesty and decorum that contributes toward an environment of respect and mutual understanding.

Parents have the primary responsibility for ensuring that their children follow these guidelines.

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

The Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School uniform supplier for ALL GRADES is the **Dennis Uniform Company**. www.dennisuniform.com St. Thomas Aquinas Code: NW00TA (the 00 is numeric)

NEW: SHOES FOR REGULAR AND WARM WEATHER UNIFORM (Grades K-8)

Boys and girls may wear solid rubber soled shoes in the styles and colors shown below with both the school regular or warm weather uniform:



Merrell Jungle Suede
(black or brown)



Nubuck style Tie Suede
(black or brown)



Penny Loafer
(burgundy or black)



Girl's Maryjane
(black or navy)

Boys & Girls Pre-Kindergarten

- **SHORTS** (seasonal) Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name (not mid-Oct to after April break)
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school logo
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels or other “accessories”. Shoes must be closed toe and white or navy ankle socks must be worn.

BOYS ONLY - OPTIONAL:

- **Khaki PANTS or SHORTS** (seasonal)
- **SHIRT** Dennis Uniform blue polo shirt with school name

GIRLS ONLY - OPTIONAL:

- **DRESS** Dennis Uniform blue dress with school name. Leggings or under shorts may also be worn with the dress.

Boys Grades K-8

Regular Uniform Requirements *(mid-October to after April break)*

- **SHIRT** white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeves), clean, pressed and tucked in
- **TIE** Grades K-5: Dennis Uniform plaid tie; Grades 6-8: Dennis Uniform solid blue tie
- **PANTS** khaki dress pants
- **BELT** brown, black, navy or STA belt must be worn with the pants in Grades 1-8
- **WARM LAYER** - Dennis Uniform navy blue vest, fleece, or sweater with school logo
- Grade 8 students may wear the special order school approved “8th Grade Sweatshirt” with the student name and graduation year.
- **SOCKS** plain white or blue or crew socks with no visible logos.
- **SHOES** rubber soled shoes shown on page 1.

Optional Warm Weather Uniform

May be worn daily - including liturgies and assemblies - from the opening day to mid-October and April break to closing day

- **SHIRT** Dennis Uniform blue polo shirt with school logo
- **PANTS/SHORTS** long khaki dress pants or khaki walking shorts with belt
- **SHOES** rubber soled shoes shown on page 1.

Physical Education Uniform Requirements.

- **SHORTS** (seasonal) Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name (not mid-Oct to after April break)
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school logo
- **SOCKS** plain white crew socks without visible logos
- **SNEAKERS**

Girls Grades K-5

Regular Uniform Requirements *(mid-October to after April break)*

- **BLOUSE** white uniform blouse with Peter Pan collar (short or long sleeves) clean and pressed
- **JUMPER** Dennis Uniform Campbell plaid; Length no more than 3 inches above the knee
- **WARM LAYER** - Dennis navy blue vest, fleece, or sweater with school logo.
- **SOCK** plain navy blue or white knee, crew socks or navy blue tights without logos.
- **LEGGINGS** Dennis dark navy blue with St. Thomas Aquinas logo (*worn under jumper*)
- **SHOES** rubber soled shoes shown on page 1.

Optional Warm Weather Uniform

May be worn daily - including liturgies and assemblies - from the opening day to mid-October and April break to closing day

- **SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue polo shirt with school logo
- **SKORT/SHORTS** Dennis Uniform khaki skort or Dennis Uniform khaki walking shorts. Length no more than 3 inches above the knee
- **SOCKS** plain white crew socks without visible logos
- **SHOES** rubber soled shoes shown on page 1.

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

- **SHORTS** (seasonal) Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name (not mid-Oct to after April break)
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school logo
- **SOCKS** plain white crew socks without visible logos
- **SNEAKERS**

Girls Grades 6-8

Regular Uniform Requirements *(All school year, same in warm weather)*

- **BLOUSE** All girls in grades 6 -8 will wear a Dennis Uniform navy blue banded jersey polo with school logo or navy blue polo with school logo tucked into skort or skirt
- **SKORT/SKIRT** Campbell plaid Dennis Uniform skort or skirt; Length no more than 3 inches above the knee
- **WARM LAYER** Dennis navy blue vest, fleece, or sweater with school logo.
- **Grade 8** students may wear the special order school approved “8th Grade Sweatshirt” with the student name and graduation year.
- **SOCKS** plain navy blue or white knee, crew or ankle socks or navy blue tights without logos
- **LEGGINGS** Dennis navy blue w/St. Thomas Aquinas logo (*worn under skort or skirt*)
- **SHOES** rubber soled shoes shown on page 1.

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

- **SHORTS** (seasonal) Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name (not mid-Oct to after April break)
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school logo
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school logo
- **SOCKS** plain white crew socks without visible logos
- **SNEAKERS**

Boys and Girls Grades K-8

JEWELRY

Jewelry must be kept simple and only inexpensive/replaceable items should be worn to school. One ring and a simple cross or holy medal on a chain may be worn. Other neck jewelry, bracelets, elastic wrist/ankle accessories are not allowed.

No body piercings are allowed except for pierced ears. Girls may wear one set pierced earrings to school but these must be small earrings no larger than a dime. This is an important safety issue. Boys may not wear any type of earrings to school. No tattoos are permitted.

HAIR/ACCESSORIES

Hair styles must be neat and conservative. Bangs must be above the eyebrows for both boys and girls. Boy's hair must be above – not touching– the shirt collar and trimmed around the ears. Hair should be clean and extreme hair styles such as mohawk haircuts, male “bun” hairstyles, hair coloring, streaking and/or highlighting are not permitted.

Scrunchies, hair clips, bows may be worn in the hair (not the wrist) and should be in school plaid or solid colors that match the colors of the uniform.

MAKE-UP/NAIL POLISH

Students may not wear make-up of any type to school. Only clear nail polish is permitted; artificial nails are not allowed.

Scheduled Out of Uniform Days (dress down/dress up)

During the year there will be certain days when the uniform is not required. Dress on those days will be in compliance with the school rules of modesty and decorum.

Guidelines:

Students may NOT wear:

- *skirts/dresses shorter than three inches above the knee
- *shorts more than three inches above the knee
- *flip-flop sandals
- *open back shoes
- *tank tops

- *T-shirts with inappropriate writing or graphics
- *sneakers that convert to roller skates
- *bike shorts
- *pajama pants
- *make-up
- *yoga pant and leggings

SCOUTS

Scouts may wear their scout uniforms on meeting days and on other appropriate days with prior permission of the Head of School.

ALL UNIFORM REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL