

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

Uniforms and Dress Code [rev 9.2019]

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 is not meant to stifle the individuality of our students since every child still remains 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. Teachers also have a responsibility for taking appropriate action when guidelines are not followed.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

The students in the Pre Kindergarten 3/4/5 Program wear a modified and age appropriate uniform. This uniform consists of the following components:

BOYS & GIRLS:

- **SHORTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name
Please note that shorts may not be worn to school from Mid – October to May 1st.
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school logo
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school name
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school name
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels or other “accessories”. Shoes must be closed toe and socks must be worn.
- **SOCKS** white or blue ankle socks (socks above the ankle bone)

BOYS ONLY - OPTIONAL:

- **PANTS or SHORTS** khaki
We recommend the uniform company khaki short or pants because of the durability and strong fabric. If you choose another pant, it must be khaki color - **not** stone or white - and the material should be a blend and not one that wrinkles easily. All pants worn by boys must be neat and start the day without wrinkles!
- **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.

UNIFORMS

The regular school uniform is to be worn on each school day except during the time period designated for the “warm weather uniform” or on days when a student is scheduled for physical education class. If a student is scheduled for physical education on a day when a First Friday, Holy Day or special liturgy is taking place in church, the regular uniform must be worn. Typically, the optional warm weather uniform may be worn from the first day of school until mid-October and from May 1st until the last day of school. These dates may change at the discretion of the Principal.

All students must have all the components required of the regular and Physical Education uniforms. Please mark or label with the name of your child on the inside of each item- especially sweaters and other items that may be added or removed during the day. We recommend having multiple Physical Education uniforms, ties, etc. since substitute items are not permitted.

Only the Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas School may grant exceptions to the uniform policy. On any days when the uniform guidelines are relaxed or changed, specific guidelines will be given to students about appropriate attire.

UNIFORM SUPPLIER

In order to keep continuity within the school, there is only one supplier of our Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic School Uniform: **Dennis Uniform Company**. They have conveniently located stores and online ordering is available. Special discounted prices are available from mid-June through mid-July.

Dennis Uniform Company www.dennisuniform.com St. Thomas Aquinas Code:
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SHOES FOR REGULAR UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear solid color navy blue, black or brown shoes with the regular school uniform. Parents are asked to make sure that shoes are sturdy and appropriate for climbing stairs. Tie or slip on shoes may be worn in styles similar to Merrell, Oxford, Saddle Shoes, or Loafers.

The following are not permitted: moccasins, slippers, sandals, open-back shoes, mules, any type of shoes that resemble sneakers, boots, hi-top shoes, clogs, crocs, Birkenstock or any shoes with a heel over two inches (measured from the back exterior of the shoe).

SHOES FOR OPTIONAL WARM WEATHER UNIFORM

Students who opt to wear the warm weather uniform may wear the uniform shoes or solid white or black sneakers without ornamentation. Students are to wear white ankle socks that are either blue or white in color.

CLOTHING

All clothing should be clean, wrinkle-free, with all buttons attached, without rips, tears or hems that need to be sewn. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Students who fail to meet these standards may be given a behavior infraction.

JEWELRY

Jewelry must be kept simple and only inexpensive/replaceable items should be worn to school. One watch, 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 piercing is allowed except for pierced ears. Girls may wear one set of 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 earrings to school. No tattoos are permitted.

SCOUTS

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

HAIR/ACCESSORIES

Hair styles must be neat and conservative. Bangs must be above the eyebrow 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 coloring, styles such as mohawks or bleaching are not permitted.

Scrunchies, hair clips, bows, etc. 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. No bandanas are permitted.

MAKE-UP/NAIL POLISH

Girls may not wear make-up of any type to school. Only clear nail polish is permitted and artificial nails are not allowed. There may be special times when the principal allows this guideline to change.

Specific Uniform Information

Boys - Grades K-8

Regular Uniform Requirements (*Mid-October to May and all school liturgies and assemblies*)

- **SHIRT** white Oxford shirt (short or long sleeves)
We recommend the shirts from the uniform company because of their durability. If you choose another shirt, it should be a blend that does not wrinkle easily. If you choose a shirt that does wrinkle easily, please make sure that it is ironed before your son comes to school. All shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- **TIE** Grades K-5: Dennis Uniform plaid tie *or* Grades 6-8: Dennis Uniform solid blue tie
- **PANTS** khaki dress pants
We recommend the uniform company pants because of the reinforced knees, durability and strong fabric. If you choose another pant, it must be khaki color - **not** stone or white - and the material should be a blend and not one that wrinkles easily. All pants worn by boys must be neat and start the day without wrinkles!

Kindergarten The Dennis Uniform company does carry pull on khaki pants for Kindergarten boys in a wide range of sizes. Kindergarten boys do **not** need to wear a belt with these pants.

- **BELT** A black, brown or navy belt **must** be worn with the pants in Grades 1-8
- **COOL WEATHER LAYER** Each boy **must** have one or more of the following and bring it to school for colder weather since temperatures in the school do vary:
 1. Dennis Uniform navy blue fleece vest with school name and/or
 2. Dennis Uniform navy blue fleece jacket with school name and/or
 3. Dennis Uniform navy blue cardigan sweater with school name and/or
 4. Dennis Uniform navy blue pullover sweater (V-neck or crew) with school name and/or
 5. **Grades 6-8** Only may wear the Dennis Uniform blue crew Middle School sweatshirt with “STAS” letters
 6. Grade 8 students may wear the school approved “8th Grade hooded sweatshirt”

Please note that other non-uniform sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters MAY NOT be worn in school. Team basketball or other team sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform and may not be worn during the school day.

- **SOCKS** plain white or blue ankle socks with no logos (socks must be above the ankle)

Optional Warm Weather Uniform

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

- **SHIRT** Dennis Uniform blue polo shirt with school name

- **PANTS/SHORTS** long khaki dress pants or khaki walking shorts with belt
- **SOCKS** plain white or blue ankle socks with no logos (socks must be above the ankle)
- **SHOES** solid white or black sneakers without ornamentation or regular uniform shoes may be worn with the warm weather uniform

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

This uniform is to be worn on physical education days except when we have a school liturgy or special assembly/event

- **SHORTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name. Shorts must be as long as finger tips.

Please note that shorts may not be worn to school from mid – October to May 1st

- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school name
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue crew sweatshirt with school name
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school name
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels or other “accessories”
- **SOCKS** plain white ankle socks without logos (socks must be above the ankle).

Specific Uniform Information Girls - Grades K-5

Regular Uniform Requirements (*Mid-October to May and all school liturgies in church and assemblies*)

- **BLOUSE** white uniform blouse with Peter Pan collar (short or long sleeves)
We recommend the blouses from the Dennis Uniform company because of their durability. If you choose another blouse, it should be a blend that does not wrinkle easily. If you choose a blouse that does wrinkle easily, please make sure that it is ironed before your daughter comes to school.
- **JUMPER** Dennis Uniform Campbell plaid jumper
The jumper may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee all year. Please consider this before making any alterations.
- **COOL WEATHER LAYER** Each girl in Grades K-5 **must** have one or more of the following and bring it to school for colder weather since temperatures in the school do vary:
 1. Dennis Uniform navy blue fleece vest with school name and/or
 2. Dennis Uniform navy blue fleece jacket with school name and/or
 3. Dennis Uniform navy blue cardigan sweater with school name
 4. Dennis Uniform navy blue pullover sweater (v-neck or crew) with school name

Please note that non-uniform sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters MAY NOT be worn in school. Team basketball sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform and may not be worn during the school day.

- **SOCKS** plain navy blue or white knee socks or tights without logos
- **LEGGINGS** Dennis Uniform dark navy blue w/St. Thomas Aquinas logo (*worn under jumper*)

Optional Warm Weather Uniform

May be worn daily, including liturgies and assemblies - from the opening day to Mid-October and May to closing day

- **SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue polo shirt with school name
- **SKORT/SHORTS** Dennis Uniform khaki skort or Dennis Uniform khaki walking shorts with black, brown or blue belt. The length of the skort or shorts is to be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.
- **SOCKS** plain white ankle socks without logos (socks must be above the ankle)
- **SHOES** solid white or black sneakers without ornamentation or regular uniform shoes may be worn with the warm weather uniform

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

This uniform is to be worn on physical education days except when we have a school liturgy or special assembly/event)

- **SHORTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with the school name
Please note that shorts may not be worn to school from mid-October to May 1st
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatpants with school name (*Dennis uniform company carries an “open bottom” version without elastic for girls*)
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue sweatshirt with school name
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform navy blue t-shirt with the school name
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels or other “accessories”
- **SOCKS** plain white ankle socks without logos (socks must be above the ankle)

Girls Grades 6-8

Regular Uniform Requirements (*Mid-October to May and all school liturgies and assemblies*)

- **BLOUSE** All girls in grades 6 -8 will wear a Dennis Uniform blue over-shirt jersey with the school logo. This jersey is available in short or long sleeve and is designed not to be tucked into the skort or skirts.
- **SKORT** Campbell plaid Dennis Uniform skort or Campbell plaid Dennis Uniform skirt. The skort may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee all year. Please consider this before making any alterations.
- **COOL WEATHER LAYER** Each girl in Grades 6-8 **must** have one or more of the following and bring it to school for colder weather since temperatures in the school do vary:
 1. Dennis Uniform navy blue fleece vest with school name and/or
 2. Dennis Uniform navy blue fleece jacket with school name and/or
 3. Dennis Uniform navy blue cardigan sweater with school name and/or
 4. Dennis Uniform navy blue pullover sweater (v-neck or crew) with school name and/or
 5. Dennis Uniform navy blue crew Middle School sweatshirt with “STAS” letters
 6. Grade 8 students may wear the school approved “8th Grade hooded sweatshirt”

Please note that other sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters MAY NOT be worn in school. Team basketball sweatshirts are not part of the school uniform and may not be worn during the school day.

- **SOCKS** plain navy blue or white knee socks or tights without logos

- **LEGGINGS** Dennis Uniform navy blue w/St. Thomas Aquinas logo (*Worn under skort or skirt.*)

Optional Warm Weather Uniform

May be worn daily - including liturgies and assemblies from the Opening Day to Mid-October and May to Closing Day

- **SHIRT** Dennis Uniform blue polo shirt with school name OR new white short sleeve over-shirt jersey with school logo
- **SKORT** Dennis Uniform Campbell plaid skirt or Dennis Uniform Campbell plaid skort or Dennis Uniform khaki skort. The skort may not be shorter than 3 inches above the knee all year.
- **SOCKS** plain white ankle socks without logos (socks must be above the ankle)
- **SHOES** solid white or black sneakers without ornamentation or regular uniform shoes may be worn with the warm weather uniform

Physical Education Uniform Requirements

This uniform is to be worn on physical education days except when we have a school liturgy or special assembly/event

- **SHORTS** Dennis Uniform navy blue shorts – knit or mesh with school name. Shorts must be as long as finger tips.
Please note that shorts may not be worn to school from Mid-October to May 1st.
- **PANTS** Dennis Uniform blue sweatpants (an “open bottom” version without elastic is also available for girls) with school name
- **SWEATSHIRT** Dennis Uniform blue crew sweatshirt with school name
- **T-SHIRT** Dennis Uniform blue T-shirt with the school name
- **SNEAKERS** basic sneakers without wheels or other “accessories”
- **SOCKS** plain white ankle socks without (socks must be above the ankle)

Scheduled Out of Uniform Days

During the year there will be certain days when the uniform is not required. Dress on those days will be in compliance with the rules of modesty and decorum. N.U.T card usage is also covered under this policy.

Guidelines:

Students may NOT wear:

- *skirts/dresses shorter than three inches above the knee
- *shorts shorter than three inches above the knee
- *flip-flop sandals
- *open back shoes
- *tank tops
- *T-shirts with inappropriate writing
- *sneakers that convert to roller skates
- *bike shorts
- *pajama pants
- *make-up

Good Rule: If you think you shouldn't wear it, you shouldn't.

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