

## **St. Thomas Aquinas School Uniform Policy**

### **2018-19 School Year Transition**

In an effort to accommodate those families with many uniform pieces that will no longer meet the new uniform code, St. Thomas Aquinas School will have a one year transitional uniform period. During the coming 2018-19 school year students that have uniform pieces which were a part of the old uniform code may still wear select items throughout the week and not be in violation of uniform policy. This will allow families to slowly transition from old uniform clothing already purchased to the new uniform. We are still invested in working towards the “uniformed” look of the new policy, however; therefore, clothing items that were red or the former plaid will not be included.

### **What can my child wear for the 2018-19 school year?**

#### ***Non-Mass Days:***

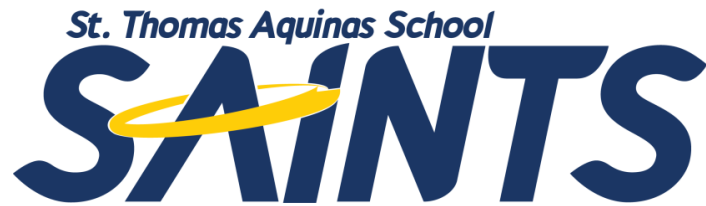
- All clothing items from the new uniform policy
- Clothing items from the old uniform policy:
  - Navy sweaters, of any kind, without the school logo
  - Khaki or Navy skirts
  - Khaki or Navy jumpers

#### ***Mass Days (Usually Thursdays, check your monthly calendar for changes throughout the year):***

- All clothing items from the new uniform policy only

#### ***Spirit Wear Days (Every Friday):***

- Any clothing items that meet the spirit wear clothing policy
- If a student chooses not to wear spirit wear this is not an “out of uniform” day. Students will be expected to wear new uniform clothing or the transitional old uniform clothing.



## **St. Thomas Aquinas School Uniform Policy and Guidelines**

### **Why Do Our Students Wear Uniforms?**

Wearing uniforms in school creates the foundation for a cohesive community of learners. Students are provided the platform to view themselves and others by what is on the inside, rather than outward appearance. It removes distractions from the classroom, helps students focus in school, and provides an element of unity and school pride.

### **Who Wears the School Uniform?**

All students kindergarten through sixth grade are required to be in uniform each day that school is in session, unless it is a designated “out of uniform” day. Preschool students are encouraged to wear the school uniform; however, it is not required.

### **Where Can I Purchase Uniform Items?**

Donald’s Uniform is our preferred vendor. They have two store locations in the Twin Cities, and clothing can be easily ordered online through their website: [donaldsuniform.com](http://donaldsuniform.com). Simply search their school directory for “St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School”. Navy polos, white polos, navy pants/shorts, khaki pants/shorts, leggings, and socks can be purchased through other retailers. However, the shade must be consistent with the uniform pieces available through Donald’s. Our school also has a listing on Landsend.com and a local shopping option at The Hideaway.

### **What Happens When a Student is Not in Uniform?**

We value the benefits of a school uniform for our students; and, ask that families respectfully follow the uniform policy. The following is the process taken when a student’s clothing does not fit within the uniform policy:

- First Violation- A note from the office will be sent home with the student.
- Second Violation- Parents will be called and the student will be asked to change into uniform (provided it is in stock at the school).

- Third Violation- Parents will be called and asked to bring appropriate clothing to school for the student to change into their uniform.

### **Uniform Options for Girls**

- Navy plaid #57 drop waist uniform jumper (Grades PreK-6)
  - Jumpers shall be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
  - White peter pan uniform blouses, white polos, or white turtlenecks shall be worn under the jumper
- Navy plaid #57 skirt (Grades 3-6)
  - Skirts shall be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
  - White polos shall be worn with the skirt
  - White polos shall be tucked into skirt
- White or navy polo shirts long-sleeved or short-sleeved with or without school logo
  - All shirts must be tucked into pants or shorts
- Navy cardigans, navy pull-over sweaters, navy sweater vests, or navy sweatshirts with logo
  - Shall be worn over the top of white or navy polos
  - School logo required on all sweaters and sweatshirts
  - Sweatshirts may be worn over a white undershirt; however, the undershirt shall not be worn alone
- Khaki or navy uniform slacks
  - Belts are encouraged but not required
- Khaki or navy uniform shorts
  - Shorts shall be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
  - Shorts shall not be worn in Church
  - Belts are encouraged but not required
- Navy leggings shall only be worn under jumpers or skirts (leggings alone are not allowed)
- Navy knit bike shorts or legging shorts shall only be worn under jumpers or skirts as “modesty shorts” when wearing knee-highs or socks
- Navy knee-highs, navy tights, white plaid #57 ruffle socks, or white or navy socks may be worn
- Navy, white, or plaid #57 hair accessories may be worn
- Students shall not wear high-heeled shoes, platforms, or flip-flops
- Students shall not wear outdoor boots in the classroom during the school day

## **Uniform Options for Boys**

- White or navy polo shirts long-sleeved or short-sleeved with or without school logo
  - All shirts must be tucked into pants or shorts
- White oxford long-sleeved dress shirt
  - Shall only be worn on Mass days
  - Must be tucked into pants
  - Must be worn with navy or plaid #57 necktie or bowtie
- Navy cardigans, navy pull-over sweaters, navy sweater vests, or navy sweatshirts with logo
  - Shall be worn over the top of white or navy polos
  - School logo required on all sweaters and sweatshirts
  - Sweatshirts may be worn over a white undershirt; however, the undershirt shall not be worn alone
- Khaki or navy uniform slacks
  - Belts are encouraged but not required
- Khaki or navy uniform shorts
  - Shorts shall be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
  - Shorts shall not be worn in Church
  - Belts are encouraged but not required
- Navy or white socks
- Navy or plaid #57 necktie or bowtie
  - Shall only be worn with white oxford on Church days
- Students shall not wear flip-flops
- Students shall not wear outdoor boots in the classroom during the school day

## **“Spirit Wear” Days**

- Students have the option of wearing clothing with the school logo, or clothing created for a school event (i.e. school marathon shirts)
- Students wearing a spirit wear shirt or sweatshirt may wear jeans, if desired
- Students shall not wear ripped or frayed clothing
- All shorts shall be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- Students not in spirit wear must wear their uniform; this is not an out of uniform day
- Students shall not wear high-heeled shoes, platforms, or flip-flops
- Students shall not wear outdoor boots in the classroom during the school day

## **“Out of Uniform” Days and Preschool Guidelines**

- Students shall not wear ripped or frayed clothing
- All shorts, skirts, or dresses shall be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee
- Students shall not wear strapless or spaghetti straps
- Students shall not wear high-heeled shoes, platforms, or flip-flops
- Students shall not wear outdoor boots in the classroom during the school day