

UNIFORM POLICY

Effective August 30, 2021

School uniforms are integral to the mission and purpose of Catholic Education. Our uniform policy is designed to follow the Church's teachings on humility. Uniforms serve to offer equality, discipline, and cost-effectiveness for our STM community. Uniforms show us that we are equal persons created in the image of God. They instill a mutual respect among students and teachers by eliminating unnecessary distractors. Research shows that students who wear uniforms tend to develop stronger self-discipline and experience less peer pressure.

All uniform items are required to be purchased through the FlynnO'Hara Uniform Company or the Used Uniform Sale at St. Thomas More School.

- Valley Plaza Shopping Center, 1876 Catasauqua Road, Allentown, PA 18103; 610-231-3788; www.flynnohara.com; or the main store in Philadelphia, 215-637-4600 or 800-441-4122.
- **STM track jackets and pants are only available by pre-ordering through the STM Bookstore online.** Uniforms may be ordered online.
- **Gym T-shirts and shorts are sold from the Bookstore and are "in stock".**

Kindergarten

A school uniform is **NOT** worn in Kindergarten. Appropriate clothing should be worn. Sneakers and school-issued gym shirts **ARE REQUIRED** to be worn on gym days.

Girls and Boys may wear polo shirts on Mass days. If a student has gym class on Mass days, they may wear their track uniforms to mass.

GIRLS Grades 1-5

- Jumpers or skorts must hang no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- Plaid jumper with Peter Pan collar blouse (short or long sleeve) or white oxford (short or long sleeve)
- Skort, khaki uniform pants or khaki shorts (Aug-Oct, Mar-Jun) with STM polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- STM black cardigan and our STM track jacket are the only acceptable outer-garments that may be worn during school hours in the school building.
- Solid black tights, leggings with black socks covering the ankle or black shorts are to be worn underneath jumpers
- Black knee-hi socks (with jumper or skort) or black over-the-ankle socks (with pants or shorts)

GIRLS Grades 6-8

- Skirts must hang no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. **Skorts are no longer permitted in grades 6-8.**
- Plaid skirt, khaki uniform pants or shorts (Aug-Oct, Mar-Jun)
- White oxford (short or long sleeve) or STM polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- STM black V-Neck sweaters or STM jackets are the only acceptable outer-garments that may be worn during school hours in the school building.

- Solid black tights, leggings with black socks covering the ankle or black shorts are to be worn underneath skirts
- Black knee-hi socks (with skirt) or black over-the-ankle socks (with pants or shorts)

BOYS Grades 1-8

- Khaki pants or khaki shorts (Aug-Oct, Mar-Jun)
- White STM polo shirt (short or long sleeve)
- STM V-neck sweaters or STM track jackets are the only acceptable outer-garments that may be worn during school hours in the school building.
- Black over-the-ankle socks (with pants or shorts)

Shoes for both boys and girls:

Solid brown or black shoes (that do not go above the ankle) are the only shoes that are permitted. White soles are acceptable, but visible logos on the shoes are not. Shoes sold at Flynn & O'Hara are permitted. Moccasins, slippers, any fur-lined shoes, shiny/glittery/patterned shoelaces are not appropriate school attire and are not permitted.

- **Hair:**
 - Colored, bleached, and dyed hair is not permitted; highlights are permitted if coloring consists of natural hair colors. Unnatural hair colors (pink, blue, green, purple, etc.) are not permitted.
 - Extreme hairstyles, as determined by administration, are not permitted.
 - To instill a professional image, boys need to have ears showing and the back of hair off the collar. Students may not have beards, facial hair, or sideburns. Bangs may not touch the eyes. Spiking of hair is not permitted.
 - STM plaid and STM colors (red, black, white) scrunchies, headbands, elastic headbands are permitted.
- **Make-up:**
 - Make-up is not permitted.
 - Nail polish is not permitted.
 - Students will be sent to the nurse to remove makeup or nail polish, privately.
- **Jewelry:**
 - Only jewelry permitted is a religious medal on a chain.
 - Earrings need to be stud style and only one per ear.

Gym Uniform Policy

Students in Grades 1-8 will wear their gym uniforms to school on Gym Days (even if it is a Mass day, but students must wear track pants to mass - no shorts).

Kindergarten

- Students must wear sneakers and their STM t-shirt.

Grades 1-8; Boys and Girls

- STM gym T-shirt
- STM gym shorts (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee)
- Solid red, white, or black crewneck sweatshirt

- Solid red, white, or black sweatpants (not spandex running pants, leggings or yoga pants)
- “Used uniform” STM red or white crewneck sweatshirt
- “Used uniform” STM red or white sweatpants
- STM track jacket (any color or style)
- STM track pants (any color or style)
- Solid black or red track pants (white, black or red stripes down the side are permitted)
- STM spirit wear is permitted, but STM team logo attire is not permitted.

NOTE: Sweatpants or track pants MUST be worn throughout the school day over gym shorts during the winter months.