

#### **IV. Dress Code**

The Catholic code of modest dress, and the understanding of our human dignity, should guide the choice of clothes and the way they are worn. The dress code is designed to ensure uniformity of acceptable dress and show respect for others and self. These guidelines will assist parents/guardians and children in the choice of appropriate clothing for school days.

Students should come to school in uniforms that are clean, fit appropriately, and follow the dress code guidelines. Student dress must always be conducive to a safe, healthy, non-disruptive learning environment. Parents are encouraged to be aware of these guidelines and see that their children dress accordingly. Teachers will notify the principal of those students who are out of dress code; if deemed necessary, the principal will notify parents. Additional non-listed issues are left up to the discretion of the principal. The final decision regarding the dress code rests with the principal.

A lost and found clothing area is maintained. Students and parents should check it often for missing items.

Dress Down Days may occur occasionally throughout the school year. Dates and guidelines for what to wear will be announced via Tiger Tales, classroom newsletters, and morning school announcements.

#### **Shirts**

- Students should wear a solid colored, collared polo shirt, long or short sleeved, with or without the St. Thomas School logo (no other company logos may be worn). No ruffles or other embellishments allowed.
  - Acceptable polo colors are:
    - Evergreen, Maize, and Ice Pink – these colors must be purchased through Lands' End only; please use preferred school code of 900137209.
    - Navy blue, light blue, and white – these colors may be purchased through any retailer offering school uniforms.
  - Polo shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- An Evergreen polo from Lands' End with the St. Thomas School logo must be worn on Mass days and field trips.
- Students may wear a solid colored, long sleeved shirt under their polo shirt. These shirts may be navy, black or white. They may not have any visible logos.
- Any St. Thomas Catholic School or High School of St. Thomas More “spirit wear” shirt/sweatshirt or school event shirt/sweatshirt (Jump Rope for Heart, Summer Camp, Schumacher Shuffle, etc.) may be worn on the first school day of each week. These t-shirts and sweatshirts can be purchased throughout the school year.

#### **Pants / Shorts**

- Students must wear navy or khaki pants or shorts, or blue denim jeans. Material may be solid twill, cotton blend, or corduroy. Navy and khaki pants may not be jean style.
- Students may wear khaki or navy pants or shorts on Mass days.

- No rhinestones, gems, cargo pockets, painter pants, holes, rips, or frays allowed.
- No jeggings or pants with elastic bands at the ankle allowed.
- Belts must be worn with pants or shorts having belt loops in grades 4-8.
- Shorts and capri pants may be worn August, September, April, and May. This time period may be extended at the discretion of the principal.
- Shorts length should be a minimum of the student's fingertips when arms are down.

### **Jumpers / Skirts / Polo Dresses**

- Girls may wear navy or khaki jumpers or skirts. Material may be solid twill, cotton blend, or corduroy.
- Girls may wear polo dresses in the same acceptable colors as polo shirts.
- Girls may wear khaki or navy pants, shorts, or skirts on Mass days.
- Girls may wear Evergreen polo dresses from Lands' End with the St. Thomas school logo on Mass days. This is the only acceptable polo dress on Mass days.
- Skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses must be solid in color without designs, embellishments, ruffles, or cargo pockets.
- Shorts and skirt lengths should be a minimum of the student's fingertips when arms are down.

### **Shoes / Socks / Tights**

- No sandals, flip flops, open-toed shoes, or shoes without backs may be worn.
- Shoes with laces must be tied; mismatched laces are not allowed.
- Boots are not to be worn during the school day.
- Socks must be of matching color. Socks are to be worn at all times. On Mass days, socks must be solid colored and may only be black, gray, white, or navy in color.
- Leg warmers are not allowed.
- Shoes must be of matching color and worn at all times.
- Students must have tennis shoes for PE and indoor recess. These do not need to be a different pair of shoes, if tennis shoes are worn for the entire school day.
- Tights and leggings must be solid colored. Leggings must be ankle-length.
  - Acceptable tights/leggings colors are:
    - black, gray, white, and navy
- Tights and leggings may not be worn alone as pants.

### **Mass Day Attire**

#### **BOYS:**

- Evergreen polo from Lands' End with the St. Thomas School logo
- Khaki or navy pants or shorts
- Socks must be solid colored and may only be black, gray, white, or navy in color

#### **GIRLS:**

- Evergreen polo from Lands' End with the St. Thomas School logo
- Khaki or navy pants, shorts, or skirts OR Evergreen polo dress from Lands' End with the St. Thomas School logo

- Khaki or navy jumper may be worn over the Evergreen polo from Lands' End with the St. Thomas School logo
- Socks must be solid colored and may only be black, gray, white, or navy in color
- Tights and leggings must be solid colored. Leggings must be ankle-length.
  - Acceptable tights/leggings colors are:
    - Black, gray, white, and navy

### **Spirit Wear Day Attire (first school day of each week)**

- Any St. Thomas Catholic School or High School of St. Thomas More “spirit wear” shirt/sweatshirt or school event shirt/sweatshirt (Jump Rope for Heart, Summer Camp, Schumacher Shuffle, etc.)
- Jeans; khaki or navy pants or shorts
- Girls may wear khaki or navy skirts

### **Other Items**

- Girls may wear a single stud earring in each ear. Boys are prohibited from wearing earrings. No other jewelry may be worn by students unless it is of a religious or medical nature.
- Nail polish should be well-maintained and one color; girls in grades 6, 7, and 8 may wear black or brown mascara and clear lip gloss.
- Hairstyles must be conservative and of natural color and style; boys' hair should be no longer than the eyebrow in front, ear lobe on the sides, and the top of the collar in the back. Artificial hair coloring and highlighting are not allowed.
- Tattoos, real or otherwise, are not allowed on students attending St. Thomas School or St. Thomas activities.
- Good personal hygiene, neatness, and cleanliness are required.
- Students may not wear hats in the school building.
- St. Thomas School “spirit wear” hooded sweatshirts are the only hooded sweatshirts allowed and may only be worn on Spirit Days.
- In the classroom for an extra layer of warmth over the approved polo shirt, students may only wear:
  - Evergreen full or half-zip fleece with the St. Thomas School logo purchased through Lands' End. School-approved Evergreen fleeces purchased through Lands' End or St. Thomas School in previous years are acceptable.
- For recess, any coat or jacket is sufficient.
- Students may be asked to cease wearing any item that causes a disruption to the learning environment.
- The final decision regarding the dress code rests with the principal.