

## UNIFORM DRESS CODE

St. Therese Catholic School is a Regional Diocesan Catholic school. Emphasis is placed on education in the academic, spiritual and emotional domains. The uniform for students in grades K-8 is established to support a commitment to simplicity, neatness, modesty, and lack of competition in the areas of dress. It is expected that children dress according to our standards of safety, modesty and decency.

Uniforms must fit properly and be worn appropriately each day. Students who are not in proper uniform will be asked to contact parents/guardians to acquire proper uniform clothing, or borrow uniform clothing from office if available. Repeated incidents will constitute "Willful Disobedience" and students will receive a consequence

Please mark all clothing, sneakers, mittens, and coats with students' names. It is important that all students adhere to the school's conservative policy on dress and the following items are not permitted: make-up, nail polish, hair coloring or inappropriate or excessive jewelry. If anyone is not certain about the appropriateness or acceptability of their child's appearance or whether their child displays simplicity or modesty, the principal should be consulted before spending money in those areas. Not doing so may result in unnecessary extra expense.

Any exceptions are at the discretion of the principal. Approved uniform vendors are included in this handbook. It is parents'/guardians' responsibility to insure that their children comply with the uniform dress code policy at all times.

The uniform standard at St. Therese Catholic School is also intended to foster an environment that lends itself to serious study and interaction, and to dignify both the student and the school. Students are to appear neat, clean, and well groomed at all times while on campus and any time the student is wearing their uniform regardless of the time of day. Clothing must be appropriate to the occasion and in good repair free from holes, tears, or other damage. All articles of clothing not included in the Uniform Dress Code are prohibited. The uniform must be worn properly any time a student is on campus. Please call the school if you have questions about the uniform. Clothes should be comfortable and loose-fitting.



### Two Separate Types of Uniforms Required: A Formal Mass Uniform and a School Uniform

**FORMAL MASS UNIFORM BOYS:** KINDERGARTEN thru TWELFTH GRADE: **SHIRT:** White oxford shirt (Wrinkle Free) with all buttons buttoned and tucked in. **SLACKS:** Khaki or navy dress slacks. **BELT:** black belt **SHOES:** Black dress shoes or black casual shoes with a closed toe need to be worn in the church. **TIE:** ALL boys must wear a navy or red tie.  
(No jeans or shorts, no polo shirts and no tennis shoes are allowed in the church)

**WINTER:** Students can wear a cardigan sweater or vest (navy or red) in Mass. "Hoodies" and sweatshirts are NOT allowed in church nor allowed in any classroom.

*The appropriate shoes need to be worn to Mass and then students can change to a more comfortable, informal shoe for school. Tennis shoes are not considered formal and not considered part of a formal uniform.*

**FORMAL MASS UNIFORM GIRLS:** KINDERGARTEN THRU FIFTH GRADE: BLOUSE: White “Peter Pan” blouse or white oxford blouse with collar, long or short sleeve **DRESS/SKIRT-Knee Length:** “Wilson plaid” jumper or skirt MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL: **BLOUSE:** White blouse or white oxford blouse (Wrinkle free) with collar, long or short sleeve **SKIRT Knee length:** navy skirt. ALL GIRLS: **TIGHTS & SOCKS -without lace or print:** Solid colored, long knee-high socks or tights (navy or white) must be worn in church. No ankle socks or athletic wear such as “leggings” or yoga pants are allowed for Mass. No jeans or shorts, no polo shirts and no tennis shoes are allowed in church. **SHOES:** Black dress shoes or casual shoes (no heel) must be closed at the toe and heel.

### **Regular School Uniform: Non-Mass Days**

**WHITE OXFORD CLOTH SHIRT:** long or short sleeve with button-down collar. The shirt must be tucked into the pants or shorts neatly and at all times. T-Shirts or camisoles worn under the shirt must be a solid white, without patterns or writing. T-shirt sleeves must not extend beyond uniform shirt sleeves.

**PANTS OR SHORTS:** Kaki or Navy Blue flat front slacks. *Cargo pants or cargo shorts and jeans are not allowed.* Shorts must be hemmed to the knee. For those students needing extra length for shorts, we suggest purchasing pants and having the pants hemmed appropriately to comply with the “hemmed to the knee” standard.

**SKIRTS, SKORTS or JUMPERS:** “Wilson Plaid” skirts, “Wilson Plaid” Jumpers, navy blue, or khaki skirts must be hemmed to the knee and **loosely fitting.** Girls must wear shorts under jumpers and skirts at all times. Skirts and skorts must be worn appropriately at waist and adhere to knee length.

Clothing should not be overly tight or revealing. No “Skinny denim/pants or denim shorts allowed.

**POLO SHIRTS:** in white, navy blue or red, either long or short sleeves with embroidered St. Therese Catholic School Crest or Logo. T-Shirts or camisoles worn under a uniform polo shirt must be tucked in.

**SHOES:** must be closed at the toe and heel. Unacceptable footwear includes: sandals, slippers, moccasins, boots, Uggs, or flip flops. Acceptable footwear includes: Vans, Toms, flats, athletic shoes, and dress shoes. The principal or designee has the final decision on all acceptable footwear.

**TIES:** when worn must be predominantly blue, red, or Wilson Plaid.

**BELT:** required, solid black or solid brown with a standard buckle. Belts must be worn through the belt loops of the pants or shorts.

**SOCKS:** are required and can be ankle, crew, or calf-length. Ankle, crew, or calf-length socks may be any solid color, as long as they are appropriate to the academic setting; for example, neon colors would not be considered appropriate. Knee-length socks are to be solid navy, red or white only with no pattern. Girls who elect to wear tights or leggings under their skirts may wear solid navy, red, or white only with no pattern.



**NAVY, RED, or WHITE SWEATER VESTS, CARDIGAN SWEATERS, V NECK SWEATERS, OR ZIPPERED FLEECE JACKETS:** with St. Therese Catholic School Crest or Logo. A uniform shirt must be worn under uniform sweaters or fleece jackets at all times and must be clearly visible. No other fleece jackets, no sweatshirts, no hoodies and no coats or coverings may be worn in class during school hours.

**Non-Uniform Days:** Non-uniform days may be approved on rare occasions as a reward for participation in a school fundraiser or other activity. Attire must be modest and appropriate to the academic setting. No tank tops, short skirts, short shorts, torn clothing, inappropriate logos, hats, etc. Standard shoe policy must be followed (closed heel and toe, no sandals, no flip flops, no boots, no high heels, no Uggs, etc.). Sweatpants, yoga pants, or leggings alone are never permitted. Personal grooming standards must be followed. Clothes should be comfortable and loose-fitting. Clothing should not be overly tight or revealing. No "Skinny jeans/pants or shorts allowed.