

Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic School Uniform Holiday Guidelines

Casual or dress clothing may be worn but must be appropriate for school. If there is a question as to whether an item of clothing meets the guidelines, please ask in advance or send a compliant alternative with the student to avoid the office contacting a parent or guardian to bring proper attire.

Examples of inappropriate clothing for school includes, but is not limited to:

- No clothing with lewd printed material.
- No shoes without socks.
- No open toes shoes or open heel shoes including, but not limited to: sandals, flip flops, or crocs.
- No boots indoors: fashion, cowboy, or outdoor.
- No sleeveless shirts or blouses.
- No halter or tube tops.
- No clothing with a bare midriff.
- No clothing made of a sheer material.
- No torn, ripped, frayed bottom, or cut off shorts, pants, or jeans.
- No writing on the back or seat of shorts or pants.
- No shorts or skorts above mid-thigh length.
- No skirts above knee length.
- No leggings or jeggings worn as the primary lower article of clothing. They may be worn as a layer under skirts, dresses, shorts, or skorts.

Examples of appropriate clothing for school includes, but is not limited to:

- Jeans, sweatpants, t shirts, sweatshirts
- Shorts (between April 1-October 31), skirts, skorts, athletic pants

Uniform Violations

All students and parents/guardians are expected to know and to comply with the Uniform Guidelines without exception. If there is a question as to whether an item of clothing meets the uniform code, please ask in advance or send a compliant alternative with the student to avoid the office contacting a parent or guardian to bring proper attire.

Every attempt will be made to handle uniform violations in a manner that balances the need for justice to all by consistent enforcement of the uniform code with sensitivity to the student's modesty and emotional dignity while addressing the code violation.

Each teacher will be responsible for seeing that his/her students are wearing proper uniforms. Violations will be handled immediately. Violations will be noted and submitted to the school office each morning and afternoon. If a uniform guideline is broken, the student will be given a violation slip. The violation slip must be returned to school with a parent or guardian signature acknowledging the violation. In cases of inappropriate attire, parents or guardians will be contacted to bring proper attire.