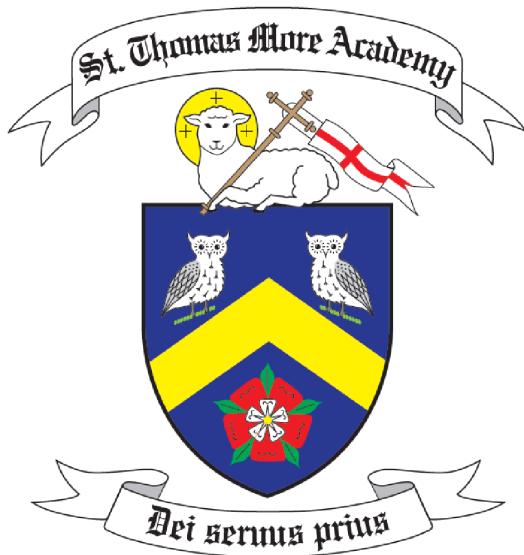


# St. Thomas More Academy Uniform Guidelines

## 2022-2023



### Principles

The St. Thomas More Academy uniforms are designed to promote the principles of modesty and dignity. The dress code was created with the goal of providing a learning environment free of distractions, enabling all of our students to work and play freely. Students should also keep in mind that they will be attending Holy Mass every day and should dress with proper respect accordingly.

### Provider

We have contracted with Lands' End to be our primary uniform provider. All items (**except** the girls' jumpers and skirts) can be purchased through Lands' End, and items with the St. Thomas More Academy logo can only be purchased there. The STMA page can be located on the uniform section of the Lands' End website by searching for the school's name (**St. Thomas More Academy, South Bend**) or number (**900194267**).

By purchasing through Land's End, you will enable STMA to receive a 3% reimbursement on all purchases. They also offer generous sales during the

back-to-school season. However, many required items can also be bought elsewhere. We do NOT recommend purchasing shoes from Lands' End, as parents have not found them sufficiently durable. As Lands' End has experienced supply-chain issues in the past year, we recommend making your orders at least *eight weeks* prior to the start of school. Questions about purchasing uniforms can be directed to Margaret Doran, [margaret.doran@gmail.com](mailto:margaret.doran@gmail.com).

*A note on shirts: it is our goal to only use shirts with logos for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond. For next year (2022-2023), plain shirts will continue to be allowed, so families can make use of what they already own. We ask, however, that families buy logo shirts when replacing existing items, in preparation for the following year. (The only exception continues to be girls wearing jumpers, where a logo would not be visible.)*

## **Elementary School Girls (K-5)**

**Jumpers:** French Toast Pleated V-Neck Plaid Jumper in “blue gold plaid”. This can be purchased from the French Toast website and is also available on Amazon or Walmart.com.

**Pants:** Navy blue full-length chino trousers, no “skinny-leg” styles.

**Shorts:** Navy blue chino shorts, no excessively short or long styles. Shorts may be worn in August, September, May, and June.

**Belts:** Girls wearing pants or shorts must wear a brown, navy, or black belt. Kindergarteners are excused from this requirement.

**Shirts:** White or gray polo shirts, in short or long sleeves. If worn with pants or shorts, a shirt with the STMA logo (available from Land's End) is strongly encouraged and will be required starting in Fall 2023. (The logo is not visible when worn under a jumper and is therefore unnecessary.) Shirts should be tucked in.

**Tights/leggings/socks:** Crew or knee-length socks in navy, black, or white may be worn. Navy, black, or white tights may be worn in colder months. Navy or black leggings may be worn under a jumper but never as pants.

**Cardigan:** This item is optional, but if you would like to purchase one, it must be the Lands' End "Girls Cotton Modal Cardigan Sweater" in pewter heather and must have the school logo.

**Shoes:** Navy, brown, or black leather shoes, in either a Mary Jane or lace-up style. Slip-on leather loafers are also acceptable, as are solid black sneakers. Shoes should be comfortable enough to enable play during gym time and recess. In snow students must wear boots and then change into their school shoes inside.

**Hair/Makeup/Jewelry:** Hair should be neat and kept out of the face. Hair should not be dyed unnatural colors. Bows/scrunchies/headbands in black, white, gray, or navy may be worn. No makeup should be worn. Girls can wear one set of plain stud earrings, a wristwatch, and a cross or medal around the neck. No other jewelry may be worn.

### **Middle School Girls (grades 6-8)**

**Skirts:** In place of the jumpers worn by the younger girls, middle-school girls may wear the French Toast brand "plaid pleated skirt" or "plaid two-tab skort" in the school plaid (blue/gold). The "plaid below the knee skirt" is also acceptable. These items are available on the French Toast website, Amazon, or Walmart.com

**Pants:** same as elementary school, above

**Shorts:** same as elementary school, above

**Belts:** If wearing pants or shorts, a black, brown, or navy belt must be worn.

**Shirts:** White or French blue oxford button-down shirts, either long-sleeve or short-sleeve, available from Lands' End. Shirts may be purchased elsewhere. Shirts with logos are strongly encouraged, and will be required beginning in Fall 2023.

**Ties (optional):** Lands' End girls cross tie in navy. This item is optional for middle and high school.

**Tights/leggings/socks:** same as elementary school, above

**Cardigan:** same as elementary school, above

**Shoes:** same as above

**Hair/Makeup/Jewelry:** same as above

**High School Girls (9-10):**

**Skirts:** Lands' End "girls solid box pleat skirt below the knee" or "solid pleated skirt below the knee" in navy.

**Pants:** same as above

**Shorts:** same as above

**Belts:** If wearing pants or shorts, a black, brown, or navy belt must be worn.

**Shirts:** White or French blue oxford button-down shirts, either long-sleeve or short-sleeve, available from Lands' End. Shirts may be purchased elsewhere. Shirts with logos are strongly encouraged, and will be required beginning in Fall 2023.

**Cardigan:** same as middle school, above

**Ties (optional):** Lands' End girls cross tie in navy. This item is optional for middle and high school.

**Blazer (optional):** Girl's hopsack blazer in slate gray from Lands End, logo required. This item is optional for high school.

**Tights/leggings/socks:** High school girls may wear any of the options permitted for elementary and middle school. They may also wear pantyhose in place of tights.

**Shoes:** High school girls may wear any of the options permitted for elementary and middle school. They may also wear ballerina-style flats in navy, brown, or black.

**Hair/Makeup/Jewelry:** Hair should be neat and kept out of the face. Hair should not be dyed unnatural colors. Bows/scrunchies/headbands in black, white, gray, or navy may be worn. High school girls may wear foundation, lip gloss, and clear nail polish, but no other makeup. Girls may wear one set of plain stud earrings, a wristwatch, and a cross or medal around the neck. No other jewelry may be worn.

## **Elementary School Boys (K-5)**

**Pants:** Navy blue full-length chino trousers.

**Shorts:** Navy blue chino shorts, no excessively short or long styles. Shorts may be worn in August, September, May, and June.

**Shirts:** White or gray polo shirts, in short or long sleeves. White button-down shirts may also be worn. A shirt with the STMA logo (available from Lands' End) is strongly encouraged, and will be required beginning in Fall 2023. Shirts should be neatly tucked in.

**Socks:** White or black plain crew-length socks.

**Sweater:** This item is optional, but if you would like to purchase one, it must be the Lands' End "Boys Cotton Modal Fine Gauge V-Neck Sweater" in pewter heather and must have the school logo.

**Shoes:** Brown or black leather lace-up shoes, slip-on loafers, or black sneakers. Shoes should be comfortable enough to enable play during gym time and recess. In snow, students must wear boots and then change into their school shoes inside.

**Hair/Jewelry:** Hair should be short, neat, and of a natural color. Boys may wear a wristwatch and a cross or medal around the neck, but no other jewelry.

**Belt:** A brown or black leather belt must be worn. Kindergarteners are excused from this requirement.

## **Middle School Boys (grades 6-8)**

**Pants:** same as above

**Shorts:** same as above

**Shirts:** White or French blue oxford button-down shirts, either long-sleeve or short-sleeve, available from Lands' End. Shirts may be purchased elsewhere. A shirt with the STMA logo (available from Lands' End) is strongly encouraged and will be required beginning in Fall 2023. Shirts should be neatly tucked in.

**Tie:** Lands' End school uniform “striped to be tied” tie in navy/gold. This item is required for middle school.

**Socks:** same as above

**Sweater:** same as above

**Shoes:** same as above

**Hair/Jewelry:** same as above

**Belt:** A black or brown leather belt is required for middle school.

### **High school boys (grades 9-10)**

**Pants:** same as above

**Shorts:** same as above

**Shirts:** White or French blue oxford button-down shirts, either long-sleeve or short-sleeve, available from Lands' End. Shirts may be purchased elsewhere. A shirt with the STMA logo (available from Lands' End) is strongly encouraged and will be required beginning in Fall 2023. Shirts should be neatly tucked in.

**Sweater:** same as middle school, above

**Tie:** Lands' End school uniform “striped to be tied” tie in navy/gold. This item is required for high school.

**Blazer (optional):** Boys' hopsack blazer in slate gray from Lands' End, logo required. This item is optional for high school.

**Socks:** same as above

**Shoes:** same as above

**Hair/Jewelry:** same as above

**Belt:** A black or brown leather belt is required for high school.

**Gym days (all grades):** We do not have facilities for changing for gym class in our current location. Grades K-11 should come dressed for gym on their scheduled gym day, which will be announced prior to the start of school. On gym day, students should wear sneakers, athletic shorts or pants in a solid dark color, and an STMA spirit wear T-shirt or sweatshirt, available in the “store” section of the STMA website.

**Inclement Weather (K-8):** Children will play outside if the temperature is above 15 degrees (*this cutoff may change at the discretion of the head of school*). Children should bring jackets/coats for cold weather, and boots/snow pants if there is snow on the ground. They will not be allowed to participate in recess if they are not dressed appropriately. On the other hand, students may not deliberately neglect to bring their winter gear simply because they prefer to stay indoors.

“Run, jump, shout, but do not sin.” St. John Bosco