

St. Teresa of Calcutta School - Frequently Asked Questions

? What time does school start and end?

- School starts at 7:55am with prayer in the annex. Anyone after 8am is considered tardy.
- Our dismissal time for PK3/PK4 and Kindergarten is at 2:00pm.
- Dismissal for grades 1-3 will be at 2:15pm
- Dismissal for grades 4-8 will be at 2:30.
- Early Release Days at 11am

? Are before- or after-school programs available?

- AM Care: 6:30 am – 7:30 am Cost is \$6.00 per hour or any part of an hour for each child
- PM Care: 2:30pm – 5:30 pm Cost is \$6.00 per hour or any part of an hour for each child

? What are the lunch options, and can my child bring lunch from home?

- Breakfast and lunch is available daily to every student in the New Bedford Public Schools, as well as Saint Teresa of Calcutta School, at no charge.
- Students who do not wish to order the lunch option from New Bedford Public School are free to bring their lunch from home. Please note no items with nuts or tree nuts are allowed. Lunches are not able to be heated up. **Students are required to bring their own lunch "accessories" - napkins, spoons, forks, straws, etc.**

? What is the attendance policy?

- In order that a student receives full credit for a year's work, regular attendance is necessary. It is the parents' and the student's responsibility to assure that the student attends class every day. It is mandatory to notify the school that your child will be absent by 9:00 am either by phone or email to the teacher or main office. If a student is absent from class for three (3) or more consecutive days (excluding the weekend), a doctor's note (permit) is required for the student to be readmitted to school. Students will not be excused from participation in any class including physical education or dismissed early without a parent's note indicating the reason for the absence. Students who are absent from school are precluded from participating in extracurricular activities both after school and in the evening.

? Who do I contact if my child is going to be absent?

- Please contact the office by 9am or email principal, nurse and secretary.

? How can families get involved in the school community?

- Families can get involved in the school community in a variety of meaningful ways, such as:
 - Attend school events (open houses, performances, sporting events, and cultural nights).
 - Volunteer in classrooms or on field trips when possible.
 - Join school committees/parent groups
 - Chaperone or assist with fundraising to strengthen school programs and resources.
 - Offer skills and local connections (guest speakers, career talks, language/culture sharing).
- Any parents planning to have involvement within our school, including field trips, must submit to a CORI and training

? What is the dress code?

Pre-Kindergarten

Boys:

Maroon or Navy T-shirt (long or short)

Maroon or Navy gym shorts or pants

Maroon or Navy sweatshirt

Girls:

Maroon or Navy Blue Knit Dress with the official school logo.

Maroon or Navy T-shirt (long or short)

Maroon or Navy gym shorts or pants

Maroon or Navy sweatshirt

Outerwear: Navy or Maroon sweater

Footwear: Sneakers (PK ONLY) or black dress shoes (buckle or tie).

Hosiery: Navy Blue/White/Maroon knee socks. Tights are permitted during designated winter uniform dates.

There are three (3) dress codes that are allowed at Saint Teresa of Calcutta School. There is a summer, winter, and regular code.

Summer Dress Code (ALL STUDENTS Optional):

August through October 1st and sometime in May through June

All students are allowed to wear the following items:

- White, navy, or maroon polo shirt (short sleeve)
- Khaki dress shorts/skorts (no cargo shorts allowed)
- Sneakers
- White, Maroon, or Navy socks (no show socks are unacceptable)

Regular Dress Code (Required):

Girls in grades K - 5:

- School Jumper/Khaki Pants
- Modesty shorts for under jumper and skirt
- white buttoned down peter pan collar shirt or maroon, navy, or white polo
- white, navy blue, or maroon socks
- brown or black shoes (Sperry's are acceptable)

Girls in grades 6 - 8:

- School skirt/Khaki Pants
- Modesty shorts for under jumper and skirt
- white, navy, or maroon Polo
- white, navy or maroon knee socks
- brown or black shoes (Sperry's are acceptable)

Boys:

- white, navy, or maroon Polo
- Khaki dress slacks
- Belt
- brown or black shoes (Sperry's are acceptable)

Winter Dress Code (optional):

- Khaki dress slacks (girls)
- white, navy or maroon Polo long sleeve
- white, navy or maroon socks
- Brown or black shoes (Sperry's are acceptable)

Gym Clothes:

- Sneakers and School Gym Uniform
- For identification and safety purposes, school T-shirts or sweatshirts are to be worn.
- Sweatpants/sweat shorts: with logo gym uniform purchased through Donnelly's or Land's End.
- Sneakers are to be tied in the traditional manner.
- Maroon and blue

CLARIFICATION

- Polo shirts do not need logos.
- Gym Uniform must be purchased through Donnelly's Uniform or Land's End
- Girl's plaid Jumper and plaid skirt must be purchased through Donnelly's

? How do I dismiss my child if they need to go to an appointment?

- Students will not be released from school during the school day without the written request of a parent or guardian. Parents should try to avoid scheduling dental or medical appointments for children during school hours. If a child is to leave the building other than at normal dismissal times, the parent, guardian or a responsible adult (indicated in writing by the parent or guardian) must call for him/her at the Principal's office to sign the child out. The names of those people who are allowed to pick up the child must be on the emergency forms. Picture identification may be required upon the request of the principal.

? What does the money for the dress down days support?

- Our monthly dress-down days are designed to support individual grade-level and classroom expenses.
 - Funds collected from monthly dress-down days are placed into an account designated for these expenses. When a teacher purchases approved items for their classroom, receipts are submitted to the school and the teacher is reimbursed from the funds raised through dress-down days.
 - These funds help provide teachers with additional resources and supplies to enhance the classroom experience for our students.
- Special Dress-Down Collections
 - Some dress-down days will have a special collection or charitable purpose rather than supporting classroom expenses.
 - These may include:
 - Food drives
 - Veterans' causes
 - Charitable organizations
 - Community service initiatives
 - Other special school-sponsored collections
- When a dress-down day is designated for a special collection, families will be informed of the specific purpose and how the collected items or funds will be used