

Uniform Update: As you may or may not be aware, a number of families who ordered uniform pieces through School Uniforms by Tommy Hilfiger this summer have faced significant delays in receiving their merchandise. A few families have had to make alternative arrangements in order to be uniformed for the first day of school as a result.

Last year, after we faced repeated delays from SUTH, we had serious conversations with them about the causes of the delays and the changes that they were making as a company to rectify the problems. Given the action steps they were taking, we decided to give them one more chance partly because of the difficulty for families involved in changing uniform providers. The continued difficulties we have experienced with their customer service are such that we will not maintain a long term relationship with Tommy Hilfiger uniforms.

That said, we are beginning the process of looking for a new primary uniform provider. This process will take time, but our goal is to have decisions made no later than Christmas break of this year. All Tommy Hilfiger items can be worn this year and next. Also, you may have noticed that at the end of last year, we extended the grandfathering of Lands End items into this year as well. The full plan for uniforms and uniform providers will be provided to you once we are able to do our research.

The Oaks' uniform policy has been a blessing to families at The Oaks for many years and has furthered our goals of fostering a sense of unity among the students, providing a consistently attractive and neat appearance for all students, and avoiding peer pressure in matters of dress. Though the switch to Tommy Hilfiger has not accomplished what we had hoped it would, we are prayerfully confident that the Lord will give us wisdom about the best course to take moving forward. Please pray to that end!