



Upcoming Uniform Policy Changes

As we approach the celebration of our 25th year as a school, we have much to be thankful for regarding the heritage and traditions that have been established for our school. Anniversaries can be good occasions for looking back in thankfulness and looking forward in anticipation. To that end, we want to inform you about some changes that will be upcoming to our uniform policy.

As we hone our school identity, one of the means for doing so is our school uniform. Moving into the next season of our school life, we desire to further unify our school body by increasing the consistency of our uniform for all grades, kindergarten through twelfth. Our original intent had been to make this change for the 2020-21 school year; however, due to the effects of the pandemic, we have decided to take a more phased-in approach to this change. Nonetheless, we want to give you a picture of these changes so that you can be planning your clothing purchases appropriately.

Beginning in the **fall of 2021**, we plan to have all of our students wearing the same plaid (ties for gentlemen, jumpers and skirts for ladies) and same-colored slacks for **formal uniform**. This means that jumpers, skirts, and ties will be changing for 2021-22 and that boys' formal pants will also change for grades K-8. There will be a couple of less significant changes to the 2020-21 formal uniform. The guidelines for the upcoming school year will be sent to you by May 18th. The Student/Parent Handbook and pictorial Uniform Handbook will be updated and available on the school website by June 1st.

Furthermore, we are going to also standardize the colors of our **everyday uniforms** for all grades. After considering pricing, appearance, longevity, and customer service, we have decided to use Land's End as our primary uniform provider while continuing to use Dennis for our navy sweater vests and sweaters as well as a few optional items.

More details will be forthcoming, but we wanted you to be aware of these changes as you consider uniforms for the coming school year. In order to ease the transition for our families, any uniform items which were a part of our uniform this year will be grandfathered in for the next two years for daily (non-formal) uniform days. The policy should allow families to get good use out of uniform items which have been previously purchased.

We look forward to sharing the complete uniform vision with you soon!

