

Dear Parent,

Over the past few weeks I have been receiving some feedback from parents in regards to the dress code printed in the Family Handbook. As you can imagine there are a number of varying opinions on this issue. I appreciate all of the information that has been provided thus far and have taken all of the comments to heart as I evaluate how to best move the school forward. I am taking all of this information under advisement and look forward to making my own observations of the uniform code now that the students have reported back to school.

In the meantime, I understand there still may be some confusion about what is and is not acceptable. As stated in the first paragraph of the Dress Code section of the Family Handbook, all uniform items that were worn by students in the 2008-2009 school year may be worn again this school year. Students may also wear any of the items that are part of the recently published dress code. The teachers were reminded of this at a general faculty meeting held before the start of school.

As of this moment the expectation is for the uniform code printed in the handbook to go into effect with the start of the 2010-2011 school year. In the coming weeks I will be meeting with Dennis Uniform, making my own observations, and reflecting on the input received by parents and teachers. Please be patient with me in the coming weeks regarding the uniform issue as I truly wish to make a well thought out final determination that not only respects the work done by the uniform committee but the feelings of those with additional concerns as well. Should it be decided that revisions to the printed dress code are necessitated, I will communicate those to you as quickly and clearly possible.

While waiting for a final determination, I encourage families to be cautious as they make purchases for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have uniform items from the previous school year, please continue to wear them until they no longer fit or are no longer in acceptable condition. If you are at a point where new uniform clothes are needed, your safest bet is to purchase new clothes that meet the newly printed dress code as those items will definitely be an option for the 2010-2011 school year regardless of any revisions that may be made. Of course, since we are honoring last year's dress code, you may choose for a variety of reasons to purchase new items that are in keeping with the dress code from last year. That is certainly acceptable; however, please note that some or all of those items may only be wearable at school for this current year.

Once again, I appreciate your patience and support.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Wood

