

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)--OLMC Uniform

What is our preferred number with Lands' End?

Our preferred number is 900134263.

Why did we get a new uniform in 2019-20?

I decided to move to a new uniform in 2019-20 because Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and School have adopted a new logo. Our new logoed items like the sweatshirt, the junior high fleeces, and the sweater vests will now reflect our new branding.

As I was preparing for the switch to Lands' End, I kept in mind the feedback OLMC parents gave me last year through the Uniform survey I sent out through the Messages in fall of 2018. I wanted to especially keep in mind the financial aspect for parents, and I honored parent requests not to embroider our logo on any of the polo shirts, jumpers, skirts, shorts, or pants to keep the costs down. I am also allowing for an amnesty year so that the old logoed items (sweater vests, sweatshirts, and fleeces) can be worn for one more year. The non-logoed plaid items (skirts, jumpers, skorts) can be worn as long as I am principal.

Why Lands' End?

By partnering with Lands' End, we are able to use our SCRIP program and raise more money for the school since they give our school a 15% rebate when we make purchases with the Lands' End SCRIP card.

Do I have to buy all of the uniform items from Lands' End?

No, you do not; however, all of the logoed items must be purchased from Lands' End. This includes the long and short-sleeved sweater vests, sweatshirts, junior high fleeces, and P.E. uniform. Regardless of where you buy your non-logoed uniform items, every uniform purchase must match the dress code guidelines listed in the Family Policy Guide.

What are the rules regarding last year's uniform and our new Lands' End uniforms?

Our old plaid items such as jumpers, skirts, and skorts can be worn as long as I am principal because it matches the new plaid. In general, I am more interested in matching the plaid than the style; that is why different styles of jumpers and skirts can be worn simultaneously.

What is new about the uniform requirements for the 2019-20 year?

The only difference in the uniform requirements for the 2019-20 year is the P.E. uniform that grades 4-8 wear. Every uniform item from last year (except for P.E.) can be worn again this year as long as it is in good condition and fits the children properly. Guidelines for appropriate fit are listed in the Family Policy Guide. The non-logoed items such as the jumpers, skirts, and skorts and continue to be worn, but the uniform pieces with the old logo (sweatshirts, fleeces, sweater vests) will not be worn for the 2021-22 year and beyond.

What will be the new uniform rules for the 2020-21 year?

The original plan was to have this first year of 2019-20 be an amnesty year in which the students were permitted to wear the old OLMC logoed uniform items (vests, sweatshirts, fleeces). As we transition to the 2020-21 year, I am more than happy to extend this amnesty year so that the students would have another year to wear the old logoed uniform items. This way, parents will be able to save some money and not have to purchase new logoed material. I hope that this decision will somehow provide some financial relief for our families. All students must wear the new P.E. Uniform (grey logo shirt, navy shorts).

What will be the new uniform rules for the 2021-22 year?

Starting in August 2021, the old logoed items (old sweater vests, fleeces, sweatshirts) will not be allowed to be worn. All 4-8 students will wear the new Lands' End P.E. uniform. In August 2021, the only logoed uniform pieces that can be worn will have to come from Lands' End.

I noticed that there are some new items offered on the Lands' End dress code checklist. Are they necessary for purchase?

New items that are being introduced this year are not mandated, but they are offered to parents who might be interested in them. I took into consideration feedback from last year's parent uniform survey and therefore added optional items like new cardigans for K-3 girls, new long-sleeved sweater vests for K-3 boys, and new long-sleeved sweater vests for 4-8th grade students to keep the students warmer. The cardigans and the long-sleeve sweater vests will be logoed. Again, these are all optional purchases.

What is new about the P.E. uniform?

This new P.E. uniform will have a grey shirt embroidered with our new Church and school logo as well as navy shorts. This uniform must be purchased through Lands' End.

What are the rules on the P.E. uniform? Why did the P.E. uniform change?

Students in 4-8 grade change into P.E. uniforms for gym class. The new uniform was updated to reflect the most current Church/school logo, and the navy shorts reflect the navy color of our new logo. During the 2020-21 academic year, every 4-8th grader will be wearing the new P.E.

What about girls' skorts?

Unfortunately, Lands' End does not offer a skort in the same plaid that matches our school uniforms. However, if girls have kept their skorts from Risse Brothers and they are still in good condition, they are welcome to wear them until Sept. 30 and then again starting on May 1.

What are the rules about shorts and skorts?

Boys can wear navy shorts and girls can wear the old Risse skorts until September 30. The students can wear them once again starting May 1.

What are the optional purchases listed on the website?

The optional purchases consist of lunchboxes, drawstring P.E. bags, boys' belts, socks, girls' leggings, girls' tights. Because students are not required to wear the OLMC uniform sweatshirt, K-3 girls don't have to wear the cardigan, no student is required to wear the long-sleeve sweater vest, and the junior high students are not required to wear a fleece, all of these items are also optional purchases.

Why are optional purchases listed on the website?

There are two reasons I decided to add some optional school purchases:

1. Parents could take advantage of a "one-stop-shopping" opportunity through our Lands' End website. They can now purchase the necessary uniform items as well as the extras like belts, headbands, leggings, tights, socks, backpacks, P.E. bags, lunch boxes, etc. all at the same time and keep their purchases under one bill.

2. We can increase our SCRIP funds when we make additional purchases from our website. If parents are interested in these extra items and they buy it straight from our personalized website, then the school would get a 15% percentage back from these sales.

What will happen to uniform items that have the old logos on them?

Items embroidered with our old logo such as junior high fleeces, sweatshirts, sweater vests can be worn inclusively for the 2019-20 year. After this amnesty year is over, I would be interested in donating these logoed items to another Catholic school that would accept these items. I am looking for a few parents who would be able to help this year in researching such opportunities. If you are interested would be willing to be of assistance in this matter, please let me know.

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What about Used Uniform Sales?

The Used Uniform Sales will resume as usual, except that we will not be selling our old P.E. uniforms. However, non-logoed items such as white shirts, pants, jumpers, skirts, and skorts can still be sold at the same rate at the Uniform Sales as last year. These non-logoed items can continue to be worn for the 2020-21 academic year.

How can I be notified of sales?

Throughout the summer, Lands' End will be running many sales. Sign up here to receive these notifications:

<https://www.landsend.com/co/Newsletter>