

March 2019

Dear Saint Ann School Families,

This year a group of teachers and myself have been working on making revisions, updates, and additions to the parent-student handbook. During the conversations the topic of school uniforms was raised by the members of the committee. After consultation with various parents and staff the decision has been made to change our uniforms and uniform provider.

The key considerations when deciding to make the change were consistency, aligning with the colors of Saint Ann and The Church of Saint Ann, and cost to families.

We have selected Lands' End School Uniform to be the new Saint Ann School uniform vendor. Lands' End provides a more economical price point, allows the use of coupons and discounts on the uniforms, and also is already a part of the Scrip program. This means you can purchase Scrip cards and use them to buy uniforms. This will allow the PTA to collect the percentage that Lands' End gives back, 15%.

The most noticeable change will be the uniform colors. We will be going to burgundy and gray. The reason being red is the main color of Saint Ann and burgundy is the color of our parish, The Church of Saint Ann. I feel that as a parish school we represent the parish in every way and this includes something as small as the color of our uniform.

Another key change is the students in our preschool program will be required to wear uniforms this year and going forward. The feeling is that all students, regardless of grade and age, are members of the school as soon as they enter those doors each day.

As part of this process we will have a one-year grandfathering in of uniforms for the K-8. This means that for the 2019-2020 school year students in grades K-8 may continue to use the Flynn O'Hara blue shirt and khaki bottoms.

A representative from Land's End will be available for questions in the gym on March 28th from 2:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

Should you have any questions please reach out to me.

God Bless,

Salvatore Chiaravalloti
Principal