

To: Parents

From: Sr. Evelyn

RE: Changes to School Uniform, August, 2020

As many of you know, there will be a change to our school uniform beginning in August, 2020. This letter is to inform you of the reason for the change and to ensure that if you are buying items of the school uniform between now and the start of the new academic year that you are aware of the new requirements.

The change is being introduced to improve the current standard of uniform being worn by students in the school and to ensure that we have a cost effective, smart uniform that is a representation of our high standards we uphold. The red polo shirts will not change; however, the uniform bottoms will. Khaki will no longer be worn for the uniform bottoms. The new color will be navy blue, which will show much less dirt and stains. We will also introduce a plaid option in jumpers, skirts & skorts for the girls. Both navy blue and a plaid have been a part of Nazareth Academy's uniform in the past and are being brought back.

With our current uniform there is a wide interpretation of what constitutes acceptable school pants, shirts and skorts. There are many styles of shorts and pants and many shades of khaki. It is, therefore, one of our aims to eliminate this confusion. We hope that parents will appreciate the clarity over what is the correct uniform.

Our primary vendor for the school uniforms is the same as in the past, Melvins. While you will pay more for these uniform pieces, the quality ensures that the uniform will wash and wear well throughout the year. The prices at Melvins have not increased from previous years. You should only need to replace the uniform as your child outgrows it. However, we have heard your concern for a less expensive option. The other option that we are offering is for the navy shorts and pants. There are some available through Amazon (Classroom Uniform Style 5213N). See the Uniform and Personal Appearance flyer for more details.

Students will only wear uniforms for 4 days (Tues. – Fri.) if a spirit shirt is purchased. Students will be allowed to wear blue jeans and a spirit shirt on Spirit Day, which is Monday. So that is one less day that you will need a uniform.

In finishing out this school year, we will be having a "uniform swap" on Sat., Feb. 15, from 10:00 – 2:00. If your child has outgrown their khaki bottoms, we will have used ones available for you to swap, with no charge. We will also be selling the red polo shirts for \$3.00. We will continue to have used uniform sales each year before school starts. This year the August uniform sale will only have the shirts.

We hope the advance notice of this new requirement will enable you to plan your uniform purchases for the new academic year. Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in this matter and for your support for the standards we wish to uphold for our school.