

Dear Kennedy Family-

The purpose of the dress code is to provide a standard for our students that fosters an environment that is conducive to learning. It is extremely important that everyone follows our dress code to avoid unwanted and unnecessary pressure on other parents and staff. We have made some adjustments to our policy to give parents a few more options pertaining to dress code. Please review carefully our dress code for the **2018-19 school year**.

Preschool students are not required to wear a uniform.

Tops:

- Students must wear a Kennedy Logo red, white, or navy blue 3-button polo shirt (short or long sleeve). These are to be purchased through the Kennedy Eagles Nest. Kindergarten students will not be required to purchase logo shirts. Kindergarten students may wear solid red, white or navy 3-button polo shirts.
- Plain red, white, or navy turtlenecks may be worn with the uniform jumper, skirt, or pants. When wearing a turtleneck with uniform pants or skirts, a Kennedy Logo polo is to be worn over the turtleneck.
- **Solid color** red, white, or navy blue cardigan, crew neck, V-neck, or sweater vests may be worn in the winter months over the school polo shirt. ***New This Year***, students may wear a half zip pullover fleece, available through Lands End.
- Polo shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Bottoms:

- Navy blue or tan/khaki slacks/pants with no extra pockets or metal studs. (Hip huggers, low-rise and cargo styles are not acceptable).
- ***New This Year***, shorts season is extended to October 31 and will resume on April 1. Shorts are navy or tan/khaki and are to reach mid-thigh or longer. Absolutely **no cargo/carpenter Shorts**.
- Girls in Grades K-5 may wear a uniform jumper (Classic Navy Large Plaid) ordered through Lands End.
- ***New This Year***, all girls in grades **K-5 may wear a uniform skirt or skort** (Classic Navy Large Plaid) purchased through Lands End. There are several styles available. **Navy blue knit shorts should be worn under the skirt.** **Please note the "School Uniform Plaid Pleated Skort Top of Knee" style has knit shorts underneath.* Jumpers and skirts are to be mid-thigh or longer.
- Pants/shorts **may have elastic waists**, but if they have belt loops then students in grades 4 & 5 must wear a belt.

Shoes/Socks:

- Shoes: Tennis shoes or dress shoes are permitted. Reasonable colors are acceptable. Absolutely **no light up shoes**. Shoes with laces must be tied. Socks are to be worn at all times and must be visible above shoes. Slip-on shoes must have hard rubber soles. Girls wearing the uniform jumper, skirt, or shorts may wear red, white or navy socks. Girls have the option of wearing red, white or navy tights under their uniform. Navy leggings may be worn under the jumper or skirt during winter months
- NOT permitted: sandals, flip-flops, open-toed shoes, slides, slippers, backless shoes, Crocs, boots, heels.
- During the winter months, boots may be worn to school; however, students must change into regular shoes. Boots of any kind may not be worn during the school day.

Grooming:

- Hair should be neat and well-groomed and worn in an appropriate style for school. No extreme fad hairstyles including two tones, man-buns, man ponytails, mohawks/faux hawks, fades, or un-natural hair colors.
- Boys are to have haircuts above the collar and off the eyes. **No fad haircuts.**
- Girls are not to have faddish hair styles/trends.
- Excessive jewelry is not to be worn. Watches and a short thin chain with a cross or religious medal are permitted. No fad jewelry.
- Girls are permitted one or two small post earrings per ear. Boys are not permitted earrings.
- No tattoos; permanent or temporary.
- Makeup, nail polish and glitter are not permitted. Coats, jackets, sweatshirts, and hats are outside apparel and may not be worn in the classroom.

Physical education uniforms (K-5):

- Kennedy gym logo t-shirt and plain navy shorts or sweatpants. Kennedy gym logo shirts are available for purchase through the Eagles Nest.
- Children in K-5th grade are to wear gym uniforms on their designated gym day even if it is a Mass day.

Dress Down Days: Occasionally students will have the opportunity for dress down days. Sometimes these days are school-wide; other times, students may earn or purchase a “pass” to use at their discretion. Reminder that dress down passes may **NOT be used on Mass days** or field trips unless specifically instructed.

- Shirts must have appropriate writing/logos/images.
- No tank tops, midriffs, or low-cut shirts.
- Jeans: may be distressed from the mid-thigh down. No skin may show through the jeans above the knee. Holes below the knee should be a “slit” and not a gaping hole.

As always, administration has the final judgment on appropriate dress. Thank you for your support!