

ST. PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear families,

As described in the June Parent Newsletter, St. Paul will be switching to Tommy Hilfiger for our school uniform provider. The website is now live to order items. The link and coupon codes are below.

All **current students** will be grandfathered for one year. That is, appropriate uniforms from Lands' End and Dennis will be allowed for the next school year.

All **new students** must wear the new uniforms purchased from Tommy Hilfiger. Current students can purchase and wear the new uniforms as well as still purchase items from Dennis Uniforms for this coming year (our contract does not expire until next June), but those uniforms will *not* be acceptable come the fall of 2025.

As we close this school year, we recognize a need to return to a level of uniform compliance that reflects the values of our school, especially in this coming school year when the theme will be the St. Paul Core Value of Excellence. This is a perfect opportunity to make uniform compliance a point of emphasis for the coming year.

In recent years St. Paul has made some changes to the school uniform (like adding Vans as an acceptable shoe option) in hopes of motivating compliance. The results have been mixed. I want to review some key points.

- 1) Let's start with the shoes. The shoe policy will not change. Look on the school website under Student Life to find the slideshows which make it very clear which shoes are acceptable and which are not. If you have any questions, email me over the summer. If you have a medical condition that requires you to wear alternate footwear, please bring a doctor's note into the Health Office in August or at the start of school. I will work with the school nurse to create a list of those exceptions.
- 2) Both boys and girls have struggled regarding non-uniform sweatshirts, fleeces, etc. This includes team sweatshirts and jackets on game days. Those students who repeatedly wear non-uniform clothing over their polos and oxfords will be issued office detentions and risk having the non-uniform clothing confiscated for the day. Teams who have members who abuse the game day privilege of wearing team gear over their polo/oxford, risk losing the privilege.
- 3) The boys' dress code problems are filled with easily correctable issues. Boys usually wear the correct uniform clothes, but some struggle to keep their shirts tucked in. Teachers should not have to remind students repeatedly to tuck their shirts in. We will not be requiring logos on the boys' khaki pants and shorts, but they should not be jeans, cargo pants, etc. Boys must wear a brown or black belt. Boys must be clean shaven. Boys cannot not wear jewelry in their ears. Detentions will be issued for those repeatedly not in compliance.
- 4) To quote the Student Handbook, "A student's appearance should demonstrate a sense of modesty." That brings us to the length of the skorts. The wording in the Student Handbook will now reflect that compliance regarding skorts will be based on wearing skorts that are appropriately sized and not altered either by hemming, rolling or cutting out the shorts inside the skort. Girls who wear a skort that is deemed non-compliant by the school administration will be issued a loaner Tommy Hilfiger uniform skort of the appropriate size and the skort they were wearing will be confiscated for the rest of the day. Should we find that the student's skort has been altered, it will be returned to the student at the end of the day, but the student will be told not to wear that skort again. Wearing that skort again will be

considered defiant and will carry significant penalties. This policy applies equally to those students grandfathered in for the coming year. *If you are a returning student who has altered your skort, you will need to purchase new skorts through Tommy Hilfiger of appropriate size and not alter them.*

All these changes will be reflected in the Student Handbook that will be published later this summer. Please do not assume that we are not serious about dress code being a point of emphasis.

As a community we will work together to diligently get back to where we should be, reflecting excellence in terms of self-respect, modesty, and pride in our school. We can all wear our St. Paul uniform with pride knowing that we are wearing it in a way that reflects the values that make St. Paul a special place.

Mr. Albert Wallace
Dean of Student Life

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