

# UNIFORM POLICY 2023-2024 

## $\underline{\text { UNIFORM RATIONALE }}$

Our development of a uniform policy is driven by a desire to create and promote an environment of learning where dress is not a distraction to the educational process based on the following principles:

- Our goal is to honor God in all we do, acknowledging the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our choices.
- All human actions, including outward manifestations such as clothing, reveal and communicate the disposition of the heart at some level. It is our desire to address these heart issues in one uniform policy rather than seeking to anticipate and curb the numerous manifestations of it that surface throughout the year with a looser dress code.
- Clothing represents the vocational calling of a person, and inherent in the uniform policy is a desire to create an environment where undue attention is not drawn to specific students. The neat appearance created by a uniform enhances a ready-to-learn atmosphere.
- Uniforms help engender a cohesive presentation of the students in our school. When our students are in uniform, it communicates, aesthetically, that they are part of the same team, working toward the same goals. The student is part of a group identity that strives for excellence, and the code establishes a tradition toward that end.
- The uniform code should save parents money. The uniform code de-emphasizes the social impact of dress and helps focus the students on character and academic issues.
- The uniform code addresses security. On field trips, students in uniform aid the teachers in keeping track of everyone. On the playground or in the school, teachers and staff can clearly identify students from outsiders.
Students are expected to be in uniform while on campus unless specified otherwise by the administration. The administration is responsible for the interpretation of the policy, and the enforcement of the policy is the responsibility of parents, administration, and staff. If a student comes to school out of uniform five times in a year, it will result in an office visit.


## SCHOOL UNIFORM DETAILS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday are regular school uniform days. Thursday's are "Dress Uniform" Days. (Some exceptions may occur depending on school-wide events. Families will be notified in advance.)

## Thursday Dress Uniform:

## *REQUIRED TO PURCHASE FROM LANDS' END (see link below)

Girls: *Classic Navy Plaid skirt or jumper, *white oxford shirt, black dress shoes and black or navy dress socks.

Young Men: Navy pants, *white oxford shirt, *Classic Navy Plaid tie, black dress shoes and black or navy dress socks.

## Outerwear:

Optional navy sweaters, cardigans, vests from Lands' End.
Navy Zip up fleece jackets or navy zip up fleece-lined rain jackets purchased from Lands' End with the school logo are the only permitted jackets that students may wear.

## Spiritwear:

Spiritwear Clothes may only be worn for special events (i.e. school-wide Olympics), specified in email from the Head of School. Spiritwear Clothes may not be worn as school uniform. Options below:

## Girls

Feminine Fit Long or Short Sleeve T-Shirt: long or short, Navy or White

Crew Sweatshirt: Navy
Mesh Shorts: Navy
Skort: Navy
Active Track Pants: Navy

## Boys

Essentials T-Shirt: long or short, Navy or White

Crew Sweatshirt: Navy
Mesh Shorts: Navy
Active Track Pants: Navy

## TERRA NOVA LADIES

## Tops

- *White oxford (short or long sleeve) with school logo
- *White or navy blue polo (short or long sleeve) with school logo


## Bottoms

- Khaki pants
- Navy blue, khaki or *plaid Skirts/Jumpers *Jumpers must have school logo


## Footwear

- White or navy socks
- White or navy tights
- Black, navy or tan, closed toed, conservative shoes
- Open toed conservative sandals or other shoes with heel strap.


## TERRA NOVA GENTLEMEN

## Tops

- *White oxford (short or long sleeve) with school logo
- *White or navy polo (long or short sleeve) with school logo
- *Classic navy plaid tie


## Bottoms

- Navy blue or khaki pants
- Navy blue or khaki shorts
- Black, navy or white socks
- Black, navy or tan, closed-toed, conservative shoes


## GENERAL APPEARANCE

Students are expected to look neat, clean, and modest at all times.

- Skirts and jumpers must be at least knee-length.
- Shirts must be tucked in for all students.
- Exclusions: embroidery (other than The Terra Nova School emblem), flip flops, corduroy, denim, capris, cargo pants/shorts, leggings (as pants), hooded sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, bandanas, lace, ruffles or distracting styles ( e.g. dyed or unkempt hair, boys' earrings, no-show socks, torn or soiled clothes, overdone makeup or jewelry, tattoos, immodesty, visible undergarments or camisoles, over or undersized clothing, etc.).
- Shorts must reach the middle of the thigh (no short shorts, please).
- Jackets and non-uniform sweaters may not be worn in the classroom.


## UNIFORM VIOLATIONS

## Discipline for Uniform Violations

Teachers that notice a dress code violation will submit a ClassReach form to the Head of School. The Head of School will make a violation determination and a note will go home to parents if a violation has been determined.

