

## NEW UNIFORM POLICY – FOR 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

A committee of parents and teachers joined with Sister Joan to review the current uniform policy in place and presented their recommendations to the School Board. The purpose of this review was twofold. (1) **Upgrade appearance so that clothing is a positive Christian witness.** As sometimes happens in the workplace, the dress code can become too casual. (2) **Visible Witness.** Part of the Springfield Catholic School Marketing Plan and St. Agnes's own strategic plan is to continue our journey of identifying Catholic schools and particularly, St. Agnes, as a school of choice for education. We believe our students should maintain a neat well-groomed appearance and dress appropriately, consistent with and reflective of the ideals and integrity of the school. With this in mind, the St. Agnes School Board has approved the following changes to the dress code:

In order to present a more unified look, the committee wanted to return to the school color palette found in the girls' uniform skirt. Therefore the current color palette of uniform polo shirts will be expanded to include both red and grey logo shirts. The school dress code is moving to logo polos. The red and gray polo must have the school logo for the 2009/2010 school year. The white shirts will have a year for phasing in the logo. All logo shirts will be purchased from Luers Kidz Kloz or Dennis Uniform. Luers Kidz Kloz has offered to add a logo to any non-logo polo purchased from them for a \$5.00 fee. White logo polo shirts will remain in the uniform offering as well. Non-logo white and all blue polo shirts will remain in the uniform policy for the 2009/2010 school year and then will be retired.

### *Shirts and Sweatshirts*

As you know, over the last school year, we began the phasing out of the red and white uniform T-shirts. Although they are a child friendly favorite, they do not present well, they fade, and along with hoodie style sweatshirts they are too casual and are more appropriate for the playground than the classroom. Additionally, hoodie sweatshirts present a safety issue to our children while in active play. Therefore, along with the red and white T-shirts, hoodie sweatshirts will not be considered a part of the uniform in the upcoming 2009/2010 school year. These items will be retired from the official uniform policy and reserved for spirit and dress down days. The red or grey crew neck or zippered St. Agnes sweatshirt with logo may be worn. These are available at Luers Kidz Kloz and Dennis Uniform Company. The ash "A" monogrammed sweatshirt and other St. Agnes sweatshirts may be worn only on spirit days.

### *Pants, skirts and socks*

The current uniform skirts and jumpers available at Dennis and Luers will remain the same. And there will be no change to the sock portion of the current policy.

Plain, traditional cut, navy blue pants and slacks may be worn by both boys and girls K-6. Navy blue walking shorts may be worn by both girls and boys K-6. Walking shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company, Luers Kidz Kloz or Lands End. The uniform companies will offer both pre-scheduled discounts and a value line of clothing comparable in cost, but higher in quality of wash and wear, to the value chain offerings.

A tan khaki colored uniform pant and short available through Dennis Uniform Company or Luers Kidz Kloz will be added in the 2009/2010 school year solely for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student body. The junior high students will no longer wear the blue uniform pant and short reserved for the lower grades. This change is in order to allow these students a separate "junior high" identity.