

Good afternoon SJS Community,

We have exciting news to share with you today. St. John School will be moving to Lands' End for our school uniforms for next year.

This decision took a few months of review and deliberation by the school and our parent representative, Jen Millington. We began looking and interviewing new companies in the fall after continued issues with our former uniform company. We will end our relationship with JB Pride, who we have worked with for eight years, in June.

We believe that Lands' End will be an excellent partner for St. John School. The high quality of their uniforms, their return policy, their website/online ordering and their easily accessible customer service were important in the decision. In addition, using Lands' Ends readily available coupons should save parents money. Just seeing and feeling the samples of our new shirts and skorts is exciting - they are higher quality and just look cleaner and nicer. In general, the uniform will look very similar (it is hard to exactly match colors and plaids).

However, with this shift will come a few changes in the uniform policy. Please see the attached for the new SJS uniform policy for the 2020-2021 school year. Some points to note:

- We will be moving away from the jumper for kindergarten through grade 5 girls, instead opting for a plaid skort (with a zipper). We believe this will fit more girls more effectively and provide the benefits of more modest coverage provided by the underneath shorts. The current jumper will NOT be grandfathered in. In addition, the polo with SJS on the collar will NOT be grandfathered in (it was supposed to be worn with the jumper).

- All other uniforms (polo shirts and skorts) from JB Pride will be grandfathered in for one year.

- We will have no gently used uniforms for the next year or so as used JB Pride uniforms will be taken out of rotation.

- Our Spiritwear line (hoodies, fleeces, etc.) will continue, but be incorporated into our uniform. We will also add a SJS sweatshirt to the line. All of these

optional pieces will all be available for purchase online. We will not be carrying an inventory of Spiritwear at the school once we make the transition. All current Spirit wear will be grandfathered in.

-Our gym uniforms will continue to be sold through Scholastic Sportswear for the short term. We will transition this to Lands' End at some point.

-We currently have quite an inventory of maroon and pink hoodies at SJS. If you are interested in purchasing one, please see attached. These will be grandfathered in.

This is an exciting new initiative for St. John School. I believe that all of our students will look and feel better and parents will save money.

Thank you to Jen Millington and Mrs. Sullivan for their help in this decision. I have learned a lot about school uniforms over the past year and believe we have made a great choice.

More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, including pictures. In addition, we will have samples at the school for you to take a look at. Nothing will change with uniforms for this year, so no need to do anything now.

Our uniform ordering day is Thursday, May 14. Lands' End will be there for fittings and discussion.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please let me know.

Chris

Uniform

Preschool and Prekindergarten Uniform

- maroon polo shirt with emblem (long or short sleeve)
- gray sweatpants with screen printed SJS logo
- sneakers (no light-up sneakers, no sneakers with wheels, and no sparkles), white or black shoelaces

Warm Weather Uniform Option (September -October & from the Monday following April vacation)

- maroon gym shorts

Uniform

- maroon polo shirt with emblem (long or short sleeve)
- navy blue dress pant (chino style, no flare legs, no skinny jeans/chinos)
- dark belts for G2-G8
- dark socks (black or blue) with dress shoes or white socks for sneakers- must be able to be seen above the top of the shoe
- dress shoes OR
- white, black, or gray sneakers (no light-up sneakers, no sneakers with wheels, no sparkles, no bright/other colors), white or black shoelaces no boots, no heels
- St. John School fleece jackets or Spiritwear sweatshirts (optional)
- Girls (K-G5) Option - plaid skort with gray, navy blue, or maroon socks/tights (solid color, no design)
- Girls (G6-G8) Option - blue skort w/ SJS lettering with gray, navy blue, or maroon socks/tights (solid color, no design)

Warm Weather Uniform Option (September -October & from the Monday following April vacation)

- navy blue dress shorts - Bermuda length shorts

Gym Uniforms (K-G8) - Gym uniforms are ordered from Scholastic Sportswear, Quincy, 617-479-0874

- gray sweatpants with school emblem
- gray tee shirt with school emblem or Fun Run t-shirt
- white, black, or gray sneakers that are laced and tie (no slip on sneakers or shoes), white or black shoelaces

Warm Weather Uniform Option (September -October & from the Monday following April vacation)

- maroon gym shorts

All JB Pride uniforms will be grandfathered in for one year EXCEPT girls K-G5 jumper and maroon polo shirt with SJS on the collar

