

THE GALLOWAY SCHOOL UNIFORM CHANGES

2013-2014



School Uniform Update to Parents

As you begin purchasing school uniform pieces for next year, it is important for you to know that The Galloway School Administration and Board of Trustees are supportive of needed changes to the school's dress code policies and enforcement thereof.

All parents should have received a copy of dress code changes in their child's report card on the last day of school. In addition, Parker School Uniforms worked in collaboration with our school and uniform committee to make these uniform changes as clear as possible for shopping parents. Due to parent feedback, we are sending out this communication to help clarify what parents should purchase.

A SPECIAL EXCEPTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S 5TH GRADE GIRLS: Girls going into the fifth grade next year will be allowed to continue wearing plaid jumpers since you will be purchasing a whole new plaid uniform your 6th grade year.

- **Full Dress and Semi-Dress Uniform Pieces**
Monday (Semi-Dress)
Wednesday (Full Dress)

The Official School Uniform pieces for boys and girls **are to be purchased from Parker School Uniform. No exceptions.** This includes: tops, bottoms, and sweaters and vests for girls and boys. Shoes are to be selected based on the guidelines provided to you through the school publications. (See: attached)

SWEATERS

The official red uniform sweater is worn as needed in the classrooms and on cooler days as needed. All sweaters must be worn for school pictures and for any Full Dress event scheduled by teachers or school administration as a FULL DRESS UNIFORM DAY.

- **Tuesday and Thursday – Casual Days**
Although the school administration would prefer all uniform pieces to be purchased from Parker School Uniforms, we realize that uniform items can become expensive. For this reason, polo shirts and bottoms worn on Tuesday and Thursday (Casual Days) may be purchased from vendors other than Parker School Uniforms.

- **THE RED FIELD TRIP SHIRT** The Official RED Field Trip Shirt can be purchased from Parker or Land's End. The available red polos from Parker have the old logo on them. After these are sold, Parker's logo will look like the Land's End logo that we like.
 - **KNEE HIGH SOCKS** for girls do not have to be worn during warmer months (August-October and (March-May) for girls in PreK-3 through 5th grade. However, in the colder months (November-February) knee high socks must be worn
- *However knee high socks for girls in middle school (Grades 6-8) are required. This was the Board adopted uniform for middle school girls.
- **Friday Spirit Days**
Friday will continue to be Galloway Spirit Day. Each Friday, students may wear a polo shirt of any color (with logo) or school spirit shirt. Dress Code approved jeans may also be worn on Fridays.

A Special Request to parents from the School Administration:

The uniform changes that will be in effect beginning this next school year were made in good faith and in the school's best interest. Our decisions included the intent to give our students (3) less formal uniform days but keep a "uniform" look.

We did eliminate light blue, white, and yellow polos from the optional pieces (except Fridays) in order to adhere to our school's original colors of navy, and white and the dark green. Since white is so difficult to keep clean, we limited white to Full Dress Days only.

Most top tier private schools are much more conservative and rigid with their uniform requirements. If this dress code is too confusing with too many options, we can always adopt a formal uniform everyday dress code.

We are never going to please everyone with the dress code. We are not in the business of uniform policing. That is why we are clearly identifying what is to be worn each day in order to reduce the time spent on dress code enforcement by teachers and create a daily uniform look to accommodate a more lenient dress code policy that does not require the Full Dress Uniform to be worn daily as in most top tier private The Galloway School Administration is making EVERY effort to build in a tasteful, flexible, affordable, and

Should you have a concern it should be brought to Miss Cerace or Debbie Stroud. Otherwise, you may not receive the correct information.

Your positive support is greatly appreciated!

Bonnie Cerace, Head of School

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