

The Washington New Church & School

June 30, 2016

Dear WNCS Parents,

Thank you for your support our new uniform policy. We are entering our third year of a full school uniform. The WNCS school uniform consists of a WNCS logoed shirt in white, burgundy or black; a pair of uniform pants in khaki or black; or a pair of uniform shorts in khaki or black; or a skirt in our burgundy plaid, khaki or black; or a skort in khaki or black; or a jumper in our burgundy plaid; and a WNCS logoed fleece, jacket or sweater. (See below for our PE uniform specifications.)

We are excited to announce that we have a new vendor, Risse Brothers Uniforms, for purchasing the logoed uniform pieces, including outwear, regular uniform shirts, PE shirts and PE shorts. You will be able to purchase uniform school pants, shorts, skirts and skorts at this location as well.

Their location is very convenient, just a few miles from our school:

9700 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway, Lanham, MD 20706. Phone: 301-220-1987

To receive the uniforms before the start of school, you will need to visit the store to place your order (especially for the logoed items) by July 31st. These will be available for pick up at the end of August.

PE uniforms will be run a little differently. We will have a sign-up sheet on the first day of school to order the PE uniforms, which will be delivered about two weeks later. There will be a grace period for PE class until those uniforms are delivered.

We will continue to have authorized options to purchase uniform bottoms from Kids for Less and Lands' End – see the attached list. Please remember, that the skinny pants, pencil leg pants or cargo pants will not be acceptable under any circumstances. Do save your receipts in case there are any questions.

We are in our final year of three phasing out our old school uniform. This means that the old school uniform pieces are still acceptable (blue logoed shirts, blue logoed fleeces, and blue skorts). Used articles will still be available through the school exchange and new ones will be sold at discount prices until they are gone.

Due to a wish to simplify the uniform and lack of popularity, we are dropping the grey pants and shorts options.

Remember, all students are required to own a complete uniform including a logoed shirt, appropriate bottoms and one outerwear uniform piece - fleece jacket or soft shell jacket. The dress code will be enforced at school with appropriate steps and consequences, beginning on the first day of school. Please see the handbook for further details. We appreciate the participation of parents in outfitting their children in accordance with the following guidelines.

General Clothing Requirements: While in school, students are required to wear their choice of one uniform top, one uniform bottom, with appropriate socks, leggings, tights or black spandex shorts, and have available one piece of uniform outerwear clothing.

- 1. The uniform must be worn as designed.
- 2. The uniform should be clean, well-fitting and neat. It should be in good condition, not stained, frayed, torn, or have holes.
- 3. Clothes layered under the uniform should not be visible.
- 4. Black, white or gray tights or leggings, or black spandex shorts must be worn under skirts and jumpers. Footless tights and leggings must come to the ankle and be worn with matching socks that cover the bottom hem.
- 5. Oxford shirts must be tucked. Brown or black belts must be worn when shirt is tucked.
- 6. Shoes are to be clean, in good condition and provide proper foot support. Shoes with laces must be laced and tied securely. Sandals must have a heel strap for the sake of safety. Flip-flops and slides are not allowed.
- 7. Shoes or accessories should not be distracting to others.
- 8. Socks are to be a solid black, grey or white.
- 9. Hats may not be worn by any student during school hours except outside or for special events. This includes hoods.
- 10. If wearing a white shirt, a white t-shirt or camisole should be worn underneath.

We recommend that all uniform items are labeled on the underside with your last name. You would be surprised at how many uniform pieces are left behind at school when the students have to change for PE.

The **PE uniform requirements** are as follows:

Grades JK-2: Students should wear a well-fitting school uniform and running or athletic shoes only – NO BOOTS.

Grades 3-10: Students should wear a well-fitting PE uniform and running or athletic shoes only – NO BOOTS!

- WNCS T-shirt to be purchased from Risse
- black logoed athletic shorts to be purchased from Risse.
- running or athletic shoes no treadless, rugged tread, slip-ons, elevated soles, or boots and no ripped or worn-out shoes.
- white or black athletic socks
- solid-colored sweatpants (Solid-colored sweatshirt is optional; uniform outerwear may be worn in PE classes, except the hood jacket for safety reasons.)
- no dangling jewelry is allowed in PE class (earrings, bracelets, anklets etc.)

If you have any further questions, you may contact Jana Sprinkle through e-mail at janasprinkle@aol.com. If you would like to speak by phone, put your number in the e-mail, and I will be happy to give you a call.

Sincerely,

Jana Sprinkle

Risse Brothers' Lanham Location

9700 Martin Luther King Jr Highway Suite B Lanham, MD 20706

Telephone: 301-220-1985

Fax: 301-220-0368

Store Manager(s): Kathy Sullivan

Lanham Store Hours

Monday, closed*
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.*
Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, closed**

*Note: Open Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during July, August, and open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays during the month of August.

LIST OF AUTHORIZED SUBSTITUTIONS

The following items from **Kids for Less** (at the Mall for Prince Georges):

Mall Address: 3500 East West Highway, (Route 410), Hyattsville, Maryland - MD 20782

Online store: http://www.kidsforless.com/index.php/uniforms

Girls: Khaki pants, flat front, Universal School Uniform brand

Black pants, French Toast and Authentic Uniforms brands

Shorts, Authentic Galaxy brand

Khaki skirts/skorts, French Toast, regular pleat or box pleat

Boys: Khaki pants, Authentic Uniform brand

Black pants, Authentic Uniform brand

The following items from **Lands' End** school uniform catalogue:

Girls: Khaki Iron Knee, Straight Leg Plain-front Chinos pants

(elastic-waist or regular waist)

Khaki Iron Knee, Boot-cut Plain-front Chino pants

Black Iron Knee, Straight Leg Plain-front Chinos pants

(elastic-waist or regular waist)

Khaki Plain-front Chino shorts

Black Plain-front Chino shorts

Boys: Khaki Iron Knee Plain-front Chino pants

Khaki Iron Knee Pleated Chino pants

Khaki Iron Knee Elastic-waist Plain-front Chino pants

Khaki Pleated Chino shorts Khaki Plain-front Chino shorts

Black Iron Knee Plain-front Chino pants Black Iron Knee Pleated Chino pants

Black Iron Knee Elastic-waist Plain-front Chino pants

Black Pleated Chino shorts Black Plain-front Chino shorts

phone 301-464-5602 fax: 301-805-8835

^{**}Store is open Sundays 12PM-5PM during month of August.