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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Have you seen the advertisements yet? The Back-to-School displays in places like Target and Wal-Mart are up and ready! For some, this is our favorite time of the year and others may feel less enthusiastic. Before we know it, we'll be back in the routine of school. There have been many upgrades and changes to our building this summer, the most notable being the new windows throughout the building. Be sure to take a look when you drive by or come for Mass.

As we begin August, many families are preparing for a successful start of the school year. I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information with you. During the school year, I will be writing to you bi-weekly to keep you informed of what's happening at school. Because August tends to be a time when we get lots of questions, I'll be sending information home to you each week before school starts to address some of them.

This week, I have some reminders for you about uniforms. I'm the mom of three children who attended Catholic School. I'm very familiar with the pros and cons of wearing a uniform. If you haven't made your initial uniform purchases for the year, I strongly encourage you to come to the Used Uniform Sale on Wednesday, August 2nd from 4pm - 6pm in the Parish Center and/or make your order at Flynn O'Hara <http://flynnohara.com> or visit one of their stores to make your purchases. Please don't wait until the last minute! There have been some minor changes to the uniform policy. [Click here](#) for the updates to the uniform policy. I encourage you to go through the uniform policy and share it with your student as you see fit. We will be enforcing the dress code.

Next week, I'll be giving you information about the cafeteria and lunchroom procedures.

Wishing you a wonderful week!
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*The mission of St. Bartholomew School is to love, educate and inspire
our children to live the teachings of Jesus Christ.*

Uniforms

All components of the uniform (except shoes) are to be purchased through FlynnO'Hara Uniforms. We recommend purchasing early to avoid crowds and shortages.

Website - <http://flynnohara.com>

Please specify St. Bartholomew School in East Brunswick when ordering.

Address - 2145 Route 35
Holmdel, NJ 07733
(732) 888-3885

Uniforms promote discipline and foster pride in being a St. Bartholomew School student. We believe that personal hygiene should be a cooperative effort between child and parent/guardian that results in cleanliness of body and apparel. Students should take pride in their appearance and dress properly for school, trips, and activities. The school is the student's place of business and, as such, the administration has an educational responsibility to enforce the dress code.

Except for those days on which the school has given permission for other attire, each student is required to wear a complete, clean, and presentable uniform.

Summer/Spring uniforms may be worn from the first day of school in September until October 31st, and then from Easter Sunday until the last day of the school year.

REGULAR UNIFORM CODE

GIRLS

SKIRTS/PANTS/SHORTS

- 1) Khaki School SKIRT (**SUMMER/SPRING ONLY**) *
- 2) Khaki School SHORTS (**SUMMER/SPRING ONLY**)
- 3) Navy Polyester Pleated School Skirt *
- 4) Khaki School Pants
- 5) Navy 2-pleat skort*
- 6) Khaki 2-pleat skort (**SUMMER/SPRING ONLY**) *

* Skirt length must be appropriate for school.

NOTE - Pants, Skirts, and Shorts must be worn at the natural waist.

KNEE SOCKS & TIGHTS - solid WHITE or NAVY ONLY

KINDERGARTEN through GRADE 4 ONLY

PLAID SCHOOL JUMPER - Female students in these grades have the OPTION to wear, ONLY with a long or short sleeve white Peter Pan collared blouse.

GRADE 5 through 8 ONLY

PLAID SCHOOL SKIRT

BOYS

PANTS & SHORTS

- 1) Khaki School SHORTS (**SUMMER/SPRING ONLY**)
NOTE - WHITE CREW SOCKS ONLY (no stripes or logos)
- 2) Khaki School Pants

BELTS - (**Grades 4 to 8**) solid in color: Navy Blue, Brown or Black

NOTE - Pants and Shorts must be worn at the natural waist.

ALL STUDENTS *

SHIRTS

- 1) Dark Navy or White Long or Short-Sleeve "St. Bartholomew School" Polo
- 2) Long-Sleeve or Short-Sleeve WHITE button down Oxford shirt **
(Students in 7th or 8th grades may wear blue)

NOTE - Shirts **MUST** be tucked in at all times.

** Students wearing the jumper must have the Peter Pan collared shirt.

OPTIONAL SWEATER - School embroidered Vest or V-neck

OPTIONAL ¼ ZIP SWEATSHIRT - Logo sweatshirt for all students in grades 5-8 only

SHOES (Regular and Formal days)

- 1) Must be SOLID Tan, Navy Blue, Black, Dark Gray, or Brown in color
- 2) **UNACCEPTABLE** footwear includes:
NO BACKLESS OR LOOSE FITTING SHOES ARE ALLOWED
Sneakers*
Sandals (backless AND toeless as an example)
Platforms
Clogs (includes Ugg style slip on footwear)
Crocs (or similar style)
High heels
Boots**

* *Medical exceptions will be reviewed by the Principal and Nurse*

** *On inclement weather days, snow or rain boots MAY be worn INTO and OUT of school and then MUST change into school shoes upon arrival.*

JEWELRY

EARRINGS

GIRLS - One pair only, small posts or hoops (no bigger than a nickel).

BOYS - ONLY for religious reasons and approved by administration.

WATCHES

Regular and Smart watches may be worn, however students are not to use Smart watches for communication or any other Non-educational purpose. The administration reserves the right to restrict use if it becomes necessary,

especially if the device becomes a distraction or used inappropriately. Watches should also be set to silent.

Toy watches can be distracting and therefore please refrain from sending them to school.

HAIR STYLE

- 1) "Fad" styles are not permitted.
- 2) Male hair length must not extend below the top of the shirt collar.
- 3) Symbols/shaved cutouts in the hair are not permitted.
- 4) Inappropriate hair coloring is not permitted. The Administration reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of style or color.

EXTRAS

Nail polish - should be a natural color

The following are NOT permitted under any circumstance:

- 1) Make up
- 2) Permanent tattoos

FORMAL UNIFORM

When the School Community goes to Mass together (specifically most Fridays) and other special occasions, students will be required to wear the formal uniform (in most cases) for the entirety of the day and as follows:

GIRLS

SKIRTS/PANTS

- 1) **(K to Grade 4)** Plaid School Jumper (sweater is not required)
- 2) **(Grades 5 to 8)** Plaid School Skirt
- 3) Navy Polyester 4 Kick Pleat School Skirt
- 4) Khaki School Pants

SHIRTS (Polo shirts are NOT to be worn)

- 1) **(K to Grade 4)** Long or short-sleeved Peter Pan Collared Shirt
- 2) **(Grades 5 to 8)** Long or Short-Sleeve WHITE button-down Oxford shirt ONLY

BOYS

PANTS - Khaki School pants (All grades)

BELTS - **(Grades 4 to 8)** solid Navy Blue, Brown or Black

TIES

- 1) **(Kindergarten to Grade 6)** - School tie
- 2) **(Grades 7 and 8)** - appropriate tie of choice

ALL STUDENTS

SWEATERS

- 1) Navy school vest
- 2) Navy V-neck School Sweater
- 3) Navy blazer

GYM UNIFORM - All Grades

SPRING/ SUMMER - Green T-Shirt
 - Green Gym Shorts

FALL/WINTER - Green Sweatshirt
 - Green Sweatpants

White or Black Crew Socks - (may ONLY have a small brand logo - NO DESIGNS)
Sneakers - Inappropriate designs, platforms, light-ups and wheelies are NOT permitted.
Undergarments should not be visible under uniforms, especially gym shorts.