

Dear St. Charles Parents,

The early days of summer are a scramble here at school. The teachers are packing up their rooms, and I'm trying to get through the June checklist so I can enjoy a "No Tie July."

A couple of notes as you shop for uniforms for the upcoming school year. I know it feels too soon to talk about buying uniforms, but it is better too early than after they have already been purchased. We want to help everyone be on the same page as we start the 2025-26 school year.

In the area of **uniform pants**, some non-uniform pants crept into the school this past year. We decided to wait until the year was over to let parents know that those pants will not be allowed next year. Uniform pants must be navy blue dress pants; they can be twill or cords. The non-uniform pants being worn this year would be considered "joggers" or "wind pants." Please make sure all uniform pants meet the following guidelines:

- Pants that meet code have belt loops
- Pants that meet code have a zipper and a button or snap that fastens the front together
- Pants that meet code do **not** have a drawstring in the front
- Pants that meet the code do not have elastic around the ankles

Navy blue dress pants meet all of these criteria and will be worn as uniform pants in the year ahead.

Skirts and jumpers must fall an inch above the knee or longer. This policy is very clear, and it got a little bit sloppy last year. When we begin school in the fall, make sure that all skirts and jumpers fall one inch above the knee or longer. As a reminder, girls are also free to always wear uniform pants or, during the appropriate months, uniform shorts.

Please pay attention to both of these reminders when you prepare for next year. We certainly don't want parents to be scrambling to purchase uniforms that meet the code, as we are starting the year in September.

There will be more communications from me to come during June!

Thank you in advance for your partnership in this!

God bless you,
Danny