

## **UNIFORM DRESS CODE**

A uniform identifies a team working to bring individual talents together to achieve excellence and a common goal. It is worn with pride and respect for the team and organization it represents. To that end, we are asking parents for their full support in embracing and enforcing the uniform policy. The following guidelines are in place for K-8 students of The Academy (please note that preschool students do not need to wear a uniform). All uniform tops (including sweaters, polos, button down shirts, sweater vests, etc.), skorts and gym uniforms must be purchased through the official provider, Lands' End, at www.landsend.com. Uniform khaki shorts and pants are also available at Lands' End; however, parents may use their discretion to purchase these from the store of their choice.

- The only approved uniform shirts and sweaters are those purchased from Lands' End with the ASJA logo. Uniform shirts and sweaters must have the ASJA logo. (The only exception to this rule is for girl's grades K-2, when wearing jumpers, as the jumpers, rather than the white shirts, have the visible logos. If girls in grades K-2 wear shorts or pants, they must wear an approved shirt with a visible Academy logo.)
- Students should dress in PE uniforms on the day that they have gym class. Students will not change clothes for gym. The PE uniform is the all-day uniform on gym days, including days when mass is held.
- Spirit-wear t-shirts and sweatshirts may only be worn on spirit-wear designated days.
- Students are required to wear a collared shirt (polo shirt or button-down), even under sweaters, vests (except when wearing the PE uniform) and pullovers. Shirts must be tucked inside of pants or skorts.
- Girls may wear navy, black or white tights or leggings under plaid skorts and jumpers.
- Solid-colored socks in white, navy or evergreen are allowed. No patterned socks are permitted. Students must wear socks.
- Students may wear gym shoes (any color) or soft-soled black or brown dress shoes. Gym shoes are required with the PE uniform. Students may not wear any type of boots or sandals in school, including UGGs and Crocs. Light-up gym shoes and shoes with wheels are not permitted.
- If a student chooses to wear a belt, it must be brown or black. Both leather and cloth are acceptable.
- Ties and blazers are uniform options for some grades. They are not mandatory. If a student choose to wear a tie or a blazer, they must be worn with a white button-down shirt, not a polo.
- Outerwear (including hoodies and non-uniform fleeces) cannot be worn in school during the school day.
- Uniforms should be clean and in good condition (no tears, stains, holes or visible patches).
- T-shirts and undershirts must be plain white.
- Athletic tights and athletic leggings may not be worn under khaki shorts or gym shorts. Long sleeved shirts may not be worn under short sleeved shirts. No hats or caps may be worn in the building.
- Pants/shorts must be worn at the waistline. The bottom of skirts/shorts must be 1"-2" below student's fingertips when arms are rested at one's side.
- Shorts may be worn between May 1 and October 15 or when the temperature exceeds 75 degrees.
- Hair, jewelry and nail polish should not be extreme or distracting in color or style. Students must be well groomed with hair brushed and neat. Only natural hair colors are permitted. Body painting,

temporary or permanent tattoos and henna stains are not acceptable at school. The Head of School reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of clothing at any time. Students wearing the uniform inappropriately or not appearing in the proper uniform will be subject to progressive disciplinary action.

To purchase uniforms:

- ✓ Go to www.Landsend.com.
- ✓ Click on "school" on the top of the screen
- ✓ Click "shop by school." One can locate The Academy by searching by name, or by entering the following school ID number: 900189614.
- ✓ Register each child by gender and grade for the upcoming year

After doing so, you will only see the options for that student based on his or her grade and gender. It is extremely important that you do this for each individual student. Uniform color and style requirements change based on grade and gender. The Lands' End on-line system will automatically generate ONLY the correct uniform options for each child's grade and gender. All items that require a mandatory logo will only allow you to purchase the item with the mandatory logo, so there is no confusion.