NOTRE DAME ACADEMY UNIFORM POLICY – 20-21

All students in Kindergarten through grade 8 wear the school uniform from the first day of school to the close of the school year, unless otherwise designated. Pre-K students do not wear the school uniform. This is a shortened version of the policy so that families are able to shop and prepare for the upcoming school year.

A complete Dress Code Policy can be found in our Student-Parent Handbook.

GIRLS

- Plaid Jumper/Skirt/Skort can be no shorter than two inches above the knee.
  - Jumper – Kindergarten-Grade 3
  - Skorts – Grades 2-8 – (green and blue plaid style)
  - Kilt/Skirt – Grades 4-8 – (style 137, color 7g)
- Khaki dress walking shorts (must be knee length) may be worn from the beginning of school until October 15th and then again after May 1st as well as the Proud to Be Notre Dame t-shirt if you have one.
- Uniform khaki dress slacks are optional during the colder months.
  - No pockets are allowed on the sides of legs on slacks or shorts, no exterior pockets, and no cargo pants.
- Socks:
  - Solid navy blue, hunter green, black or white knee socks or tights.
    - No calf length socks.
    - No “symbols” on socks are allowed.
    - Solid color calf length or ankle socks may be worn during “shorts season”.

BOYS

- Pants: Khaki dress slacks.
- Khaki dress walking shorts (must be knee length) may be worn from the beginning of school until October 15th and then again after May 1st with a belt as well as the Proud to Be Notre Dame t-shirt if you have one.
  - No pockets are allowed on the sides of legs on slacks or shorts, no exterior pockets, and no cargo pants.
- Socks:
  - Solid navy blue, hunter green, black or white mid-calf socks.
    - “No show” socks are not allowed.
    - No “symbols” on socks are allowed.

BOYS AND GIRLS

- Shirts: Long or short sleeves polo/golf shirt – hunter green or navy blue with embroidered NDA logo or a solid color.
  - McKays offers the NDA uniform shirt and gym uniform. The gym shirt and uniform do NOT need to be purchased this year as we will not be changing, but during shorts season the t-shirt and shorts may be worn as the school uniform.
  - There are a limited number of pre-worn uniform shirts available through the school office.
  - NO other logos are acceptable on polos.
    - A plain white t-shirt may be worn underneath polo.
- Sweaters/Sweatshirts: Solid navy blue or hunter green sweaters (pullover or cardigan) or official Notre Dame Academy sweatshirt or fleece
  - No college or outside sports sweatshirts may be worn with the uniform.
  - No other shades of blue or green are permissible.
  - An accepted school shirt as described above must be worn under a sweater/sweatshirt. Plain t-shirts are not allowed.
- Shoes: Must be solid black, brown, tan, or navy blue with closed toes and backs and a sturdy sole.
  - No heels higher than 1”.
  - No slippers, moccasins, flip flops, sneakers, canvas shoes with rubber soles, hiking boots, clogs, crocs, dress boots or winter boots are allowed.
  - If purchasing Sperrys, be sure they adhere to the uniform policy and are one solid color; no sparkles or metallics.
  - TEMPORARY CHANGE: Sneakers will be permissible for ALL grades with the school uniform this year to avoid a need for bringing additional items from home. If you wear shoes on a non-PE day, please continue to follow the shoe requirements.
- Belts: Although uniforms look much neater with belts, and belts are encouraged, they are not a mandatory element of the uniform. However, belts may be required for certain special events e.g. May Crowning, Ribbon Day, etc.
• Hair must be neatly cut and well-groomed.
  o Hair should be shorter than touching the collar for boys and above the ears and eyebrows (a conservative cut style)
  o Hair should not be hanging in a girl's eyes;
  o The school does not permit children to have ‘extreme’ haircuts with designs. Any kind of line or pattern shaved into the side, top or back of the head is prohibited. Designs such as tramlines, shaved lines, stars, extreme patterns 'V' styles, and Mohawk style cuts are forbidden.
  o No unnaturally highlighted or dyed hair color.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

- Due to the current situation regarding the COVID virus, students will NOT be changing for gym classes. All physical activity will be low impact stretching and individual activities. At the time of the release of this uniform policy, gym uniforms will not be required. Shorts worn under skirts or jumpers are encouraged for girls if possible.

SHOE PURCHASING GUIDE: The following are examples of what you should and should not be looking for in a school shoe for NDA. Do not assume because you do not see a picture of the shoe that it is or is not acceptable. Be sure you are looking for a **SOLID COLOR SHOE** with the same color laces. No colored laces will be allowed. **If you are wearing sneakers, socks, skirts, shirts, pants, shorts, sweatshirts, or sweaters are still following the uniform code.**

WHEN BUYING SCHOOL SHOES, THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF SHOES THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE AS UNIFORM SHOES...

THE SHOES/SNEAKERS BELOW ARE EXAMPLES OF WHAT STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO WEAR... PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THEM TO WEAR WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM.