



UNIFORM INFORMATION 2016-2017

Dear BYDS Parents,

While there are a variety of reasons why schools choose for their students to wear uniforms, the strong sense of community that occurs from wearing a school uniform is one that is cited repeatedly. Additionally, it was found that students display more pride in their school and their school spirit is elevated when students wear a school uniform.

A high standard of personal appearance is expected of all our BYDS students. Students are required to wear the proper school uniform during the school day. Please help us to enforce our uniform policy by seeing that your children are in complete uniform each day. As parents, by upholding the concept of uniforms, you create for your children a sense of belonging, development of pride for our school, and an understanding that our uniform shows that we are united as the school community. *Thank you so much for your continued support of BYDS.*

Sincerely,
Cynthia Kirsch
Elementary School Principal

For the 2016-2017 school year, the uniform requirements are:



FOOTWEAR

In consideration of the physical safety of our students while on campus, students in grades K-5 will be required to wear athletic shoes as a part of their uniform dress code. I understand that all children have different needs for comfort, support, etc.; therefore no specific shoe brand is required.

- **Students may choose from the following colors: solid black, solid white, or solid navy. Laces should be black, white, or navy.**
- **Multi-colored shoes are not allowed. No slip-on shoes, boots, high tops, or ankle tops or knee-high shoes of any style will be permitted.**
- *For students in grades K-1*, a velcro athletic shoe is acceptable.
- *For students in grades 2-5*, shoes must have laces, as being able to tie one's shoes is a fine-motor skill that is developmentally appropriate for children of this age.

UNIFORMS

The following items can be purchased online at *Parker School Uniforms*, <https://www.parkersu.com>.

The online link can also be found on the *www.BYDS.org* website in the *Parent Resources* at <http://byds.org/parent-resources/uniforms>

Kindergarten through Third Grade GIRLS:

The style for the girls' required uniform jumper in grades K-3 can be found in the Parker Uniform brochure on our website at <https://www.parkersu.com>.

The polo shirt colors are solid **navy**, **red**, and **white**.

Monday through Thursday:

- The jumper may be worn any day – but must be worn on Friday.
- The jumper must be worn with the Peter Pan collared shirt (short or long sleeved).
- **Navy** modesty shorts must be worn underneath the jumper.
- The skorts may be worn Monday through Thursday.
- The skorts may be worn with solid **navy**, **red**, or **white** collared shirt (short or long sleeved).
- **Navy** modesty shorts are not required under the skorts.

Friday:

- Jumper is required on Fridays with a Peter Pan collar shirt.
- Navy modesty shorts must be worn underneath the jumper.

Kindergarten through Fifth Grade BOYS:

- For boys in *all* grades, both the polo shirt and the turtleneck knit shirt come in solid, navy, red, and white.
- For boys in *grades 2-5 only*, leather belts in black or brown are required.



Fourth and Fifth Grade GIRLS:

- To distinguish their upper-school status, girls in grades 4-5 can choose a solid navy skirt or the traditional plaid skirt for their required uniform attire.
- The BYDS plaid skirt is acceptable, as well as the new navy skirt for their optional uniform wear.
- The optional polo shirt colors are solid navy, red, and white. If your daughter wears the skirt, navy modesty shorts must be worn underneath.

SPIRIT WEAR (worn on Mondays with blue jean bottoms. If there is no school on the Monday, Spirit Wear should be worn on the Tuesday).

Lands' End Online at

<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900163320> will be providing our spirit wear and outerwear again this year. The link to reach the *Lands' End BYDS Storefront* can be reached through our school website under *Parent Resources* at <http://byds.org/parent-resources/uniforms>.

- The spirit shirt comes in **navy**.
- Both long and short sleeve styles are available.
- The shirt comes embroidered with our BYDS logo.
- Any spirit shirts from previous years should be retired, if you are interested in recycling them, it would be wonderful if you would kindly donate them to Mrs. Gold. She uses them as smocks for her art classes. *Thank you!*

OUTERWEAR

Outerwear will also be available for purchase through *Lands' End Online*, which can be found at

<http://www.landsend.com/pp/SchoolSearch.html?action=landing&selectedSchoolNum=900163320>

- Your child may continue to wear the current BYDS fleece jacket during the upcoming school year.
- In addition to the fleece jacket, we are also offering through *Lands' End*, a navy lightweight pullover sweater as well as a sweater vest.
- All of these items come embroidered with our BYDS Logo and can be shipped directly to your home from *Lands' End*.
- These items may be worn any day of the week.
- Only the *Lands' End* sweaters or the fleece jacket can be worn as part of the uniform. *No other jackets or sweaters are permitted.*

Once you register with *Lands' End*, you will begin receiving discount coupons for your online purchases, as well.