



July 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this note finds you and your family well.

Several of you have reached out to me regarding school uniforms. I understand the uncertainty of purchasing new school uniforms when we are unsure when and how we will return to school. To alleviate this financial burden, **I have decided to relax the 2020-2021 uniform policy.**

Students may choose to wear either the regular school uniform or the PE uniform every day. The PE uniform will continue to be required on PE days. The school shoe must be a white tennis shoe, with white or light non-marking soles. The shoe itself may have colored markings, such as logos. Our uniform closet has an ample supply of uniforms. Please contact the school office at (301) 447-3161, Monday – Thursday, to set up a time to visit the closet. **If you need additional PE T-shirts, they must be ordered through the front office no later than August 3.** A form was mailed home with report cards or you may download it from the website.

Planning for the 2020-2021 school year continues. In addition to Mrs. Amber Reaver, our new Pre-K – grade 8 Physical Education teacher, I am excited to announce two additional new hires. **Taylor McIlrath will be the first teacher in our new Pre-K 3 program, God’s Little Gifts.** Many of your children will recognize Mrs. McIlrath as she served as a regular substitute teacher in all grades this past school year. **Sister Margaret Mary (Maggie) Scally, D.C. will serve as a school counselor alongside Sister Patricia Dunne, D.C.** Sister Maggie will teach the Second Step Program and will work with students individually and in groups. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Reaver, Mrs. McIlrath, and Sister Maggie to our school community.

Please pray for the members of the Class of 2020 and their families. On Sunday, July 19, a graduation Mass will be held at St. Joseph’s Church in Emmitsburg. This will be a proud time for our graduates and their families. You are invited to view the livestream at <https://bit.ly/MSS2020Mass>.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Kathleen J. Kilty, PhD
Principal