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Dear Parents,

As the weather has changed, we have begun to notice a change in the attire that students are wearing to school. While many of our students follow the dress code without issue on a daily basis, there are a few areas that I would like to address for all students.

Our main concerns are:

Males ó pants that do not fit at the waist. Students wearing pants that are too big for them are expected to wear a belt to ensure that no undergarments are displayed.

Females ó shirts that are low cut. As stated in our Parent Handbook on page 11, öShirts/sweaters may not be low-cut, sheer, or revealing and must cover the chest and midriff at all times.ö If a shirt is too low-cut for school, students have been asked to wear a sweater to cover themselves. This is a good suggestion to avoid any problems.

Females ó tights, nylons, and yoga pants. As stated in our Parent Handbook on page 11, öSolid tights/nylons may be worn under skirts or dresses. Items are considered appropriate which are mid-thigh or longer in length.ö The concern we have seen with this item is the skirts that are worn over the tights. The skirts do not meet our dress guidelines due to their length. The students are telling us that the skirt length does not matter if they have tights under them.

Please help monitor our concerns so that we can keep the focus on your child's education. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to a great rest of the school year.

Happy Holidays,

Greg Leban  
Principal