NEWMAN CATHOLIC CLASSICAL SCHOOL: HOLY NAME UNIFORM POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

St. John Paul II left us with a beautiful work, titled *Theology of the Body*. In this he stated, "The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine." Thus, at Newman Catholic Classical School: Holy Name, we reflect this ideal in our uniform policy.

Our purpose in establishing a uniform policy is threefold:

- 1. The school uniform helps distinguish our students.
- 2. The school uniform reflects our unity of purpose.
- 3. The school uniform reflects our equality before the Lord, reminding us that we work as members of the Body of Christ, rather than for our own glory.

Coincidentally, a uniform policy produces many advantages, both moral and spiritual:

- A uniform policy encourages modesty, neatness, and humility, not drawing attention to the individual (1 Timothy 2: 9-10).
- A uniform policy recognizes the distinct differences between male and female students (Deuteronomy 22: 5).
- A uniform policy cultivates an atmosphere of order. Thus, the classroom becomes peaceful, polite, and focused. One's appearance is frequently an indicator of one's attitude toward doing well.
- A uniform policy removes temptations to judge others based on external things, to become too focused on fashion trends, or to be covetous of the clothing of classmates. (Mathew 6: 25)
- A uniform policy is cost-efficient. Our uniforms are of excellent quality and reasonably priced, so many parents find uniforms to be more cost-effective than maintaining wardrobes of "street clothes" for their child.

We hope that our students will learn to wear their uniforms with joy, while cherishing what they represent to the student body, as well as the community at large.

The children are allowed to wear athletic shoes, that do not light up, during their school day. They are required to wear dress shoes, dress shirt and their ties for mass. The children will need a pair of clean sneakers with white non-marking soles for gym class to preserve the finish on the oak gym floor.

UNIFORM ENFORCEMENT

Our uniform policy is intended to remind students that they have come to school for work. Students should dress in a way to demonstrate their respect for the sacredness of school.

Students should be neat, clean, and modest. Teachers and staff have the authority to enforce the uniform policy throughout the school. **The headmaster has the final say on questions regarding the uniform policy.**

UNIFORM VENDOR AND PURCHASING

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