



# AQUINAS ACADEMY

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

340 North Main Street †Greensburg, PA 15601

Dear Aquinas Families,

In order to improve the brand image of our school, changes have been made to the school uniform policy for the 2016-2017 school year. These changes were made at the direction of the Principal, Superintendent and the Board of Trustees after the submission of a policy draft by the uniform committee which was convened last summer to examine the uniform policy. Some changes were made to improve student appearance and increase consistency of appearance, both of which will help promote our school. Other changes were made to increase purchase convenience and student comfort.

This letter will highlight a few changes and the rationale for them. For a *complete* list of changes, please be sure to read the complete attached uniform policy.

- To increase consistency, students in kindergartner will now wear uniforms daily. This will also serve to make them feel more a part of the greater school community. This change brings us on par with other schools in the diocese that already have uniforms for kindergartners.
- We have changed our official uniform provider to Log Cabin Embroidery in Murrysville. This will give families a more convenient location to try on merchandise. Log Cabin is also the official provider of Greensburg Central Catholic. Families may still buy most items at the retailer of their choice. For consistency of color, *Carolina Blue* polos must be purchased at Log Cabin.
- To promote the Aquinas Academy brand, all tops must have the school logo embroidered on them. To allow families to either use tops they already own or purchase at the retailer of their choice, we have contracted with two organizations to embroider existing tops at a minimal cost.
- To give girls more purchase choices, navy and plaid skirts have been added for girls in all grades (K-6). Because the current plaid is a special order, a new plaid has been selected. The 2016-17 school year will be a transition year and either the new or old plaid may be worn.

Log Cabin Embroidery will host a uniform fitting for our school on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM – 7 PM in the school cafeteria. They will have every size of every item for your child to try on. For your convenience, if you purchase items that day, Log Cabin will deliver the items to the school in August. You may also visit Log Cabin in Murrysville to try on and purchase. Ordered items from the store will be ready for pick up within two weeks.

In Christ's peace,

Dr. Eugene M. Dangelo  
Principal