

It was so wonderful to have our school community together yesterday at our first day of school for the K - 8 students! We are so excited to welcome everyone to our 2023-2024 school year and look forward to welcoming our Little Sprouts next week. It is going to be a fantastic year!

Thank you for your attendance at the Kindergarten-8th Parent Orientation, we recognize that it was a lot of information so we are going to review a few things here to help. Some of you have asked for copies of the presentations so I have included them here: [Parent Orientation Presentation](#) and the [Parent School Guild Presentation](#)

To clarify a bit more from yesterday and the previous email, we have not changed any of the rules about the uniforms this year. We are simply making sure everyone (parents and students) understand that we will be enforcing the uniform and dress code appropriately this year, per our handbook. The rules are the same this year as last but we ask for your support in following those established rules. It is important for our children to learn and understand that rules are in place to be followed so that everything is consistent for all involved, hence the fact that it is "uniform." We also want them dressing for success, looking sharp and ready to do amazing things!

So to clarify, we have reformatted the uniform dress policy and have included that document [HERE](#) to make things a bit easier. Points to reiterate from yesterday's questions:

Students should be wearing a black belt, black socks, and **all black shoes** with their summer uniform.

If students are cold while we are still wearing our summer uniform, they may choose to go into the winter uniform option. For a normal, non-PE day, that means they can choose to wear their sweater or vest with their yellow polo shirt if they are cold. The sweatshirt should **only** be worn if they are cold on PE days or when we are in the winter uniform for PE days. We understand that they prefer the "hoodie" sweatshirt if cold but that is not how our uniform is intended and we do not want them wearing their "hoodie" sweatshirt with their normal summer uniform as it is only part of the gym uniform. Students that love them may wear them twice a week on gym days and can certainly wear them as their jacket at recess if they want but they will not be permitted to wear them in the classrooms.

Children should not be wearing nail polish or other makeup at any point.

Lunches will start on Tuesday, September 5th and orders must be placed by **August 28th** for September lunches. We will be billing for lunches twice monthly, typically around the 15th and 30th of each month. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Instructions for ordering and the September menu are attached.

We will have a "test" emergency message shortly to ensure that all parents will receive any emergency announcements should we ever have something that necessitates sending information in that manner. Prayers that will never happen!

The inclement weather policy has been updated to allow us to make our own decision at Linton Hall School though we will heavily rely on Prince William County's decision making when making our decision. We will email parents that morning and post the announcement to our website so that you can be sure of what our plan is at LHS.

Finally, we hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing everyone again next week. Mrs. Doheney, our Preschool Administrator, sent an email yesterday to our Little Sprout families regarding preschool orientations on Monday and Tuesday. We hope parents only can join us next Thursday night for our K-8th Back to School Night event and teachers will send out the plan for that evening soon. We will also be having an assembly for K - 8 students on our half day on Friday, September 1st that is highly interactive and we hope the students love it!

FROM OUR PSG

The PSG would like to thank all of the parents who purchased dress down passes on Orientation Day. If you did not have the chance, order forms were distributed to teachers and should be coming home this week. A few parents did purchase passes, but did not complete an order form. If you do not remember returning a form with your payment, please email Ginni Arzadum (arzadumva@gmail.com) for tracking purposes.

Enjoy the rest of your day!

Best,
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