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Dear Parents,

Based on parent, PTSA, and SAC survey responses, South Seminole Middle School will be adopting a uniform policy for the 2017-2018 school year.

**RATIONALE:** SSMS stakeholders have agreed that school uniforms are a positive approach to promote a sense of school pride and leadership.

**GOAL:** In order to promote a sense of school pride and leadership, school safety, improve discipline, and enhance the learning environment, all students will abide by the school's uniform policy.

**Some of the benefits of the school uniform include:**

- Instilling students with discipline and school spirit/pride;
- Helping parents and students resist peer pressure;
- Helping students concentrate on their school work; and
- Helping school officials maintain a safe environment.

**Therefore, South Seminole Middle School has adopted the following dress code for all students.**

**Students are to wear:**

- Solid black or khaki pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts (in accordance with SCPS dress code);
- Red, white, or black polo shirt with a collar (school logo is optional);
- If leggings are worn, they must be worn under mid-thigh skirts, skorts, or shorts.
- School uniforms to be worn on field trips unless specific attire is required for a particular trip or activity;
- **Wednesdays:** SSMS spirit wear (available through our school store) or a solid school colored shirt (red, white, or black). Solid black or khaki pants should be worn. If spirit wear is not worn, regular uniform policy applies.
- **Fridays:** Students may wear jeans (long pants/shorts/skirt/skort) with their school colored polo (refer to SCPS dress code).

**For PE Classes, Dance, and JROTC:**

Approved South Seminole Middle School uniforms specific for these classes.

**Student Responsibilities:**

- Students are expected to be in a school uniform daily
- All apparel and accessories must be in accordance with SCPS dress code.  
[https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/\\_resources/documents/DressCode.pdf](https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/_resources/documents/DressCode.pdf)

**School Uniform is not required on the following days:**

- School picture days
- Special days throughout the year for school spirit celebrations (ex. literacy week)
- Students may also earn additional uniform exemption days on Wednesdays by using PBS STORM Bucks or student celebrations.
- These days will be announced through Skyward, Message Center, and through social media.

Thank you for your support of our school!

Together in Leadership,

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