

Dear Families,

All students must come to school in the Aurora Collegiate uniform every day. Students also may not change out of uniform at any point during the school day. Students must even wear their Aurora Collegiate uniform during physical education. If a student arrives to school out of uniform after the Holiday Break, students will receive a written notification that they will give to you. After the third time of not wearing their Aurora Collegiate uniform, parents/guardians will be contacted and asked to bring a uniform before the student is sent to class.

We require school uniforms for several important reasons. Uniforms unite us as a community. Looking at a group of students in their Aurora Collegiate uniform serves as a powerful visual statement of our community. When they wear their Aurora Collegiate uniform, students make a commitment that they are agreeing to live up to the school's high expectations. Uniforms are also important because they reduce distractions and clothing competition. Often student spend more time discussing and evaluating what others are wearing or not wearing than focusing on learning. Wearing uniforms eliminates this distraction.

Uniforms also make us all equal. Whether families come from families with low incomes or high incomes, students come to school looking the same way with no one feeling bad about the clothes they have or do not have. Wearing the Aurora Collegiate uniform lays that firm foundation in preparing students for college and beyond and allows for students to look professional. Students look neat when they arrive to school with shirts tucked into their pants. Students come mentally prepared for school and "dressed for work."

All uniform purchases can be made at Spikner on 1210 Madison Avenue. You can contact them directly by calling 901-726-1757. All sales, exchanges, and reimbursements are handled exclusively by Spikner. After the Holiday Break, we are expecting all students to arrive to school in uniform. This will provide you plenty of time to purchase the necessary items that you need to ensure that your child is in a uniform that unites us as a community, reduces distractions and clothing competition, makes us all equal, and allows us to look professional.

Very truly yours,

Teneicesia White Principal Please like our facebook page at www.facebook.com/ acamemphis

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December 4th- 8th **MAP** Testing December 4th Parent lunch with CBU at 11:00 AM December 5th Parent lunch with ONU at 11:00 AM December 6th Pastries with Grandparents at 7:30 AM **December 8th** K-2 Community Meeting at 1:30 PM December 11th Parent lunch with KSU at 11:00 AM December 12th Parent lunch with LSU at 11:00 AM December 12th Parent Workshop at 5:30 PM December 15th 3-5 Community Meeting at 1:30 PM

Birthday Celebrations

Parents may choose to bring in store-bought treats on Friday of the student's birthday week.

The birthday treat will be shared after lunch. Please be sure to include enough treats for the students' entire class.

<u>Remember</u>

- Everyone wears uniform shirt with logo and solid black shoes
- Boys-khaki, navy or black pants only
- Girls- khaki navy or black pants, skirts or jumpers (jumper with logo)