July 18th, 2019- Updated letter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I greet you in the spirit of excellence as we celebrate the 20th year of our cherished institution and look forward to embracing “The Renaissance of the Mecca” as our yearlong theme for the 2020 school year. Though there will be a late summer newsletter that provides a more comprehensive overview of the upcoming school year, I felt it necessary to address some changes to our uniform policy in time for families to make necessary adjustments to their uniform purchasing plans.

During the last several months, members of the school community have been working with parents, students and central office staff members to address concerns inherent with our current policy. As always, the priority is to address maintaining a safe and orderly school environment. Found during the process of investigation was that the white and black polo shirts (as well as hooded jackets and black jeans) were readily available in many local stores and allowed for non-attendees to gain access to the school community, evade monitoring by our surveillance system and capture by our security staff. This is an unacceptable outcome and, therefore, these items will be eradicated from the acceptable uniform items list. Though I understand that our seniors have traditionally worn the black shirts, this could no longer be an option. Green became the best choice as it is not as readily available, and students already enrolled would have possession of the shirts from previous years. Other uniform changes are summarized below:

**Tops**
Only hunter green polo or oxford shirts with CHF approved logos or no logo are permitted for uniform attire. Students in our Science and Technology program are strongly encouraged, but not required, to purchase shirts through the online vendor with the ST logo. Options for purchase with one or more of our approved vendors will be made available to all families.

**Bottoms**
Black jeans, leggings, spandex skirts and sweat pants will no longer be allowed. Students must wear black pants of khaki-material, slacks or twill. Black non-spandex skirts will be allowed if they exceed the minimum length as defined by the fingertips test.

**In-school outerwear**
Grey or Green light jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts opened to expose the green uniform shirt can be worn during the school day. No hooded items will be allowed.

A more comprehensive review of our new policy can found on the subsequent pages. I apologize for any inconvenience that these changes may cause but, as always, it is important that we prioritize the safety of our children and faculty members.

Educationally,

Gorman E. Brown, Ed.D.
Charles Herbert Flowers High School Uniform Policy

The uniform policy is non-negotiable. Uniforms are required to be worn daily by ALL students. All uniforms are expected to be neat and clean. Uniforms must also be worn on school-sponsored field trips unless otherwise specified in a written notification. This policy incorporates the Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) system-wide dress code for students.

Uniform Policy:

Pants/Skirts:
- Black Pants (twill, khaki, slacks)
**Clothing must not possess holes or rips

JEANS, SWEAT PANTS OR LEGGINGS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE.

Shirts
- Forest Green Polo/Oxford
- School or Program Logos only
- Shirts must be plain without Non CHFHS logos
- Science and Technology Program students are requested but not required to wear shirts with the S/T logo

**Shirts must not have any logo that is not CHFHS approved

Shoes
- Closed toed shoes
- No Crocs, Slides, slippers or bedroom shoes

Outerwear
- Green or Gray Jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts with full zip only (No Hoodies)

**Outerwear must not possess a hood and must zip down to display the uniform shirt.

**(Please use the chart for what’s acceptable as it relates to the 2019-2020 CHFHS Uniform policy)
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<td>All students must wear appropriate solid-colored <strong>BLACK</strong> bottoms (twill, khaki or slacks) at their natural waistline and are not shorter than fingertip length when the hands are fully extended down.</td>
<td>Various shades of BLUE, NAVY, BROWN, RUST, GREY, WHITE, YELLOW, BLACK DENIM/ JEAN, STONEWASHED or FLEECE/ SWEATSHIRT fabric. BANDAID, TUBE, SPANDEX, or FORM-FITTING ATTIRE BAGGY, SAGGING BOTTOMS [boxers/ underwear should not be visible] DISTRESSED/RIPPED BOTTOMS Solid Black colored Body-Con Dresses Fishnet stockings / Thigh high socks/stockings</td>
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<td>POLO SHIRTS:</td>
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Students wear only solid colored Forest Green polo or oxford styled (long or short sleeve) shirts to identify them as CHFHS students. Uniform shirts may contain school or approved-CHFHS program logos or no logo at all. The Science and Technology Program students are requested, but not required the S/T logo.

Uniform shirts are displayed in the Main Office.

Denim blouses/ shirts buttoned to the neck
CREW-NECK T-SHIRTS, MIDRIFF SHIRTS, TANK TOPS, THERMAL UNDERSHIRTS
STRIPPED, PATTERNED, or "IN MEMORY OF" T-SHIRTS
SEE THROUGH CLOTHING OF ANY KIND!
LOGOS OR WORDING WRITTEN ACROSS SHIRT.

**SHOES:**

Female and male students wear closed-in, solid colored shoes, boots, or tennis shoes.

BARE FEET, SLIPPERS, FOOTIES, FLIP-FLOPS, SLIDES, SANDALS, THONGS, CROCS, SHOWERS SHOES, BEDROOM SLIPPERS,
SPIKED, ORNAMENTAL SHOES

**ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING**

**UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING**

**ACCESSORIES:**

Female and male students wear belts as needed at the waist to keep their pants, skirts up.

BUTTONS, BADGES, PINS THAT ENDORSE OR ADVERTISE NEGATIVE ATTITUDES OR BEHAVIORS THAT COULD INSIGHT VIOLENCE.
| Students may wear neckties and/or jewelry to adorn their uniform | SLEEP BONNETS, WRAP SCARVES, DO-RAGS, SKULL CAPS, FITTED CAPS, BERETS, BANDANAS [any color], etc.  
*Bad Hair Day* or *My hair is not finished* are UNACCEPTABLE EXCUSES and will not be honored! |
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| Students may wear gear for warmth and protection. *However, THE APPROPRIATE UNIFORM SHIRT MUST BE VISIBLE at all times. Full zip (green or gray) Plain jacket, sweater or sweatshirt only!*  
*Zip jackets may possess a CHFHS logo or no logo, but no other logos will be allowed* | Denim blouses/shirts buttoned to the neck.  
No Coats, Jackets or outer wear  
NO HOODIES of any kind  
Any color of SNOW PANTS, SKI PANTS, SWEATPANTS, etc., |