



Dear CJA Families,

The Calgary Jewish Academy is moving forward in many directions to make this the best school for our children. We want our children, who come from many different backgrounds, to be educated in an inclusive, nurturing and safe environment. We want our children to value each other for who they are, not what they wear. And most importantly, we want our children to feel a sense of belonging and school pride within our school. For these reasons, and more The Calgary Jewish Academy is implementing uniforms for the 2011/12 school year.

Top Marks will be our exclusive supplier for the CJA uniforms, and I'm sure that you will be pleased with the number of options available. Please take a few moments of your time to look through their website (www.topmarks.ca). You can do this by going to their homepage and on the left hand side, clicking on the "ONLINE ORDERS" tab. When you get to the next page, go to the pink "NEW CUSTOMERS" box, and enter our school password (which is cja01). This will take you to The Calgary Jewish Academy page. Do not order anything yet; instead take a few minutes to browse our selections, by clicking the "BROWSE" button in the "Browse Catalogue box", which is on top left hand corner of the page. This will allow you to scroll through the clothing items specifically selected for The Calgary Jewish Academy. I hope you like what you see; a great deal of thought and consultation went into our selections.

Students were surprised last Friday, when 16 students, from nursery to grade 9, volunteered to showcase the new uniform styles. Wearing the various styles, CJA student volunteers paraded from room to room, and then posed for photos. Both teachers and students were very excited to see all of the options available. Later that day, when photos were displayed on the school monitors, and the school website, the response from parents was very positive. We invite you to come and see samples of the uniform pieces available this week in the library during parent teacher interviews.

In early May, Top Marks will be sending a team to fit every student of the CJA. Watch the newsletter for information on when you can begin phoning to book an appointment. You will be able to place your uniform order at the same time as the fitting or after the fitting, by going on-line in the comfort of your own home.

It's going to be an exciting change for the CJA, and I'm looking forward to how uniforms are going to make our school feel even more special than it already does.

Sincerely,
Tracy Forman
CJA President