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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Changes in fashion are inevitable as time goes by. As middle school teachers, we are very aware of those changes since most of our students want to fit in and look up-to-date. At this age, they are very aware of what they look like, and they want to look good in the eyes of their peers. They are influenced by celebrities in music and TV and mimic their style. However, some of the current fashion trends are inappropriate to wear to school. As adults, most of us have dress codes to follow in our workplaces, specified or unspecified. At Falk School, it is expected that our students learn, question, and gain understanding about many different aspects of our changing world. This is their job; Falk School is their workplace. Therefore, we expect our students to dress appropriately. This is not to say that we are going to strictly enforce a dress code. That is unnecessary. But as professionals teaching these students, we feel that there are some items that are inappropriate to wear to school. These include:

- Any piece of clothing with profanity or inferences to sex, drugs, alcohol, or violence
- Short shirts showing midriffs
- Tube tops
- Halter tops
- Oversized boys tank tops or muscle shirts

We are asking for your assistance in this matter, to check what your son or daughter is wearing to school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Sincerely,

The Middle School Team