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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are reaching out to make you aware of a modification that we are making to our dress code that will take effect on Friday, October 21st. Beginning this Friday, students will be permitted on **Friday's only** to wear their hat during the school day. We have made this decision based on feedback that we collected from our students. As we move forward as a community, we are committed to creating a safe, caring and welcoming school community for our students, and in doing so, we believe that we need to consider the feedback and input of our most important stakeholder - our students. Last June, all of our students completed a survey that we created that was designed for us to gain valuable feedback from them regarding our school community. Through their responses, our students expressed to us that having the opportunity to wear a hat during the school day is something that many of them value. It is our belief that this change in policy will help our students to appreciate that their voices are being heard and that they have input into how their school operates.

Additionally, it is important for me to share that our staff is continuing to reflect on the student data that we collected from this survey and that we are committed to continuing to consider ways to implement positive change within our school to continue to enhance our positive student focused culture. All students were advised of this change this morning during their Mindset Monday lesson. Our Mindset Monday lessons are presented weekly by our homeroom teachers in an effort to help all of our students to start the week off with a fresh perspective and a positive outlook. During this lesson, teachers shared with our students why we are implementing this change and students were provided with the opportunity to seek clarification on our expectations regarding this change in practice.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, feel free to reach out to any member of our school administration team.

Yours in Christ,

Ian Stang
Principal

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Vice-Principal

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