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Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform you about our new AAEM school uniforms! This year parents will begin ordering uniforms online. The link is provided below. Here are the changes:

*K-5th grade students will have a new purple polo shirt option. Students may still wear the past colors. Eventually we will phase out light blue.

*All students, K-8th grade, will now have long sleeve polo shirt options.

*Shirts can now be purchased in boys or girls styles in various fabrics.

*All students, K-8th grade, now have AAEM school sweatshirt options. Per our handbook, only the AAEM sweatshirts or solid color sweatshirts can be worn in classrooms. Absolutely no logos other than the school logo can be worn on sweatshirts inside the classrooms. This will be in our 2018-19 handbook.

*All students, K-8 grade, will have new "Spirit Shirt" options. Spirit shirts are approved AAEM t-shirts. The new t-shirts will include a Scorpion shirt, a Scorpion Sports Shirt, and a Scorpions Performing Arts shirt (all are t-shirts available in two styles). **These t-shirts may be worn every Friday with uniform bottoms and on any field trips.** Purchasing Spirit Shirts are not mandatory, it is optional. Uniforms may be worn on Fridays.

*All student, K-8th grade, will have a new "Character Counts Wednesday t-shirt" option. There are 6 Character Counts Pillar t-shirt options. Students may purchase one or all of the t-shirts to wear every Wednesday. Students wearing a Character Counts t-shirt on Wednesday will also be able to wear appropriate jeans with the shirt. **Jeans may only be worn with the Character Counts t-shirts on Wednesdays.** Every Wednesday students and staff may choose any of the 6 colors to wear. AAEM will not designate any specific color. For example, we will not say "This Wednesday is blue Character Counts..." ANY color, any Wednesday....you choose! Purchasing the t-shirt(s) is optional, this is not mandatory. Uniforms may be worn on Wednesdays.

*The school will have last year's selection of uniform shirts for purchase for \$10.00 per polo until they are gone. By January of 2019, we will be fully online and uniforms will only be able to be purchased through the website. AAEM has worked with a company to provide students and families more options for uniforms and other AAEM items. The company is not a division of AAEM. AAEM has chosen not to make any money or profit on the sales of uniforms or items sold through the new website. This allows parents free shipping options and lower costs on multiple shirts/items.

More information will be available in the Student Handbooks this year. Student Handbooks are passed out during the first week of school.

Here is the new website link to place your order:

<http://www.shopaaem.com>

You can start ordering any time!