



When comparing the tartan (plaid) above with the one below, it becomes obvious which one best represents Bishop Dwenger High School. As in all things, Bishop Dwenger has proven its strength and determination, especially with our recent Extended Learning and quarantine. Naturally, we should display our colors and pride in our daily dress code.

Over the course of the **next three years**, we will be transitioning to the new Khaki, White, and Navy Plaid Wrap Around Kilt for our female Saints. This means if you have the skirt in the black/red tartan fabric, you may continue to wear it for the remainder of your Bishop Dwenger career. However, any new skirt purchases will be from Flynn O'Hara, a national uniform provider, and in the new khaki, white, and navy tartan.

Summary of the new BD female dress code:

- BD will transition from the red/black tartan to the khaki, white, navy tartan over the course of the next three years. By the 2023-2024 school year, only the khaki, white, navy tartan will be worn.
 - This permits those who own the red/black to wear it for the remainder of their BD career.
 - New skirts will be purchased from Flynn O'Hara [at this portal](#) made specifically for Bishop Dwenger.
- The new khaki, white, navy skirt is currently only offered in a wrap-around kilt, however Flynn O'Hara is considering offering a box pleat skirt in this pattern. We will keep you updated on the box pleat skirt availability.
- The new khaki, white, navy skirt will require opaque NAVY tights to be worn with it. Because these may be difficult to find in standard retail stores, the BD Spirit Shop will carry an inventory in various sizes for cash-and-carry purchase during Spirit Shop hours. The tights will also be available on the BD Flynn O'Hara ordering portal.
- Flynn O'Hara offers men's pants, men's shirts, men's ties, women's slacks, women's tights and belts and shoes for both genders. *None of these items are required to be purchased from Flynn O'Hara – only the skirt*, which is also optional if a female student prefers to wear slacks. However, for those interested, we are making the other uniform articles available on the BD Flynn O'Hara ordering portal for our families' convenience.
- Our Spirit Shop will carry samples and various sizes of the skirt as well as other optional items that may be purchased from Flynn O'Hara. Your student may try these on during shop hours. The online portal provides instructions for at-home measuring and sizing.
- As in the past, women's polos, cardigans and quarter-zip pullovers for both genders may be purchased only through The Spirit Shop and must have the embroidered BD logo.

We are excited about better representing Bishop Dwenger High School with a skirt in our school colors, yet hope the manner in which we shift to this skirt provides ease-of-transition to our families.

We realize the world has experienced a lot of change in the past few months! We do not intend to add to that list of changes, but this one should be inconsequential to most. 1) Female students may continue to wear the red/black skirt for the next three years. 2) If a new skirt is to be purchased, merely do so through the portal link above. 3) Female students may always opt to wear dress code-compliant khakis as opposed to the skirt, therefore avoiding the additional purchase.

Flynn O'Hara shared that, traditionally, 70% of their uniforms are purchased between August 1 and September 15. To improve timely delivery, place your order soon! Flynn O'Hara discounts will be offered online and tiered to incentivize early online shopping.

If you have questions regarding the new policy, please contact Lisa Polhamus, Assistant Principal, at lpolhamus@bishopdwenger.com. For questions regarding ordering or availability of samples, please contact Monica Buescher, Spirit Shop Manager, at mbuescher@bishopdwenger.com.

P.S. Prior to the black/red tartan, Bishop Dwenger had a brown/white plaid, wool skirt. If anyone knows the history of either of these patterns, we would love to know more about the BD narrative!

