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Dear Grade 6 Family,

Sixth-grade students are required to wear specific “Pingry Athletics” clothing for Physical Education. Each student will need at least one of each of the following items: T-shirt, shorts, sweatshirt, and sweatpants. A “Pingry Athletics” duffel bag is optional. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, the Grade 6 P.E. uniform is identical to that used for P.E. at the Short Hills Campus.

Orders for Grade 6 P.E. clothing should be placed online at www.sneakersplus.com. After accessing the Sneakers Plus homepage, click the “Schools/Teams” link at the top and scroll down an alphabetized list of schools to find Pingry; then click the Big Blue icon. Select the **“Pingry Physical Education – Martinsville Campus”** store and follow the directions on the site to place your order using a credit card. It is important to place your order through the appropriate P.E. site (especially if you have children at both campuses) so that the apparel is delivered to the proper location. The sweatshirt offered on the store includes customized embroidery on the sleeve, so *please be sure to fill in your child’s last name where prompted*. All other gear is designed for the student to mark with their last name at the P.E. Staff’s direction. To ensure that your order arrives at the Martinsville Campus, please select “Pick-up at Sneakers Plus” when checking out. The Athletic Department will pick up all orders and distribute them to your child during class. Entering your child’s last name in the shipping address field will help the P.E. Staff properly deliver orders to children whose parents may have a different last name.

The online store is now open and will remain open until Sunday, August 9. For sizing purposes, samples are available in the Martinsville Campus Athletic Office and in the Short Hills Campus Main Office. Distribution of the clothing will occur during the first P.E. sessions of the year. Please contact Katie at Sneakers Plus (kterhune@sneakersplus.com or 908-788-2992 ext. 103) with any questions.

Specialized equipment for each sport is provided on loan by the Athletic Department for sixth-grade students. If you are uncomfortable with your child using shared athletic equipment (e.g. fencing helmets, lacrosse pads, batting helmets, protective eyewear, etc.), you may provide your own comparable gear—provided it meets safety standards upon inspection by our staff. A few items (listed below) must be provided by the student for participation in the P.E. program because of their personal nature. A list of “recommended gear/equipment” has also been compiled. Items in this category are not mandatory but lend themselves to personal ownership.

Required Gear/Equipment
(to be provided by student)

Mouth Guard, Mouth Guard Case
Sneakers (Running or Cross-Training type)
Cleats (any type with plastic spikes)
Shin Guards (type that can be worn without high socks)
Bathing Suit (one-piece for girls; any type for boys)
Towel
Socks
Deodorant

Recommended Gear/Equipment*

Tall Socks
Tennis Racquet
Swim Cap and Goggles
Protective Eyewear
Softball/Baseball Glove

* If a student does not have equipment in this category, it will be loaned to them by the Athletic Department, with the exception of tall (soccer-type) socks.

I know I speak for Tony Garcia, Grade 6 P.E. Coordinator, and the entire Athletic Department when I say that we are truly looking forward to meeting your sixth-grade student and to sharing the exciting year of discovery ahead!

Kind Regards,

Dale Seabury
Assistant Director of Athletics