

Why Sneakers Should be Allowed?

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For many years at Belmont Hill, there has been a tradition of allowing the Upper Classmen to have certain privileges, which the Middle School does not enjoy. One of the prominent perks of being in the Upper School is being allowed to wear sneakers instead of dress shoes. As all of you know, there was a modification to the dress code over the summer that permitted the Middle School to wear sneakers. In addition, this change prohibited the Upper School from wearing hooded sweatshirts. The combination of the Middle School not having to suffer through dress shoes and their right to wear hoodies being retracted resulted in the Upper Classmen being very mad about this dress code alteration.

The comfort of the students should be of the utmost importance. Although, the dress code has to juggle between tradition and the comfort/liking of the students. Due to the large size of Belmont Hill, it is practical for the students to be able to wear sneakers. Dress shoes do not necessarily offer the stability and comfort of normal shoes in all of the walking around campus. Lastly, the ability of students to choose their footwear allows them to express themselves with their shoes. For all of these reasons, Belmont Hill made the correct choice in permitting the Middle School the option of wearing sneakers.