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The yellow school buses roll by, and the crisp pleats swishing along with the tip-tap of shiny school shoes herald a brand-new school year.

Let's have a look at the stripes, the plaids and the solids that make up Boro Park's uniform scene. When you see the schoolgirls walking by, knapsacks hitched upon their shoulders, you'll know just which fine educational institution they're headed to!



Ahi Ezer Yeshiva





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Bais Brocho



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Bais Esther Klausenburg



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Bnos Yaakov HS of Flatbush



Bais Sarah





Bais Tzipora

Elementary







Bais Sarah

High School



Bais Yaakov 18th Avenue





Bais Yaakov D'Chassidei Gur



Bais Yaakov D'Chassidei Gur

High School



Bais Yaakov of Boro Park

Grades 5 to 8



Bais Yaakov of Boro Park High School

Be'er Hagolah

Grades 1 to 6













Bais Yaakov of Bensonhurst



Bnos Bobov-45



Bais Yaakov of Bensonhurst



Nesivos Bais Yaakov



Bnos Zion of Bobov



Bnos Zion of Bobov



BYA v-necks also allowed

Bnos Yisroel of Flatbush



BYA



Lev Bais Yaakov



Lev Bais Yaakov

Grades 7 and 8



Lev Bais Yaakov

High School

Bais Yaakov D'Rav Meir



Bais Yaakov D'Rav Meir





Masores Bais Yaakov



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Nefesh Academy



Mesilas Bais Yaakov







Bnos Leah Prospect Park



Bnos Leah Prospect Park

High School



Bnos Yaakov Pupa



Bnos Yaakov Pupa





Bais Rochel Satmar



Bais Rochel Satmar



Shaare Torah



Shalsheles Bais Yaakov





Shulamith of Brooklyn



Tichon **Bnot Rachel**

Tiferes Miriam

Tiferes Miriam





Vien Bais Yaakov



Vien Bais Yaakov

High School



Bnos Margulia Viznitz





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High School



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Should I bring my daughter along to shop for uniforms?

Yes, please do, and if she's a harder-to-fit size, it is especially important to do so. Uniform shopping — unlike standard clothes shopping, where going up a size means a longer skirt, too — is a customized experience. Skirts are available in custom sizes. Both the length and the width needed are taken into consideration for a custom fit so every schoolgirl can look her very best.

Beat the Crowds

Especially if uniform shopping for you is not an in-and-out ordeal — whether you have a number of girls or the fitting needs careful consideration — here's the trick for dressing them with no stress: Come before the crowds. Take your kids out of day camp during the day so that you don't have to contend with the bottleneck traffic the erev school season brings. Avoid the noise of multitudes of children who just can't be left behind for this trip. You might just be surprised at how pleasant uniform shopping can be.

Additionally, as much as we set ourselves up logistically to meet the demand before every school year, unplanned setbacks or issues can often cause a shortage at the last minute, and that's another reason not to wait for zero hour.

Wear and Care

Heat will undo the pleats instantly, so take care to wash your skirts only on a cold, delicate cycle, and never put them in the dryer. And every few washes, when the pleats can use some sharpening, there generally is no need for complicated procedures like pinning or sewing down the pleats. Put a soft fabric over the skirt

(direct ironing will make the fabric shiny), and press down several pleats at a time while applying steam.

Cotton sweaters should be washed with a delicate detergent like Woolite to prevent fading. Acrylic sweaters will not fade from washing (with the exception of when in contact with bleach).

New for 5782

Bais Tzipora is introducing new uniform sweaters for both their high school and elementary departments.

A new uniform combination comes to the scene with the opening of Shoshanos Bais Yaakov: A black pleated skirt, gray v-neck sweater and gray pinstriped shirt.

Nitzotz Bais Yaakov in Flatbush is launching with a different color logo for each grade.





9th grade

10th grad

Time's a-Changing

Wool skirts were the norm some years ago. At that point, there was only one local uniform manufacturer, and they only produced wool uniforms. When the company closed, there was a welcome shift to the more practical and cost-effective poly/rayon skirts that are in use almost across the board. While students in elementary schools and seminaries, for the most part, choose poly/rayon skirts, you'll still see some wool skirts in high schools. The logic is that wool holds the pleats for longer, and some high schoolers can use the same skirt for a longer period of time, making the higher cost worth it. During elementary school years, on the other hand, there's usually significant changes in height, and similarly, seminary lasts just one year.

The Stats of the Skirts and Shirts

The best-selling shirt: **light-blue oxford**

Followed by **white** shirts

The most popular skirt: \boldsymbol{navy} $\boldsymbol{pleated}$

Followed pretty closely by **black**

pleated



An Echo of the Past

Pupa Elementary phased out their plaid uniforms.

Bais Tzipora High
School phased out their
plaids and white shirts.

