

BAND UNIFORMS

July 30, 2011

Dear Band Students and Parents:

WELCOME! This week we will be issuing each band student both a marching and a concert uniform, and measuring new students for marching shoes, a band polo shirt and a polar fleece jacket. **Returning band members**, please try on your shoes, polo and fleece from last season as we will not be measuring you for these. If you need a different size, you need to tell us at band camp.

Here is a reminder about what happens next.

Our goal is to put everyone in a uniform that fits, but sometimes hemming of pants and jacket sleeves may be required. If so, this hemming is the responsibility of the individual student. If you are told, at fitting time, that your uniform needs to be rehemmed, make sure that there is no break (the legs of the pants should come straight down to the top of the shoe without “breaking” into a fold) when you wear them. If you do need to hem pants or jacket sleeves, please bear the following guidelines in mind:

- 1) **Never** cut any material off the pants or jackets. If material is cut from uniform, you will be charged for replacement of that uniform item.
- 2) **Always** let out existing hem before starting.
- 3) **Always** use a pressing cloth to press finished hem.
- 4) Please stitch hems with matching thread and **please no pins, duct tape or staples.**

Your marching uniform consists of:

- ✓ Black marching bibs
- ✓ Maroon marching jacket
- ✓ White baldric (which attaches to right shoulder and left waist of jacket)
- ✓ Black Beret
- ✓ White gloves (Percussion section does not wear gloves)
- ✓ Black shoes
- ✓ Black socks

The first five items are supplied by the Band and stored at Seaholm. All band members are required to purchase and wear black marching shoes. Returning students must try on their shoes to make sure they still fit. We have used shoes in limited sizes or we can order new to fit. **Every student is responsible for obtaining their own black CREW socks. No anklets please. We don't want to see bare ankles.**

Those who order shoes with room to grow may want to bring a thick pair. If you show up for a marching performance without black socks, you'll be charged \$5.00 for the pair you get from us.

New white gloves for each band student will be ordered and be in your hat box in time for our first marching performance.

If you have been told that your uniform needs to be hemmed, take it home ASAP and get it done. Once it has been hemmed, return it to school. All marching uniforms will be kept in the Uniform Storage Room.

- 1) **Always** hang up your uniform properly (if you've forgotten how, ask). You may keep your marching shoes in your band locker. Please remember to clean them before putting them in your locker.
- 2) If your uniform gets dirty during the season, it is your responsibility to get it cleaned (we recommend North Eton Cleaners). Dirt and perspiration are the enemies of these beauties, **wear antiperspirant.**

In addition to marching uniforms, you also will be issued a concert uniform which consists of the following:

- ✓ Black tuxedo jacket
- ✓ Black tuxedo pants or skirt
- ✓ Maroon tie
- ✓ Maroon cummerbund
- ✓ Black suspenders (on an as needed basis)

Students will be responsible for supplying their own black shoes (you can wear marching shoes if you want), black socks and tuxedo shirt. **Everyone must supply their own white, wing collar, fine-pleated front shirt.** Shop for one now, the December concert will be here before you know it. Tuxedo rental shops sell used ones and Michael's craft store has them at a reasonable price.

We will not store concert uniforms at school. These will be sent home in a garment bag with their name tag in the pocket. **PLEASE keep the name tag** in the garment bag as students will return these uniforms at the end of the year in these bags.

You have also been measured for a Seaholm Marching Band polo shirt (maroon). These will be worn for early and late season performances when it is too hot for marching uniforms (e.g. Celebrate Birmingham Parade). These will be ordered and issued to you as soon as they are available. You will complete this uniform by wearing your own long khaki pants, brown belt, white crew socks and (as white as you have them) tennis shoes. New students are also being measured for black polar fleeces. Student's names or nicknames are stitched on the upper left front. These will be used when wearing the maroon polos and khaki pants during a performance when the weather is cooler.

If you haven't already done so, please pay for any of the following items which have been issued to your student;

❖ SHOES (new/used)	\$ 25.00/5.00
❖ T-SHIRT	\$ 10.00
❖ POLO SHIRT	\$ 20.00
❖ BLACK POLAR FLEECE	\$ 26.00

PAYMENT IS DUE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You can make one check, payable to: *SEAHOLM BAND BOOSTERS.*

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call

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