

November 2, 2010

TO: All Symphonic and Concert Band Members and Parents

FROM: Mr. Hillery, Band Director  
Mr. Wimmers, Assistant Band Director

SUBJECT: Band Concert Season Performance Attire

The required dress for all Symphonic Band and Concert Band performances includes a tuxedo blouse/shirt with black bow tie, tuxedo skirt/trousers with cummerbund, black patent shoes, and a tuxedo jacket for the gentlemen. All students are fitted for these items at school, so it is not necessary for students to purchase these on their own.

With the Performing Arts Center grand opening concert on November 14<sup>th</sup> fast approaching, below are the guidelines that **MUST** be followed to provide a uniform well-dressed appearance of all band members. There will be **NO** exceptions:

- ❖ Uniforms should be clean AND pressed for each performance. If a student has been issued a new uniform article, it must be pressed prior to reporting to warm-ups before a performance.
- ❖ Shirts/blouses should be buttoned using the black buttons. Everyone should have four black buttons showing when the shirt/blouse is buttoned properly. If you do not have four black buttons, you will be issued buttons at your expense. TIP: Remove buttons and place in a small plastic container before laundering so they do not get lost. Buttons can be re-inserted again after laundering.
- ❖ If an undershirt/camisole is worn under the blouse/shirt, it must be solid white or nude in color. There should be no wording on t-shirts/undershirts and/or no colored trim.
- ❖ Shoes should be shined. Black patent uniform shoes are the **ONLY** shoes that may be worn for a performance.
- ❖ Women are to wear **BLACK** panty hose. **NO KNEE-HIGHS WILL BE PERMITTED!!** If a student does not have black hose when reporting for warm-ups prior to a concert, a pair will be issued at the student's expense.
- ❖ Men are to wear black socks only! If a student does not come to a performance with black socks, a pair will be issued at the student's expense.
- ❖ Tuxedo Jackets are **NOT** to leave the building. The men are to obtain the jacket assigned to them prior to a performance and then return it after the performance. The students wearing them **MUST** hang all jackets on assigned hangers following the performance. It is not up to the directors and/or parents overseeing uniforms to do this for the students.

- ❖ Missing/loose jacket buttons should be reported to Ms. Poynter or Mrs. Davenport as soon as the problem occurs. If your jacket is missing a button, do not wait until the next performance to report it.
- ❖ It is recommended that you write **your** name on the inside of each shoe in the event your shoes are misplaced/lost so they can be returned to you. If you lose your shoes, you will be issued a new pair at your expense. **Do NOT** leave your shoes in the band room following a performance.
- ❖ Cummerbunds and bow ties seem to get misplaced easily. If you come to a performance without either a bow tie or cummerbund, you will be issued a new one at your expense. **TIP:** Store them in your shoebox or hang them on the hanger with your blouse/shirt.

In many cases, uniforms will last throughout all four years of high school. If, however, you should need a different size for any part of your uniform, please notify Ms. Poynter or Mrs. Davenport when you become aware of the need for a different size. A selection of most sizes of blouses, shirts, skirts, and trousers are kept on hand to take care of size changes due to growth and/or change in weight. To best accommodate changing sizes, please let us know within a reasonable period of time prior to a performance (at least two weeks). We may not be able to fit **you** properly if you request a different size the day of the performance.

Concert season uniform prices are listed below. All freshmen will be required to purchase a complete uniform prior to the first concert. Payment **must** be received in full prior to taking your uniform home with you. Upper classmen need buy only those items that need replaced. **All men are required to pay a \$10.00 rental/dry-cleaning fee for their tuxedo jacket each year.**

As always, please place your money in an envelope with your name and what the payment is for and place in the drop box outside the band office. If you wish to have uniform expenses deducted from you student account, you may write a note saying how much should be deducted from your student account and place it in the drop box. **DO NOT** give money to the directors!

**Men's Uniform**

\$13.00	Tuxedo Shirt
\$28.00	Tuxedo Trousers
\$ 8.00	Bow Tie/Cummerbund
\$20.00	Shoes
<u>\$10.00</u>	Jacket Rental/Dry Cleaning Fee
<b>\$79.00</b>	<b>Freshman Total</b>

**Women's Uniform**

\$13.00	Tuxedo Shirt
\$28.00	Tuxedo Skirt
\$ 8.00	Bow Tie/Cummerbund
\$20.00	Shoes
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<b>\$69.00</b>	<b>Freshman Total</b>

Any questions/issues regarding uniforms can be discussed with either one of the directors or Ms. Poynter at (419) 296-7862 and Mrs. Davenport at (419) 657-6754.

Your attention to these guidelines is required and will be appreciated.

