

“HANG IT UP CORRECTLY!”

**....and other important instructions concerning your
Pride of Highland Marching Band uniform...**

Your Uniform:

During band camp you were assigned your very own band uniform. It is made up of four parts: pants, a jacket, a raincoat (or pickle, as we call it) and a hat or beret. Uniforms are expensive...about \$500 each. We expect you to wear it with pride and take care of it.

Your uniform never leaves the school. You take it off the rack when you arrive and get dressed in the band rooms. You take it off after each game or show, “HANG IT UP CORRECTLY”, and put it back on the rack in the right place before you go home. If your uniform is wet or sweaty, you will receive special instructions to hang the jacket over the back of your chair, lay your pants neatly over the seat of the chair, and put your hat in your hat box, which is left open and placed under the chair. The next time you come back to school, you will “HANG IT UP CORRECTLY”, and put it back on the rack in the right place.

Treat your hat with care. Do not crush it or sit on it. If it breaks, TELL US!! You are not in trouble! We just want to fix it. Never put wet spats or gloves in your hat box or garment bag. It will make everything else moldy...totally gross!!

Try to keep your uniform clean. If you get dirty or you spill something, TELL US!! You are not in trouble! We just want to get the stain out quickly. It's easier that way.

Your Undies:

Undies are the clothes you are to wear UNDER your uniform. You are to come to school for each show or game wearing your undies, as boys and girls will be putting on their uniforms in the same room.

From the top down, here's what your undies should include:

- 1) Your black “Pride of Highland Marching Band” t-shirt. This shirt is a required part of your uniform. You may not wear any other shirt, even if it is black. There may be times when jackets are to be removed, and we all need to look uniform. In colder weather, you may wear many layers under your black t-shirt, but the shirt is always worn on top. Under Armor, a long sleeve t-shirt, thermal underwear or a black turtleneck are all good cold weather choices to wear under your t-shirt.
- 2) Shorts with an elastic or drawstring waist. You may NOT wear jeans, cargo pants, or any pants with a zipper or buttons. The buttons rub against the uniform and cause excessive wear on the fabric. Basketball shorts, soccer shorts, Softe cheerleading shorts, or shorts with a drawstring waist are good choices. When it gets cold, flannel pajama or lounge pants are perfect. You can also wear Under Armor, thermal underwear or sweat pants. Our own Spirit Wear department sells really nice shorts and lounge pants that are perfect for this.
- 3) Black Socks. If your uniform fits correctly, your socks never really show, but you never know when the unexpected might happen and you end up losing a shoe in the middle of the band dance. Be safe...go with black socks.

Your Shoes:

You are responsible for purchasing your own black shoes to wear with your uniform. There are many different styles that work, but they must follow these simple rules:

- 1) They must be BLACK!!!
- 2) They must have a heel to hold your spat in place. NO TENNIS SHOES!

3) You must be able to shine them.

Ladies, check the men's department. They have many choices. Also, something waterproof is a nice touch. Boot style shoes are just fine, too.

Your Hair:

Your hair must be put up inside your hat and may not touch your collar at any time. Even when you take your hat off, your hair must be secured above your collar line. This rule applies to boys as well as girls. Try to put your hair up at home, but if you need help, our Hair Moms offer to do your hair at school one hour before arrival time of each performance. You must come to school with clean, dry hair if you want help from a Hair Mom. Please remember that Hair Moms are volunteers, and they have the right to "Just Say No" if your hair is dirty, greasy, or sweaty.

Your Accessories:

Your accessories include your spats and gloves that you purchased using your Marching Band Sign-Up form. Spats and gloves are to be CLEAN for every performance. If you should lose your spats or gloves, you may use clean, used ones from the used glove and spat boxes in the uniform room.

Spats go over your shiny BLACK band shoes with the snaps on the outside. Spats can be machine washed in hot water and bleach and tumbled dry.

Gloves can also be machine washed and tumbled dry. Clarinet players need to cut the fingertips out of your gloves so that you may properly seal the holes of your instrument. Percussionists do not wear gloves.

Another note on accessories....no dangly earrings, and no visible tattoos or face paintings. Enough said!

Your Pickle:

This is your green raincoat. If it is going to be wet or cold, you will be given instructions to wear your pickle. If not, your pickle stays at school on the rack, and will be waiting for you when you come back.

Buttons and Stains and Rips, OH MY!!

During marching season, things happen. Buttons fall off, hot chocolate spills, and pants split. It's OK! If this happens to you, TELL A UNIFORM MOM AS SOON AS IT HAPPENS!!! We want you to look good all the time. We can fix a hat, sew on a button, remove a stain with special stain removers or put your hair back up during the football game. We come prepared to put you back together again. We can work major miracles with safety pins and duct tape. Remember, YOU ARE NOT IN TROUBLE IF THESE THINGS HAPPEN TO YOU. We just want to fix it as soon as possible, especially stains.

Dry Cleaning Nights:

Your jacket and pants will be dry cleaned four times during the marching season. You will be given special instructions on those nights. Uniforms are collected in large green dry cleaning bags. We put jackets in one bag and pants in another. Remember to CLEAN OUT YOUR POCKETS!! Uniform moms keep the money!! (Not really.)

Any questions??

Need a t-shirt, spats, gloves, hoodie, winter stocking hat or headband?

Spill something? Lose a button?

Just want to say "Hi!"?

See Mrs. Funk in the Uniform Room