



Midlothian High School Band Boosters
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www.MidloBand.org

Dear Parents and Students:

Welcome to Marching Band! We hope you will have a great marching band season. Your “Uniform Moms” for the 2014-2015 marching band season are myself (Robin Davis), Donna Taylor and Robin Grosenick and Anne Budinger. Currently, we’re busy fitting your child into their **brand new marching uniforms** and making alterations if necessary. It has been 10 years since the last time we purchased new uniforms! If you have any problems with your uniform during the season, come and talk to one of us- we’re always here to help you. We attend all football games, competitions, and other events to make sure our band looks their best at all times!

Note: If you need to purchase dinkles (required marching shoes) or extra socks, they must be paid for by August 18, 2014. I will be placing the order the next day.

Concert Attire:

All students (**marching and non-marching**) are required to wear a concert dress or tuxedo for all band performances.

Boys: Bella Rosa Bridal & Special Occasions will be at the high school fitting the boys for their new tuxedos during their class time. You will be notified of the dates. **If your child is not in class that day, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with Bella Rosa to attend a fitting at their store in the West End.**

Girls: The Uniform Moms will be fitting the girls for their concert dresses. The Concert Attire Chair will order the dresses from our vender. Once the dresses arrive, the girls will need to make arrangements to have them hemmed outside of school. The dresses will only have a raw hem- which means no hem at all. The school has recommended Elim Alteration and Shoe Repair for years. Their address is 13222 Midlothian Turnpike Midlothian, VA 23113, Phone 379-9644. They are down the road from Midlothian Middle School by the Arby’s and Richmond Camera.

If you are the parent of a returning student, please ask your student to try on their concert attire to determine if they need any new pieces. You may sell your used dresses or tuxedo pieces that have been outgrown, please bring them to the school during band camp. Attach a self-addressed **stamped** envelope, and on the back flap write a note of the amount you would like to sell your piece(s) for. The sooner you bring these items in, the more likely you are to sell them. We will put your envelope in the mail. You may also donate your item(s) to the band boosters.

Parents of new band students should check our supply of gently used concert pieces. Your son is likely to outgrow his first tuxedo and this will allow you to save some money on his first one! Supplies are limited and prices vary. Please contact Robin Davis for further information at davisrobind@aol.com

Sincerely, Robin Davis
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Guidelines for Marching Band Uniforms:
Important, Please Read-Helpful Tips

Each student will be issued a Marching Uniform, consisting of a Jacket, Baldric, Bibs, Hat, Gauntlets (wrist coverings), Gloves (except percussion), Uniform Bag and Hat Box, all of which have matching numbers. You'll be shown the proper way to hang your uniform on a hanger, and then be expected to do so after every performance. The hat box will contain your hat, gloves and gauntlets. Turn the hat upside down when placing it in its box. Uniform bags will hang with the number facing to the outside so that it is visible. The uniform bags and hat boxes will be placed in number order on the rolling uniform racks. Uniform Number assignments and Guidelines will be posted on the rolling uniform racks for your use.

Note: If your uniform is not properly stored, it will go into Mr. Rawls' office; this includes Dinkles (shoes).

Appearance: Long hair must be worn up and out of the face during all performances. Make sure that long hair is **not** secured in the same location where the band of the hat sits on the back of the head. No jewelry of any kind is permitted.

The **Band Show T-Shirt** is to be worn under your uniform jacket for every performance. The cost of one t-shirt is included with your band camp fee. It is helpful to purchase an extra show t-shirt so you have a clean shirt for both the Friday and Saturday performances.

Tall Black Socks are a required uniform item and will be worn every time you're in uniform. If you do not purchase socks from us, consider buying moisture wicking, fast drying, thin socks. See a Uniform Mom if you forget your socks, they cost \$4.00. **NO ANKLE SOCKS ALLOWED!**

White Gloves are part of your marching uniform and are worn during all performances. The Uniform Moms can cut holes into the fingers of your gloves for easier access to the keys of your instrument. The gloves are to be kept inside your hatbox - but not inside your hat. Please remember to take them home and wash them every couple of weeks as they will begin to smell bad and look dingy. Hang them to dry.

Gauntlets are part of your uniform that are worn over the wrists. Make sure to secure the "L" shaped Velcro inside so they don't fall off! They will be stored in your hat box, underneath your hat.

Dinkles (special marching shoes) are a mandatory part of the uniform that must be purchased. All Dinkles look alike so put your name in the tongue of each shoe with Sharpie. Dinkles should be brought home after every event and **not left in the band room closet**. Also, **do not put your Dinkles in your garment bag, even when traveling!!!** Please clean your Dinkles with a damp paper towel...

Cold Weather: Wearing some type of layering under your uniform to help keep you warm is acceptable. You need to wear a shirt that has a low crew neck (no collar), and goes **under** your band t-shirt. You may wear long underwear (like Under Armor) bottoms, with thin shorts over it. **Regular pants, jeans and sweat pants are not permitted**. Keep in mind that you will be changing in the band room with the other kids.

Prior to Performance: The Uniform Moms will place a Plume (feather) in your hat, check the snaps on the back of your uniform, check for visible uniform stains, and check your shoes for proper appearance. After the performance, you will return your feather to us for storage.

Traveling Tips: When traveling, you will carry all your personal belongings (phone, money, iPod/ear buds, pillow, blanket, extra clothes, coat, gloves, hat, etc.), instrument, shoes, uniform, and hat box - unless otherwise informed. You will also need money for snacks and dinner on Friday and Saturday events. Please feel free to bring food from home- it does get expensive. **No red drinks are allowed - if spilled on the uniform, it will leave a permanent stain !!!**

Most importantly have fun, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Grosenick and Mrs. Budinger