

Dear Students and Parents:

All band and orchestra students are required to wear **CONCERT BLACK** for every performance, as follows:

- **Gentlemen** – Traditional tuxedo, consisting of the following:
 - Formal black tuxedo coat and trousers.
 - White tux shirt.
 - Black bowtie.
 - Black cummerbund.
 - Black dress shoes and black dress socks. Socks must reach above the ankle.

- **Ladies** – Formal concert black concert dress purchased through the Band Boosters
 - Shoes must be black, closed-toed dress shoes. No athletic shoes, boots, sandals, flip flops, or open-toed shoes are permitted.
 - No slacks, jeans, etc. may be worn under the dress.
 - Black hose or black dress socks are required.

If you are **returning student**, please **try on your concert attire** to determine if you need any pieces in a larger size.

If you are a **new student**, you will have the opportunity to purchase a **new** tuxedo or dress. Male students may secure your Concert Attire from any source, but the Band Boosters have made arrangements if you would like to order any or all pieces through us.

For both **returning and new students**, you will be required to **register** at the **Fees and Events page** on the wildapricot site by going to www.midlothianhighschoolbandboosters.wildapricot.org. (Paypal or other credit card purchase is available through the wildapricot site). If you need any **NEW** concert attire, you will specify which items **and pay in advance**. Even if you do not intend to order any new concert attire, you must register and indicate that you do not need any items.

As an alternative, you may purchase gently **used** concert pieces through our **resale** program. Supplies are limited and prices vary. Please email Robin Davis for further information at davisrobind@aol.com

BOYS: Bella Rosa Bridal and Special Occasions will be at the high school fitting the boys for their new tuxedos on either **September 18th or 19th during their class time (this is a change of dates)**. Robin Davis is the point of contact for the Orchestra student's tuxedos (davisrobind@aol.com) and Ann Budinger is the point of contact for the Concert and Symphonic Band student's tuxedos (budingerfamily@yahoo.com)

PLEASE NOTE: If your child is not in class on fitting day, it will be your responsibility to make arrangements with Bella Rosa to attend a fitting at their store in the West End (804-855-1000). Concert attire must be ready to be worn by December 1st.

GIRLS: To keep costs low, Donna Taylor (email:donagtaylor@hotmail.com) will be fitting the girls for their concert dresses. She 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. Elim Alteration and Shoe Repair is a recommended local tailor. Their address is 13222 Midlothian Turnpike Midlothian, VA 23113, Phone 379-9644. Elim's is down the road and across the street from Midlothian Middle School, in the strip mall behind Arby's.

For **returning students:** You may **sell your used dresses or tuxedo pieces** you've outgrown. Please bring them to the band room with a self-addressed stamped envelope attached. On the back flap make a note of the amount you are asking for each item. The sooner you bring these items in, the more likely you are to sell them. We will mail your payment to you when your items sell. You may also donate your items to the band boosters.

Sincerely, Ann Budinger (budingerfamily@yahoo.com)