

Concert Uniform

- White Dress-shirt with collar (7th and 8th Grade) 6th graders and choir do not need a collar.
 - School Owned Band Concert Vest (7th and 8th grade)
 - Long Black Dress Pants (no leggings, capris or skirts)
 - Black Socks and Black Shoes



Other Uniform Clarifications

The goal of a uniform is for the band to look like a team without individuals drawing attention. We hope our home audience and our music judges will be able to recognize our uniformity when we are together on stage.

- Boys: Black Socks and ALL Black Dress Shoes (no tennis shoes)
- Girls: ALL Black Dress Shoes (no tennis shoes) and ALL black socks/nylons (no skin should be showing, for the sake of uniformity). Wear something you are comfortable walking in. If you are not comfortable in heels, a high stage is not the place to try them out. 😊
- Girls should avoid colored jewelry or colored undershirts that can be seen.
- Boys, ties look awesome but they are not part of this uniform. For the sake of uniformity, please keep your cool ties at home.

UNIFORM AFFORDABILITY

The first time the concert uniform is required is December 14th. Goodwill, Salvation Army, and Mel Trotter (right next to school!) are great places to pick-up the required clothing items for a lower cost.

If you cannot afford a piece of the uniform please let Miss Brainard know in advance. We have families donate for this purpose.

If you have items to donate to families who need assistance, please send the clothing in with your child. We are grateful for band hand-me-downs!

Sparta Middle School Holiday Concert ***December 14, 2017***

Sparta High School Auditorium

6th Grade Band and 8th Grade Choir: 7:00pm

7th Grade Band and 8th Grade Band: 7:40pm

*Students report time is 30 minutes prior to performance time.
Uniform Information on reverse side*

Dear Sparta Middle School Band and Choir Parents and Students,

It is time to finalize plans for the upcoming Holiday Concert. We are excited about this opportunity to share our music with family and friends and hope the following information will answer most of the questions you may have. Performances account for the largest part of the semester grade, so please take the time to read through all the information and make sure you understand your responsibilities.

STUDENT CHECKLIST: Don't forget...

- Your instrument and sheet music and book (brass, please oil valves BEFORE concert night)
- Your uniform (see reverse side of this handout)
- Check to make sure your uniforms still fits NOW!
- Extra reeds (woodwinds) all sticks, mallets, etc... (percussion)

Understandably, concerts elicit a great deal of excitement (and the usual nervousness). Seeing classmates in uniform and anticipating the first notes of music onstage may keep some students from focusing on the job at hand. This is an important night and the culmination of many weeks of hard work. Your cooperation and attentiveness are imperative if we are to perform our best! Please follow instructions carefully to insure a successful concert. Remember, performances represent the largest portion of your grade and we sincerely hope everyone earns 100%!

EXPECTATIONS: The same as classroom, plus...

- be on time! Follow instructions
- no talking on stage
- watch for, and follow cues for horns up etc...
- perform as we practiced
- do your best!

Attendance is required! Please contact Miss Brainard if you have any questions about the concert.

Sincerely,

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