

**2010 MARCUS BAND
UNIFORM INSPECTION INFORMATION
& MAKE-UP UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE**

A) MARCUS BAND UNIFORM INSPECTIONS will be held on Thursday, August 19th, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Please refer to the yellow 'Summer Band Camp Schedule' for the specific times at which each group is to arrive.

**Students, please arrive at inspection fully dressed in uniform (including performance hair for ladies and shakos) wearing the appropriate undergarments (see bottom of this page) so that actual fit of uniform may be confirmed. We plan on distributing the student purchased band shoes, socks, and gloves prior to the inspection date so that students may appear in full uniform with all accessories intact.*

Prior to Inspection on August 19th, both pairs of uniform pants- gray and black- should be hemmed (SEWN without threads piercing through the outer layer of the pant with matching thread) to the correct length as determined during the uniform distribution process during the June Music Camp (Safety pins were put in place to mark each students' correct hem length). *We recommend families take pants in to be professionally hemmed no later than two weeks prior to the inspection deadline so that pant length may be evaluated and corrections made if needed.*

Below is a listing of recommended local tailors with information and/or experience hemming the Marcus Band pants. They have been instructed on the specifics of working with our uniforms and will be best-equipped to handle the pant hems successfully:

Highland Village

Dry Clean Super Center
2160 FM 407
Highland Village
972-318-3272
\$10-Gray pants, \$10- black

Flower Mound

Star Tailor
2221 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound
972-691-3318
\$10-Gray pants, \$10- black

Flower Mound

Gem's cleaners
2701 Cross Timbers Road
Flower Mound
972-539-3660
\$10-Gray pants, \$11- black

B) MAKE-UP UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION for those students who were unable to complete uniform distribution during music camp will be held on Saturday, July 31st, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Marcus Silver Band Hall.

Please review and adhere to the following Instructions for Make-up uniform distribution:

Students should come to uniform distribution prepared with the appropriate undergarments so that the best-fitting uniform may be assigned- see below:

- The fit of the uniform pants are to be fitted properly as a result of appropriate undergarments. A smooth look is desired, without wrinkles or bunches of fabric. The best recommendations for undergarments are Lycra bicycle shorts or spandex shorts (such as NON-THERMAL Under Armour- www.underarmour.com). Most common color choices will work (black, white, gray). Other types of very thin, pocket-less shorts may be worn if desired. Nylon (pocket-less) athletic shorts are generally thin enough, but should not be so long as to bunch up when worn under form-fitting bib pants. *Any shorts worn under the uniform should be form fitting and comprised of a thin fabric.*
- Two Marcus Band T-shirts for 2010-11 (white "M Shirt" and gray "Show Shirt") will be provided for students to wear underneath the uniform. For fitting purposes, students should wear a light T-shirt which fits appropriately. T- shirts should be tucked down smoothly as far as possible to prevent wrinkles and bunching.

MARCUS BAND UNIFORM CARE

The Marcus Band is proud to wear band uniforms which are able to be MACHINE WASHED. While we are very excited about the prospect of home cleanings (and fewer dry cleaning costs for band families), we want to emphasize the importance of ALL details regarding home washing procedures. Families will be responsible for the proper care of these items, as they are LISD property. Replacement fees for permanently soiled or damaged items will be collected in such circumstances.

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind families of this information prior to uniform Inspection in August. Information regarding detailed uniform care, fit, and alterations was distributed with the uniforms at distribution.

Thank you in advance for helping the Marcus Band look its best for many years to come!

Cleaning the Jacket, Gray Pants, and Gauntlets:

**Please take care to wash the band uniforms following a load of whites or light-colored laundry. Do not wash the band uniform following a dark load or a load including new garments.*

- *Always wash bib pants separately from the jackets/gauntlets*
- Wash uniforms alone- do not wash with any other garments or linens
- Always turn the uniforms **inside out** to wash them
- Jacket shoulder "wings" should be folded back to prevent scratches to buttons
- Gauntlets should be **Velcro-ed inside out** to prevent scratches on buttons
- Always use **COLD water**- never wash in warm or hot water
- Always machine wash on the **gentle/ knit cycle**
- Use only **non-chlorine detergent**
- DO NOT use liquid fabric softener on the band uniforms
- You may use "Spray and Wash" and other NON-chlorine stain removers when washing. Many chlorine detergents are harsh and have a bleaching ingredient that will cause even colorfast fabric to migrate.
- Both jacket and pants should be **hung to dry IMMEDIATELY** after wash cycle
- Always hang the pants and jacket properly on **hangers** – pants should be folded on the **creases** and not the seams
- Gauntlets should **be laid flat** to dry completely (towel dry buttons if necessary)
- NEVER put a damp uniform in the hanging bag

**Note: Please wash gloves and band t-shirts SEPARATELY from the uniform items!*

◆ *Please DO NOT Dry Clean the uniform:*

Dry Cleaning IS NOT recommended for the fabric type and color of our uniforms. Colors remain brighter with machine washing and chemicals used in dry-cleaning can often affect the material from which the uniforms are made. *(Exception: Students will also receive a pair of Black Pants which will need to be dry-cleaned at designated times throughout the season.)*

- ### ◆ **IMPORTANT!** Extreme caution should be exercised if performing any **ironing or pressing**. Irons must be set to a **low-heat** setting and a **towel** must be used as a buffer between the iron and the uniform material. The last two years we have had cases of burned uniform pants due to hot iron settings. Irons should only be used to reinforce creases in the bib pants.

*Please have a professional tend to repairs of minor seam rips or loosening trim.
We appreciate our members taking care of these items before issues worsen.*