

Dear Parents,

Although we are still trying to get into the swing of the new school year, our first Lakota West Band Concert is just a few weeks away. Our first concert is October 9, 2018. Please take a few moments and read through these two pages for information to help the Concert Uniform Chair and their volunteers ensure every Lakota West Concert Band student has what they need.

Fitting Days for Concert Uniforms is Wednesday and Thursday, Aug 29 and 30 during block periods. Please have your child wear something that they can try on the concert uniform over. They try these on in large groups (same gender) not individual dressing rooms. Symphonic Winds girls will be trying on an actual winds dress during their fitting.

Uniforms will be coming home with your student – unless they need any alterations. Symphonic Winds girls are the only group this does not apply to. Symphonic Winds girls purchase their dresses and must have them hemmed on their own. We do not hem or provide any alterations for the Symphonic Winds girls.

Symphonic Winds girls should bring a check, or pay on Charms and bring a printed paid receipt or bring exact cash amount on Thursday during Winds. This is turned in to Mrs. Smith. We cannot order their dress until we have received the money and it does take a couple of weeks for the dresses to come in and then you have to arrange for alterations. We are placing the order on Friday, Aug 31st! This is not something you want to delay. The cost of the dress is \$70 and the cost of the required pearl necklace is \$8.

Concert Band, Symphonic Band and Symphonic Winds boys – You are responsible for providing your own tux shirt. All tux shirts have plain pleated fronts and clear buttons. No ruffle tux pleats or black covered buttons please. Students are not allowed to wear a standard button down dress shirt. This is not a tux shirt.

We have plenty of Cummerbunds and Bow-Ties for you to purchase. Because of time constraints during block periods and such short notice for you, we will make these available for purchase soon. Mrs. Smith will make arrangements to be at school with plenty of notice and you can pay for and take home your Cummerbund and Bow-Tie then. If you have a bow-tie/cummerbund from last year, but it is for the wrong color jacket, we can and do swap clean and in good condition ties/cummerbunds.

On the next page is a handy reference breakdown for everything that you will need for your student. It is broken down by band and includes what you need to purchase on your own and what the school is providing. It is highly recommended that you review this page the week before your first concert. Mrs. Smith does check each band member to make sure everyone is looking their best.

Lastly, why are we asking for alteration help? We handle “in-house” the hemming of pants, reattachment of buttons and shortening and lengthening of sleeves on jackets. We try to keep these to a minimum and also try to make sure anyone who is altering is not overwhelmed with 30 garments to turn around before the first concert. The more people who volunteer, the fewer pieces an individual has to alter. The skill involved is minimal and can all be done by hand. A sewing machine is not required. If you can only sew buttons, that’s fine! We still need you! Last year we tried not to give our volunteers more than 6 pieces, although a couple of volunteers took on more than that as their time permitted. If this is something you are able to do, please sign up via the sign up genius link attached in the email. Uniforms will be available to pick up for alterations on Thursday Sept 6th.

Concert Band

- White tuxedo shirt - students purchase on their own (Hobby Lobby \$24 – coupons avail. online).
- Black Cumberbund \$10 – students order & pay uniform committee on a date TBD.
- Black Bow Tie \$5 – students order & pay uniform committee on a date TBD.
- Black socks – students purchase on their own. Please make sure they come up high enough to cover bare legs when sitting. We do not have spares.
- Black Shoes (drill masters, dress shoe or other closed toe shoe. No sandals. Top of foot cannot be bare.)
- Red Concert Band Jacket and Pants – provided by the school with a protective garment bag.

Symphonic Band

- White tuxedo shirt - students purchase on their own (Hobby Lobby \$24 – coupons avail. online).
- Red Cumberbund \$10 – students order & pay uniform committee on a date TBD.
- Red Bow Tie \$5 – students order & pay uniform committee on a date TBD.
- Black socks – students purchase on their own. Please make sure they come up high enough to cover bare legs when sitting. We do not have spares.
- Black Shoes (drill masters, dress shoe or other closed toe shoe. No sandals. Top of foot cannot be bare.)
- White Concert Band Jacket and Pants – provided by the school with a protective garment bag.

Symphonic Winds Band

For the boys:

- White tuxedo shirt - students purchase on their own (Hobby Lobby \$24 – coupons avail. online).
- Black Cumberbund \$10 - students order & pay uniform committee on a date TBD.
- Black Bow Tie \$5 - students order & pay uniform committee on a date TBD.
- Black socks - students purchase on their own. Please make sure they come up high enough to cover bare legs when sitting. We do not have spares.
- Black Shoes (drill masters, dress shoe or other closed toe shoe. No sandals. Top of foot cannot be bare.)
- Concert Tuxedo Jacket and Pants – provided by the school with a protective garment bag.

For the girls:

- Dress \$70 - we order for the students, but students purchase **and hem. Students order & pay uniform committee on Fitting Day.**
- Pearl necklace \$8 – **students order & pay uniform committee on Fitting Day.**
- Black stockings (may use knee high style, but make sure tops does not show while sitting.)
- Black shoes (**no sandals or flips**)

Thank you!

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