

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe the summer has already come to an end but here we are at the start of a new school year. Our first Concert Band is just weeks away on October 8th and it is time to outfit the students with their Concert Band Uniforms.

Fittings will be done on **Wednesday August 28th and Thursday August 29th** during block periods. There are no individual fittings rooms, students should wear slim fitting shorts and shirts for fitting day. Those uniforms not in need of alterations will be sent home with your student on those days.

For Concert Band and Symphonic Bands, the school will provide:

- Jacket (red or white dependent on band placement)
- Pants
- Garment bag

Symphonic Winds Band for boys the school will provide:

- Tuxedo Jacket
- Tuxedo Pants
- Garment Bag

Symphonic Winds Band for girls:

- Dress \$70.00 – purchased by the students and hemmed on their own
- Pearl Necklace \$8.00 – purchased by the students
 - **These items are purchased and kept by the students and a check made payable to the Upbeat Club must be brought on fitting day and turned in to Mrs. Smith.**
 - All items are ordered by the Upbeat Club for the students.

For all Bands the students will be responsible for providing:

- White Tuxedo shirt – available at Hobby Lobby
- Black shoes (drill masters or dress shoes, closed toe, no sandals)
- Black socks for all students (to cover ankles, tops of foot cannot be bare,)
- Bow tie \$5.00 and cummerbund \$10.00 (black or red dependent on band placement)

Bow tie and cummerbund sales will take place on **September 10th** during 4th, 5th and 6th period. **Payment for the items are due the day of purchase, checks made payable to the Upbeat Club.** If you have a bow tie/cummerbund from last year and need a different color, we can do an exchange for items that are in good condition.

Lastly, we will need volunteers for both fitting days and alterations. We do all our own alterations for the concert bands and if you can sew a button we can use your help. It requires minimal skill and can be done by hand and at home! Items will be available for pick up on September 6th and due by September 27th.

The signup genius links will be available on the band website. Many hands make a light load so please consider donating some time to our students.

Questions can be directed to Katie Smith at concertuniforms@lakotawestbands.org.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you and your students this year!

Katie Smith
Concert Uniform Chair