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LAKE BRADDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION

The Lake Braddock Middle School band uniform consists of the following:

- 1) White tuxedo shirt or blouse with black studs (purchased for new students and those who ordered them; returning 8th grade students may wear last year's shirt) – *shirt or blouse is kept by the student and may be worn again next year*
- 2) Black pants or skirt – *must be returned in June in good condition with hems removed*
- 3) Black bow tie – *must be returned in June in good condition*
- 4) Black cummerbund – *must be returned in June in good condition*

TUXEDO SHIRT OR BLOUSE: Must be clean and ironed!

- Shirts/blouses are buttoned with four (4) black studs. The studs should be removed when laundering the shirt and replaced when wearing the shirt.
- If you lose studs, replacement studs may be purchased for \$.50 each.
- Shirts/blouses should be tucked in and not worn baggy or bloused.
- Boys should wear a short-sleeve plain white T-shirt under the tuxedo shirt.
- Girls should wear a white camisole or white tank top under the tuxedo blouse.
- Replacement cost for shirt or blouse: \$ 18.

PANTS OR SKIRT:

- **Size and hem pants/skirt as soon as possible – but do not cut fabric.**
- Please do not make any permanent changes—these uniforms are used year-after-year.
- **Please do not use tape, staples, glue, fabric bonding, or safety pins. The Band Department had to replace 20 skirts/pants last year, ruined because glue, tape, and/or fabric bonding was used, and the cleaners could not get it out.**
 - Pants/skirt should be hemmed by folding up the hem and hand-stitching in place using black thread—please, **no machine hemming**. If you cannot sew, ask a family member or friend who can, or have your local dry cleaners do the hemming. Many of the skirts have very delicate fabric, so please be careful not to damage them.
- Skirt should be hemmed floor-length, but not so long that it drags on the floor.
- If pants/skirt becomes dirty during the school year, you may have them dry cleaned. **Please do not machine wash.**
- Following the final concert, **all hems must be removed** before returning pants/skirt. If not, items will not be accepted as returned and the student will be charged a replacement fee of \$ 26 for pants, \$ 26 for skirt. (All items will be dry cleaned before being reissued next school year.)



BOW TIE:

- Adjust to fit closely around neck of shirt.
- Replacement cost for lost item: \$ 10.





CUMMERBUND:

- Adjust to fit around waist
- **Wear with pleats facing up.**
- Replacement cost for lost item: \$ 10 .

FOOTWEAR:

- Boys:
 - Solid black socks.
 - Black dress shoes. Shoes should be clean and shined.
- Girls:
 - Black hose (not off-black, not black tights); black knee-highs are allowed.
 - Black dress shoes should be worn.
 - Low heels or flats.
 - No casual shoes.
 - Must be closed-toe—no open-toed shoes or sandals.
 - No chunky sole or thick rubber sole shoes.
 - Shoes should be “elegant.”



PERSONAL:

- Hair should be a natural color and a natural style.
- Girls' hair style should be kept simple—no big bows, ribbons, or barrettes.
- Any girls' makeup should be subtle and look natural.
- No colored nail polish.
- No jewelry.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

- Middle School concert uniforms are stored at home during the school year.
- All uniform pieces, *except for shirts* (which are yours to keep), must be returned following the final concert in June. This includes pants/skirt, bow tie, and cummerbund.
- Students have been assigned pants/skirts, ties, and cummerbunds with unique numbers so they can be easily tracked. Students will be charged for any uniform items not returned, or returned in damaged condition.

If There Is a Problem:

- ☹ If your shirt or pants/skirt does not fit, let your band director know well before concert week (please note that most of the boys' pants have adjustable waists).
- ☹ If there is a problem with the bow tie or cummerbund, bring it back to school and let your band director know.
- ☹ If you find a hole or tear in the fabric, please let your band director know immediately.

