

HOMESTEAD MARCHING BAND UNIFORM PROCEDURES

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Before going to an event, reference [Uniform Issues and Care](#).

WHAT TO BRING for Friday's Football Games AND Competitions:

- 1) Instruments in their cases
- 2) Your green shoe bags, containing:
 - a) A clean, lightweight, short sleeved t-shirt to wear under your bibber
 - b) Compression shorts/boxer shorts that are not baggy but enough for you to feel ok about changing in the open with everyone else
 - c) Clean / polished **black** marching shoes
 - d) Clean, **SOLID BLACK** socks (they must cover your ankles)
 - e) **Black** band gloves
 - f) Any hair products or clips or pins or bands you need to make sure your hair is fully in your shako or beret and is not touching your uniform collar
 - g) Post-halftime performance clothes (*at Football Games only*):
 - i) **Green** pep shirts
 - ii) **Blue** jeans,
 - iii) Non-marching shoes (e.g. athletic shoes or trainers)
 - iv) Green pep jacket or field show sweatshirt (if you think you'll be cold after the show)

Getting into uniform ...

- NO EARRINGS or NAIL POLISH on nails that can be seen by the audience.
- AT FOOTBALL GAMES:
 - The band room will be locked when you start warm-up.
 - Band and guard members must move all of their equipment, instruments, and other gear out of the band room by the time warm-up starts.
- Your instrument cases and other belongings (jackets/sweatshirts/shoe bags/street clothes) should be left **in the middle of** the green uniform carts; not behind or inside the uniform carts, not inside your garment bags. A parent volunteer will watch your things while you perform.
- UNIFORM CHECK STATION:
 - Once you are in your uniform, get your instrument, then
 - stand in line for uniform check (inspection of uniform, socks, shoes, gloves, hair length, and shako or beret)
- PLUME STATION:

- If you wear a shako, you will get a plume once you pass uniform check. Once you get your plume, you may go to warm up.
- If you wear a beret, you can go to warm up after you pass uniform check.
- No eating, drinking, running or sitting (other than in the stands) while in uniform.
- AT FOOTBALL GAMES:
 - After the halftime performance, change into your Pep Shirt/Jeans/Sneakers, then
 - Take your pre-order ticket (if you signed up) from the side of your green uniform cart and line up under the bleachers for your dinner.
- Ducks will be awarded to students who put their uniforms in their garment bags and shakos in their boxes properly!

UNIFORM CARE

- During and after any event, uniforms must be put back in the proper carts and cared for as instructed. They do not belong on the ground, crumpled up, or in other carts. Many students put their green garment bags on the ground, crumpled their uniforms, etc. while changing in and out of them for our first football game. This is not acceptable - they will not be pressed again or dry cleaned again this season.
- Some students kneeled in their uniforms and their knees are now dusty or dirty and will remain so for the season unless one of our uniform moms spots it and happens to have water and a damp cloth available. Please DO NOT kneel or sit in your uniforms, aside from sitting in the stands during a game or when instructed to do so.
- More information on how to manage and maintain your uniform and not miss out on a chance to earn a duckie, go to: [How to Receive a Duckie Every Single Time](#).

SELF CARE

Uniform moms also noticed unpleasant body odor already coming from some uniform bags and shako boxes. Before every event, please remember to:

- bathe,
- wash your hair, and
- use your deodorant.

We and your fellow band members do not appreciate the odor.

HAIR CARE

- Hair needs to be above the collar of your jackets - please either have your hair cut or be prepared to put it up in your shakos for every event. If you were asked by a uniform parent to get a haircut, please do so.

- Long hair must be put up in a bun on top of your head so that it goes under your shako/beret (hat), and secures loose strands and fly-aways. Doing it properly takes lots of hair pins AND hair spray/gel but will result in perfect field show hair. A video of how to put your hair up in a high bun can be viewed [HERE](#).

MARCHING SHOES CARE

Several pairs of shoes are frequently found lying on the ground by uniform parents after an event:

- At least one pair was taken by the wrong student at our first football game. Please keep your marching shoes in your green shoe bags when they are not on your feet, even if you are just changing.
- Other students may pick them up by mistake (this happened - one of your friends must purchase another pair of shoes this week), or you may forget them. If the shoes that are left behind are not labeled, we have no idea who they belong to. Your parents will not want to purchase new shoes for you on a weekly basis.
- Unclaimed shoes will become part of the loaner pool if we cannot identify their owners.