

# STOW-MUNROE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## Quick Uniform Guide

### The Band Uniform: Your Responsibility.

Your band uniform cost about \$600 per student and proper care is essential. Students & parents are financially responsible the issued uniform and raincoat. This include damage due to accident, negligence or improper use. Lack of care in transportation and/or storage of uniforms can create mildew damage that will result in the replacement of the uniform. They uniform CAN ONLY BE DRY CLEANED. During the season the uniforms will be collected for dry-cleaning on 2 dates. These are mandatory turn-ins. If your uniform needs cleaning at any other times you will be responsible these cleanings. Please see Mrs. Martinez for any questions or problems.

### PART OF THE UNIFORM & PROPER CARE:

**HAT:** The hat should remain on your head with the chin strap down until told otherwise by a director. Hats should be adjusted to your head by tying the string inside the hat. If dirty, use a damp clothe. If the maroon part needs washed see Mrs. Stutz or Mrs. Paxton

**CAPE:** The cape should be alway wrinkle free. To press, dampen a clothe and press. Then cover with a dry cloth and finish drying the area. (this eliminates shiny areas). We also have a steamer to help get out the bad wrinkles.

**CORDS:** Apply the chords before you button the epaulet. If lost, you may purchase for \$7. each.

**STOW BAND T-SHIRT:** Students will always wear the Stow Band T-Shirt under their uniforms.

**TOP:** Be careful not to stain this part of the uniform. If the sleeves are too long, they may be altered. **See below.**

**PANTS:** PANTS SHOULD HANG ABOVE THE SHOES OR SPATS SO THE PANT LEGS ARE STRAIGHT. If the pant legs are baggy and roll over the shoes, they must be hemmed. Hems can be turned up and let down as needed. The are to be hand sewn. NO CUTTING is PERMITTED! Our fitters will indicate the correct length. Also do not use glue, tape to hem the pants (or top)

\* JEANS will not be worn under the uniform pants!!!

\* SUSPENDERS MUST BE WORN UP AT ALL TIMES!!!!

\* PANTS SHOULD BE WORN AT THE LEVEL OF THE DIAPHRAGM (bottom of the rib cage) Always fasten the pants with both hook and eye and the button (french fly)

\* SIDE ZIPPER STRIPS are used to make the waist larger or smaller. If they come undone, restart from the BACK or FAR side of the zipper strip. Carefully fold the material opening the zipper portion, then slide the tab over the zipper.

In the event of a muddy night. let the mud completely dry then use a Garment Brush to remove.

**SPATS:** Snaps always go to the outside. They should always be clean and white. Use Fantastic to clean.

**BLACK SOCKS:** only Black Socks may be worn, NEVER WHITE..

**SHOES:** Back oxford polishable shoes, NEVER TENNIS SHOES!!! Shoes should always be polished and shined. After a game, shoes should be transported in a bag outside the garment bag, or in "shoe" areas in new garment bags.

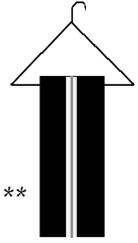
**GLOVES:** Gloves should be washed after each performance. You may always purchase on Performance Nights.

**RAINCOATS:** will be stored at school this year and quarter-mastered in and out. Again your names will be placed inside the coat on a blue tag. On performance nights when raincoats are needed, go into the hallway and get your raincoat from your class quartermaster. Once the performance is over, you need to return the same raincoat to the quartermaster. In the event the coats are wet, they will be taken home to let dry and returned the following week.

## **TRANSPORTING YOUR UNIFORM:**

**You must always use a garment bag to carry your uniform.** It will be hung up properly. The Cape should be completely fastened to the Top. Pants should be hung so the stripe is straight.

*\*\* We will inspect your uniforms as you are leaving to make sure they are hung properly \*\**



**IF THE UNIFORM IS WET MAKE SURE TO REMOVE IT FROM THE GARMENT BAG ONCE YOU GET HOME SO IT MAY AIR DRY**

## **MARCHING BAND WHAT TO WEAR & WHEN?:**

### **Arriving at the HS or the Pre-Performance Rehearsal**

\* Polished Black Shoes, \* Black Socks, \* Clean White Spats, \* Uniform Pants, \*Stow Band T-Shirt.

**Once Rehearsal is Finished:** Coats, Capes, Hats & Gloves before lining up or loading the bus.

**When at a Performance:** You are expected to remain in full uniform at all times including the hat.

**\*\* The uniform is wool and may be only professionally dry cleaned. \*\***

Our dry-cleaner is Manhattan Dry Cleaning in Alliance.

If you need to have your uniform cleaned between turn-ins. please see Mrs. Stutz or Mrs. Paxton

## **UNIFORM LOST & FOUND FINE**

If a student leaves any part of their uniform at school after a performance, he/she shall be fined \$5.00 The fine must be paid before the item to be released to the student. All fines are due the Friday following the performance. Students who do not pay their fines will lose 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter breaks until paid. All fines collected will be donated to the band activity account & will be used to help defray the costs of band functions.

## **CREATING A UNIFORM IMAGE:**

### **Proper Hair Care.**

Hair for both men and women is to be off the collar. Anyone with hair touching the collar will be required to fasten it up with rubber bands before marching. Piling the hair up under the hat is not acceptable. No bows or other hair accessories may be showing outside the hat. Non-Natural hair colors (green, blue, red) should not be visible when in uniform.

### **Make-Up:**

Should be conservative as to fit in with the entire group. No glitter, paw prints, or striking shades are permitted unless the director approves it in advance.

### **Jewelry:**

No jewelry is permitted over top or on the uniform at any time. Earrings should be conservative and small. No large “dangling” type permitted.