

# **RHS BAND UNIFORM CARE**

## **PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION**

Dear Parent and Student,

The Roosevelt High School Band uniform is an expensive item to replace. The Sioux Falls School District currently replaces band uniforms only after they have been used for ten or more years. The current replacement cost of a Roosevelt Band uniform is approximately \$450+. It is important that we all do our best to take proper care of the uniforms, so the band will always look great!

-Your **BLACK** show shirt must be worn at all times under the uniform. This shirt may be worn on top of a BLACK Long sleeved shirt when it is cold.

-**PLAIN**, black socks will be worn with the uniform at all times.

-Wearing jewelry will not be allowed when we are in uniform. This includes earrings (both men and ladies) and wrist watches.

-Make-up will not be worn when in uniform. This could stain the uniform. For this same reason, we will not paint designs on our faces for games.

-Do not use Febreze etc. on part of your uniform.

-We will not eat anything while in uniform. This is one of the biggest causes of stains in band uniforms. Also chewing gum is not permitted while in uniform or playing your instrument.

-Hair will be worn up and off the collar when in uniform. This goes for men & women.

-Shoes, clothes and personal items should be carried separately from the uniform in a gym bag. **NEVER** put shoes in the uniform bag.

-After a performance, when the uniform is wet...the uniform should be hung up and left out of the uniform bag to dry. Always hang the uniform on a proper hanger. A wet uniform in a closed garment bag will grow mold & mildew, and permanently stain the uniform.

-Members of the Roosevelt High School Band will either wear the whole uniform, or none of it. We will not appear in public in half uniform, or with parts of the uniform missing. When the uniform is worn, it should be worn with the zipper zipped, and the collar hooked at all times. Jumpsuit should be adjusted so the pants hang without being saggy on the leg or too short.

**UNIFORM CLEANING:** Uniforms should be dry cleaned at least two times during the season. We only use RJ Ries Valet dry cleaners. (Next to Dairy Queen on 26<sup>th</sup> St. & Marion Rd.) Take only the uniform, not the baldric or gauntlets.

Black cotton gloves can be best cleaned by soaking in cold water. Let the gloves air dry to prevent them from shrinking. Also it is best to buy extra pairs because they do wear out fast.

If mud gets on the uniform, do **NOT** try to wipe the mud off while it is wet. Let the mud dry well, and then brush it off the uniform. This will prevent the mud from being ground into the uniform.

**SHOES:** We march in the Black MTX marching shoes. These shoes should be kept clean. Use Fantastic or 409 to clean, and use black shoe polish to touch up.

**HATS:** Hats should be kept in its hat case when not in use. Hats will be kept in their cases when we travel. Please be careful with the cases.

**GAUNTLETS:** The gauntlets should be folded gently, and stored in the side of your hat box. This will prevent the gauntlets from becoming too wrinkled in your garment bag. The gauntlets should have a "stiff" appearance when they are worn.

**UNIFORM ALTERATIONS:** **NEVER** cut material from the uniform to shorten it, or take it in. Sleeves and pants should only be hemmed by a uniform personnel.

I have read the information on how to take care of the ***Roosevelt Marching Band Uniform*** and I understand that I am responsible for the proper care of the uniform. I also understand that I will return all parts of the uniform at the end of the marching band season and I will be responsible for any lost or damaged parts.

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