

It costs over \$100 to replace each band uniform and it is impossible to match the burgundy color of the baldric (the fancy sash.) Please treat your uniform with respect and care so that it will last many more years! You are responsible for having your complete uniform, clean and in good repair, at all games and contests. This includes: jacket, baldric, pants, gauntlets, gloves, hat, black socks, and marching shoes.

Storing your uniform:

Hang your uniform on the coat hanger provided. Pants should be zipped and the pocket emptied. Fold your pants on the creases (do not fold on the side seams.) Place the pants smoothly on the hanger and put the jacket over them. There are large shoulder pads in the jacket. Try to place these carefully on the hanger, so that part is in front and part is in back of the coat hanger's shoulder. Your coat hanger bends forward like your shoulders. Hang your jacket so that it would be facing forward on the "shoulder." The zipper down the back would be like your backbone. When you transport your uniform in the garment bag, you must fold each shoulder "wing" in so they won't get crushed. Do not store your uniform in the garment bag.

Garment Bag:

Store it unzipped and flat. Fold it length-wise along the zipper and then cross-wise. Clean it with a damp cloth.

Cleaning your uniform:

Gauntlets (those things that wrap around your wrists): Close them up against each other so that the Velcro doesn't snag stuff and wash them with your uniform when they get dirty. Remember – **NO BLEACH** and use cold water.

Your uniform should be washed after wearing it each weekend. First of all, carefully remove the baldric (the fancy sash.) It is attached with Velcro at the shoulder and the side seam. **NEVER WASH THE BALDRIC !!** Set it aside and reattach it when your uniform is dry. Uniforms should be checked for spots and stains before each washing. Spots usually come out easily if you rub some Spray 'n Wash into the dirt before washing. Please carefully check the collar and the cuffs for spots. It may be necessary from time to time to remove lint and dirt from the end of the sleeves. Unsnap the sleeve cuff, clean it out, and then re-snap it. Please zip all zippers before washing. Empty the pant's pocket ! The wings (the part that sticks out on the jacket) should be folded in while washing.

Any type of laundry detergent (**NO BLEACH**) may be used. Please use cold water to wash your uniform, making sure the detergent is completely dissolved before adding your uniform. Use a gentle cycle if possible.

Your uniform can be hung up to dry. The wings should be folded out to dry. Please hang up the pants and jacket separately until they are dry. You may also use an air cycle or fluff cycle on your dryer for a few minutes.

If your uniform needs mending, please take care of it immediately. Attach a note to the uniform jacket, bring it to the band room, call me (614-890-4131), and I will repair it. An easier way is to fix it yourself, if you can do so (i.e. Sewing up a seam.)

Returning your uniform:

All uniforms must be returned to the band room before the December holiday break. That should give you several weeks to clean your uniform and return it after the Holiday Parade on December 5, 2009. You will return your jacket, baldric, pants, coat hanger, gauntlets, garment bag, hat, and hatbox. You purchased your gloves, socks, and shoes.

We have a limited supply of black socks to purchase (\$4 a pair) and gloves (\$5 a pair) if yours get dirty, torn, or lost.

If you have any questions or concerns about your uniform, please give me a call.

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