

New Member Uniform *Need to Know's*

Advanced Preparation: Base Layer

Please purchase & prepare white undergarments to be worn as a “**Base Layer**” under the uniform. The base layer is a thermal under-garment that needs to be smooth fabric, all white and long, for both pant and shirt. It is sold as *Base Layer* or *Under Armor*. White stretch pants are ok for girls. Do not use traditional Long John’s – the waffle pattern is undesirable. There are two purposes for this item, (1) warmth, and (2) so students can change into uniforms while in the band room together. There are no dressing rooms. Wear no brightly colored or printed underwear as it can show through the uniform.

Top: Long sleeved, white top with no color embellishments. A thin top for summer heat and a warmer thermal top is handy for cool evenings/football games. Choose smooth fabric; no waffle pattern.

Pants: Long white pants with no colored stripes, even on the waistband. Smooth fabric is best, no waffle pattern as it shows through the pants.

Socks: Long white socks must reach the calf or higher; they cannot have gray coloring on the heels. NO ankle socks.

Shoes: All first year band students will be sold a new pair of Viper Marching shoes for \$40. Students are responsible to clean and maintain their own shoes. If marchers grow out of these shoes we may be able to trade you to a larger size (\$0), but if new shoes need to be ordered in later years, only \$20 will be charged.

Students with long hair to be tucked under the shako must have hair ties and pins ready.

We recommend preparing a Performance Bag or backpack to store all base layer, socks, Vipers, hair accessories, and gloves. Make sure to label your name in sharpie in/on all items and launder your base layer between performances. This is a handy way to come to events prepared.

Uniform Fitting:

All members will be fit into and issued a personal uniform. It is helpful for students to know in advance their shoe size and preferred tee shirt size.

Parents:

There are many volunteering opportunities within the uniform team. We gather during rehearsals in the uniform closet in the band room. Come and we will show you the ropes! All opportunities are on Charms. We welcome your help with:

Fitting students

Making alterations

Maintenance, Repairs and adjustments of uniforms

Laundering

Uniform Chair: Jennifer Parlane

Contact me anytime at jenparlane@gmail.com or cell # 775-815-9583 with questions or requests for additional information.