Marching Band Uniform Care Instructions

General Uniform Instructions:

Each band member is responsible for taking care of his uniform during the band season. Band members are responsible for cleaning, storing and caring for their uniforms until after the last performance of the season and then will turn in the jacket, bibs, gauntlets, shakos and other instrument specific school-owned uniform pieces.

After each performance, turn jacket inside-out and hang up. This allows moisture to escape and prevents mold and mildew from forming. Never store the uniform until it is dry. Protect your uniform by using a garment bag whenever transporting or storing it.

Jacket must be **dry cleaned** after each performance. These local dry cleaners give band members a special price for cleaning the jacket:

Puritan Dry Cleaners (150 N US Highway 1, Tequesta, 561-746-1400)
Cross Town Cleaners (Jupiter Ale House Plaza, 226 Center Street, Suite A1, Jupiter, 561-744-0028)
West Side Cleaners (Winn Dixie Plaza, 6743 West Indiantown Rd, Jupiter, 561-575-5150)

Also, please remember to let the dry cleaner know that you will need the uniform back by a certain day, to ensure that you can pick it up and have it available before the next performance!

The bibs and gauntlets may also be dry cleaned. However, to save costs, they can be machine washed on **GENTLE** cycle using **COLD** water. This prolongs the life and color of the fabric. In addition, they should be **HUNG UP TO DRY**, not in the dryer. This preserves the original crease down the front of the bibs, as well as the glitter in the gold fabric of the gauntlets.

Store your shako in the box provided. Don't put dirty sox, wet gloves or gauntlets in the box with the hat.

Special Bib Instructions:

The bibs you receive may need to have the pants length altered. New bibs have an unfinished bottom and must be hemmed. Bibs that were worn previously by another student may need to be hemmed shorter or the hem may need to be let down.

The proper pant length for our uniforms is such that the pant touches the top of the shoe. The pant leg should touch lightly enough so that the crease line in the leg does not buckle or bend. To adjust the length of the pants, first adjust the torso length from the shoulder to the crotch of the pant by adjusting the suspender straps, high and tight. Then adjust the length of the pant leg to just reach the top of the shoe. The pant leg length should be adjusted only after the straps have been adjusted. To adjust the leg length, take the hem completely down and then hem the pant to the proper length.

DO NOT CUT OFF FABRIC to hem bibs. These bibs will be used by others in the future and the extra length may be needed for a taller student. DO NOT CUT the pant legs to shorten them, no matter how long they are, and no matter how large the hem is.

DO NOT USE HEM TAPE or other adhesive to hem bibs. Hem tape ruins the fabric. Use only needle and thread, with a light stitch to hem them.

Each band member is responsible for altering the pant length of the bibs. If you have difficulty getting this done, see one of the uniform parents in the band room or contact them via phone or email. Also, a 10% alteration discount has been offered by a local business for band members: *Alterations by Yen, 75 East Indiantown Rd, Suite 601, Jupiter, 561-427-0588. They are open M-F 8:30 – 6:30p; Sat 8:30 – 6:00p*.

If you encounter problems with your uniform during the season, contact:

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