

## EMMAUS HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM INSTRUCTIONS

The uniform is an important part of the overall appearance and performance of the band. Your uniform consists of a jacket, black bib pants, a band t-shirt (purchased by the band member), a vest, gauntlets, hat, rain parka, garment bag, white gloves, black socks, and black marching shoes. All parts of the uniform are numbered. Some of your items may have different numbers depending on the sizing. Your main uniform number is that of your jacket and pants. **You** will be responsible for turning in all your assigned numbered items at the end of marching season in November. Should you need to have any part of your uniform switched during the year, it is **your** responsibility to make sure that you have been reassigned new numbers and have been released from your original numbers.

When you accept this uniform, you also accept the responsibility for proper maintenance. **Please protect the uniform from abuse.** Read the instructions below for cleaning. Sew snaps on before they become lost! And bring to the uniform chair's attention any rips or damage before you turn it back in or before it becomes a bigger problem. If any part of the uniform is found damaged or abused beyond normal wear and tear **YOU** will be charged the replacement cost of the uniform. The replacement value for each uniform is approximately \$500. Should these fees go unpaid report cards, and ultimately diplomas, will not be issued. Please keep that in mind when you take off and store your uniform. Please hang the uniform up and air it out after each use before returned it to its garment bag.

### Marching Band Uniform Cleaning and Care Instructions

**PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY!!!!** The marching uniforms **MUST** be dry cleaned only. **DO NOT** dry-clean the gauntlets. . **Remove all band "bling" (year pins) from the uniform before cleaning.** The pins will be ruined in the dry cleaning process. Obviously you must be extremely careful wearing a white uniform. It may not be necessary to dry clean your uniform each week, maybe only every other week if you follow some simple instructions. Be careful not to spill or drop any food on the uniform. **WATER** is the preferred drink for band members while in uniform. After each performance, when you get home, take your uniform out of its garment bag to dry. Straighten the pants on the hanger by the creases and position the jacket correctly. Do not leave the uniform crumpled in the trunk of your car or on a closet/bedroom floor. The white will get dirty easily. When dry cleaning is necessary, we recommend **Robert's Professional Dry Cleaners** located at 436 State Road in Emmaus. They clean the band uniforms a very reasonable price and are very "band friendly".

The parkas may be washed in a home laundry machine. Wash in cold water, gentle cycle and line dried. **DO NOT PUT THEM IN THE DRYER!** Heat will damage the vinyl printed hood. The garment bags may be washed also on cold water, gentle cycle. Line dry the garment bag only!!

Remember your marching shoes **MUST** be clean at all times. Always remember to bring them along with **black socks** wherever your uniform goes. Please realize that we do not have any extra shoes to borrow if you forget to bring them with you. ALL MEMBERS must wear Band t-shirts your uniform, no other *imprint* except EHS Band or a band "section" shirt is allowed. Wear light weight shorts or boxers (in warm weather) or long underwear, leggings/tights (in cold weather) under the pants. The kids do change amongst each other on or just outside the bus at away events. The required white gloves, cost of \$2 non-grip/\$3 grip per pair, will be available for purchase at uniform distribution and before most events.

The garment bag is not designed to carry shoes, extra clothes, hat boxes, etc. as this will put too much weight and strain on the bag causing tears or broken zippers, so a tote bag or back pack is suggested. The only extra item allowed in the garment bag is your parka folded at the bottom. After each event, all uniform garment bags and hat boxes must be taken home and not left in the band room or storage area.

The hats are adjustable by moving the inside band to a different position. Long hair should be kept up inside the hat. The chain should rest on (not under) the chin. Store the hat upside down in its box to prevent denting. You will wear a plume on your hat. Plumes are distributed and collected at each event and remain in school.

Your pants should fit with the back length hitting the middle of your marching shoes and the front length resting on your laces. (1.25 inches off of the floor in bare feet!) **DO NOT CUT EXTRA MATERIAL** when hemming pants!!! **Pants should not drag on the ground or under the sole of the shoes where they can become damaged.** Turn the material up and hem by hand.

Hang the pants and the jacket on one heavy-duty suit hanger only. NO wire hangers.

*NOTE: If a student is missing a uniform piece or gloves before a performance, the student should speak to the head chaperone or band director. **AT NO TIME SHOULD A STUDENT HELP THEMSELVES TO ADDITIONAL UNIFORM PIECES OR GLOVES ON THEIR OWN.***