

## Concert Dress Instructions

This year The Houston Band is providing the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic band, the Concert band and the Jazz band with tuxedos for the boys and formal dresses for the girls. Each student is responsible for getting their outfit hemmed, storing them until the Spring Concert and having them properly cleaned and maintain until they are returned in May. Below is a list of guidelines for hemming and what should and should not be worn.

- **Hemming:** Each student needs to have their outfits hemmed for the March 8<sup>th</sup> Concert. Dresses and pants can be either handed stitched or machine hemmed with blind hem stitch. **(Glue, tape or stitch witchery type products are NOT acceptable.)**

Do **NOT** cut off any material from the dresses or the pants. Do **NOT** roll over excess fabric. If there is a large hem in the pants the inside seam of the pants may need to be split to make the hem lie flat.

The girl's dresses should be hemmed 2 inches from the ground with the shoes they plan to wear with the dress.

- **Shoes/Sock:**

**Boys: Black** dress shoes or clean marching shoes with **Black** crew socks.

**Girls: Black** dress shoes with or without heels. Open or closed toe shoes are fine. **NO flip flops** or any type of shoe that separates your big toe from the rest of your toes.  
**No backless** shoes.

- **Jewelry:** The only jewelry that will be allowed are stud earrings. No bracelets or necklaces.
- **Shirts/Belts:** Boys will need a white shirt with a stayed collar.  
**NO button down collars.** A belt is not needed.

**Vests/Ties:** Will be supplied by the band.

- **Cleaning/Returning:** The students will keep these outfits at home until the Spring Concert in May. The tuxes need to be dry cleaned and the dresses washed before they are returned. They must be returned as soon as possible after the last concert and before the last day of school.
- **Please note any dress or tux/vest/tie not returned will be charged a \$200 replacement fee.**

If you have any questions, you may call Gail Jung at 752-1154 or e-mail me at sjung1@comcast.net.