

## Attention!



## The Houston Band Students!

*It's time to get fitted for  
Your Concert Wear!*

*Returning Students!*

*Yes, you!*

*Returning Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores!*

Try on your tux or dress in your closet and make sure it fits.

Is it too small or too big? Don't worry!

Bring your old tux or dress to the Band Uniform Shed. BUT, you MUST get the tux dry cleaned or dress washed before you bring it back.

**When? 2 p.m. ~ 4 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2015  
for returning Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores.**

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*Are you a freshman or new to a concert band?*

You will need to come to get fitted for your tux or dress.

**When? 2 p.m. ~4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
for Freshmen or any new students**

Please read the following important  
PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT for The Houston Band:

John and Jane are both outstanding students in the band. John plays the trombone. Jane plays the flute. For months, they have been practicing diligently on a very difficult piece of music. Such is life in The Houston Band. As they enter the auditorium, they are but mere steps away from the performance of their lifetime.

John approaches one side of the stage, Jane on the other. Unfortunately, John doesn't realize his pant hem is too long, and is completely under his shoe. He trips on the first step, his trombone landing hard as it hits the wooden steps. Similarly, Jane's dress is not the right length. Holding onto her flute and sheet music, she has no free hands to lift it up as she climbs the steps. As Jane slips on the first step, her flute goes flying across the stage, sheet music scatters. On both sides of the stage, students crash into each other as the line bottlenecks.

Fortunately, neither are hurt physically, but both are understandably embarrassed and no longer able to focus on giving their best musical performance. Mr. Smith and Mr. Taylor are not pleased.



PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR CHILD.  
CHECK THOSE HEMS TODAY AND FOLLOW CONCERT  
TUX/DRESS INSTRUCTIONS TO GET THE PANTS/  
DRESSES HEMMED.



***THANK YOU!!!***

## Concert Tux/Dress Instructions

The Houston Band is providing the Wind Ensemble, the Symphonic, Concert and Jazz Bands 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 maintained 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 before the Holiday Concert. Dresses and pants can be either hand stitched or machine hemmed with a blind stitch.
- **Glue, tape or stitch witchery type products are NOT acceptable!**
- Please do **NOT** cut off any material from the dresses or the pants.
- Please 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 girls' dresses should be hemmed 2 inches from the ground with the shoes they plan to wear with the dress.
- **Boys will need a white dress shirt for their tux. Straight collared shirts without buttons on the collars work best and look the dressiest.**

### Shoes/Socks:

- Boys: Black dress shoes or clean marching shoes with black dress 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 band is supplying a pearl necklace for the girls. Stud earrings are allowed. The necklace should be returned with the dress.
- **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 Tuxedo not returned will be result in a \$200 replacement fee.***