

## FALL 2016/2017 MUSIC DEPARTMENT FITTING DAYS Q&A

**Band Camp: 8/14/17 to 8/17/17 AND 8/24/17**

**Concert Wear Fittings for Choir & Orchestra: 8/15/17 to 8/17/17 AND 8/24/17**

### 1. Can I be there when my child is being fitted?

Sure – For Marching Band Students - please come and volunteer during fitting days and you will be there when your child is fitted, we need approximately 30 - 35 volunteers per night to measure and fit all of the kids and can always use more help. If you're not one of the volunteers, it's hard to say when your student will be fitted, they're called in by first grade then instrument. We have no idea from year to year how quickly we can get to any particular student. Sorry, wish we could be more precise.

For Orchestra and Choir Students – you can come in with your child for concert wear fittings starting August 15-17 and if needed, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Since this is run by all volunteers, the last day is only if needed. Please try to make it in during the first week ☺.

### 2. How do I pay? How do we know what to pay?

You can pay by check or cash (no credit cards accepted). You may need more than one check if you are purchasing different items.

\*If purchasing gently used items (concert wear, hats, track jacket and shoes) the check (or cash) will be made out to Friends of Music (FOM).

\*If purchasing New Concert Wear, track jacket, Hat, Shoes, gloves etc., the check (or cash) is made out to St Charles North High School (SCN).

\*If you are purchasing Lyres – Cash only please.

\*If purchasing Spirit Wear – a separate check (or cash) made out to St Charles North Friends of Music (SCN FOM).

In the event your child does not have a check during fitting days, we will send home a receipt showing the amount due and what items were purchased. The student can bring the check into their director the next day or to fitting days the next evening, but no later than 8/25/2017. Please make sure to ask your child for the receipt. No concert wear will be ordered or distributed without being paid for up front.

### 3. Where can I purchase a Lyre and how much do they cost?

Lyres and extra pages are sold during fitting days and are approximately \$10.00 each (includes the Lyre and about 5 empty pages), extra pages are typically 2/1.00. Just see Mr. Wis or one of the other directors.

### 4. What do I do when my child's concert wear no longer fits and I need to replace it?

We have a “gently used” exchange option for parents of students who need replacement concert wear. If we have the correct “gently used” replacement size for the student, then we offer a free exchange program and will take your “gently used” item in good, clean condition in exchange for the correct size item on a first come first serve bases. This is only if we have the correct size available. If we do not have the correct “gently used” size available, you can still donate your used items and you would need to purchase a new item through the Concert Wear Chairperson during fitting days at the regular price.

**5. What do I do with my old concert wear when my student graduates?**

Please consider donating your gently used concert wear back to Friends of Music, we can send a tax deduction form for the donation. (We cannot guarantee that this donation will be accepted as a tax exempt item, please check with your accountant.)

**6. Is there a fee for marching band uniforms?**

There is no fee for using the marching band uniforms. However, if a student should damage their uniform or hat, they would be expected to pay the replacement cost of the item, so please encourage your student to treat it as if it were their own! Replacement costs for the uniform is approximately \$400.00.

**7. Are the marching band uniforms rented or purchased?**

The marching band uniforms are owned by the St Charles North High School Music department and the only time they leave the school is during school events like football games or parades.

**8. Do students use the same marching band uniform every year and return them when marching band is finished?**

The marching band uniforms are assigned during fitting days and the student will use the same uniform for the entire season. The uniforms do not leave school or go home with the students. Students are responsible for the condition of their uniform and there is no eating or drinking anything but water while they are in uniform. Friends of Music generously pays to have all the uniforms cleaned at the end of the season in preparation for the next year. At no time should any uniforms leave school with a student even if they need to be cleaned.

**9. Who is responsible for alterations on the concert wear?**

The students are responsible for all alterations on their concert wear.

**10. What does my student need for concert wear?**

Band, Orchestra and Choir students are required to wear school authorized concert wear. The girls will need to purchase a black gown and the boys will need to purchase a tux jacket, tux shirt, tux pants, button covers and bow tie. All items need to be purchased during fitting days.

Jazz Band Students have their own requirements and their director will advise on the first day of school.

## **11. When is the Music Department Fitting Days?**

Typically fitting days are the week before school starts and then the second day of school.

## **12. When can you purchase spirit wear?**

Some spirit wear may be available during certain events such as Fitting day camp or before certain concerts, however, a form is usually sent home with your student with options of items that can be purchased.

## **13. How do we get our child's concert wear?**

All purchased concert wear will be distributed during set concert wear pickup days in late September or early October. Official dates and times TBA. For more information please check [www.scnmusic.com](http://www.scnmusic.com) and we will update you on pickup information.

## **14. Does my student need gloves?**

ALL THE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR WHITE GLOVES THAT ARE SOLD DURING FITTING DAYS, EXCEPT FOR PERCUSSIONISTS. Please note that gloves will no longer be lent out to students that forget them, so please make sure your student knows where his/her gloves are and brings them in for all football games. Also, as of 2017, we are phasing out plain white gloves and going with special grip gloves for the students. These last a little longer and fit a bit better. Should your student forget his/her gloves prior to a game or lose them, they will now have to replace them at a cost of \$7.00 a pair. If gloves are purchased during band camp however, the cost will only be \$5.00.

## **15. Is food provided for the kids during marching band camp?**

Food is donated for the volunteers **only**. The students need to have eaten prior to band camp.

## **16. How can I help?**

You can help out during fitting nights.

You can help distribute concert wear.

You can donate food or water for the volunteers who many are coming straight from work and will not have a chance to eat dinner.

You can help prepare the marching band for the football games.

You can help distribute water to the marching band students during half time at the football games.

You can help prepare the marching band for parades.

You can donate to Friends of Music.

We, as volunteers, have found that it has been such a rewarding experience to help with the music department. We have watched these students grow and improve! To say that we were able to help, even a little, has been a great reward for us. To be able to be there for your own student gives them such pride. Please consider helping out, even the smallest things can make a big difference!

### **17. Can my child wear makeup during games?**

We ask that all students wear light or no makeup and absolutely NO FACE PAINT when wearing the marching band uniforms.

### **18. Are there any special requirements for marching band students?**

Long hair needs to be in a ponytail and up in the band hat. All students need to wear gloves (except percussion); marching band shoes and knee high black socks are required.

### **19. What is the attire for parades?**

Home coming Parade – usually school colors or class colors. Directors will let the students know the week of the parade.

Electric Lights Parade – Marching Band Uniform (supplied by school), black socks and marching band shoes. If weather should get to cold, we will be using the raincoats the students were assigned during band camp. These are kept at the school at all times, so we will distribute them when your student arrives.

St. Patrick's Day Parade & Memorial Day Parade – Track jackets, music baseball cap, marching band bibs (supplied by the school), black socks and marching band shoes.



If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact ....., or if you would like to help out with food or with your time please contact Stacey Wasilevich at [northstarsmarchingband@gmail.com](mailto:northstarsmarchingband@gmail.com). Please remember that we are all volunteers, but we will do our best to get back to you ASAP.

Thanks ☺