

UNIFORM LAUNDRY INSTRUCTIONS

Thanks for volunteering to launder band uniforms. These instructions should be followed carefully to avoid possible harm to any piece.

Prior to taking the uniforms off the hangers, take a label or piece of tape and write down the students last name, jacket #, pants # and gauntlet # i.e. *Madert 128 / 154 / 172*, and double check it against the sheet we give to you with the correct information. (Mix-ups *DO* occur, especially with capes. Capes should have the **same #** as the matching jacket; a **few** of the percussionists have larger capes to account for their harnesses.) Please note any discrepancies and let us know upon return of the uniforms. (The tape on the hanger makes it easier later after laundering, you won't have to keep looking back at the cheat sheet we give to you or at the clothing labels as many times when you go to hang the items back up.) Then you may separate the clothing items into the correct color load.

1. Now remove uniforms from their hangers.
2. Remove cape from jacket and any shoulder cord from the uniform. These are both Velcro attached. Keep the hanger, cape, shoulder cord, and bagged gauntlets together in the garment bag.
3. First, launder the pants separate from the jackets. A large washing machine can handle ten (10) pairs of pants. Launder in cold water with cold rinse. Use a liquid detergent as powders can leave white dots on the uniforms if not totally dissolved.

DO NOT USE:

- a. Fabric softener
 - b. Detergent containing bleach or color-safe bleach.
 - c. Dry cleaning solutions
4. Please dry the pants completely in a dryer using medium heat. Do not allow the pants to remain in the dryer after the end of the cycle or they will wrinkle. Remove the pants, fold on creases, and place on the uniform hanger using the pants bar.
 5. You can launder as many as 5 (five) jackets in a single load. Unsnap the white sleeve of the jacket and use a spray-on pre-wash such as Spray-N-Wash or Shout[®] to treat the inside of each collar and cuff-ends every time you launder the uniforms. You can spray the blue sleeve cuff, but keep the snaps in place to use as a guide for where to re-snap the white sleeve. Use the pre-wash on any food or other stains as needed.
 6. Dry the jackets using medium heat. Please allow the jackets to dry completely and do not allow the jackets to remain in the dryer after the end of the cycle or they will wrinkle. Hang jacket on the wooden hanger with the curve forward (as if slouched shoulders) and the jacket zips up the back, over the pants. There is a large black X on the back of most hangers—make sure that the jacket zips up the back to the X and over the pants. This way the hangers will all be facing the same direction when placed back on the uniform racks.

7. After the jackets are clean and dry, re-attach the cape and any shoulder cord on the right shoulder (blue sleeve). (Section leaders are highlighted on your washing sheets.) Assemble the pants and jacket in appropriate combinations (zipping up the jacket completely), and place them together with the bagged gauntlets in the garment bag. Zip and hang. It has been my experience that this process for 10 (ten) uniforms will take a couple hours, start to finish (while you watch a couple shows®).
8. I am asking that all Gauntlets be laundered each time. The Gauntlets may require some pre-wash treatment. The normal Gauntlet pairs can be laundered simply by opening up both and the attaching one to the other. Please wash them separately from other items, but the gauntlets may all be the same wash load, (or even in with the jackets). Make sure the Gauntlets are **completely dry** before putting them back in their bags or they will mildew. It might be easier to do them first and then set the standing up afterward to make sure they are dry and then bag them last. Make sure gauntlets are attached at Velcro before throwing in laundry, the Velcro can rub on other pieces and scratch ribbon.
9. At the end of the marching season, the garment bags will need to be washed. **Prior to** washing, **please remove the paper name tag** from the clear pocket but don't throw it away. Re-insert **after** washing. The garment bags should be washed separately from the other items, but 10 may fit in one wash load at one time. Please take out of the dryer immediately and hang.
10. Capes need to be washed separately to prevent turning anything pink. Please wash capes together in one load. You can choose to wash capes on an "as needed" basis. Place in dryer at medium temperature and remove at end of cycle. Take out immediately and reattach to correct jacket to avoid wrinkling. [The jacket and cape numbers should match. We have exceptions this year and these are noted on your washing assignment sheets.](#)

Uniforms should be returned to the Uniform Room ... Wednesday during band camp at drop off or make arrangements with Chrissy otherwise.

Thanks again for your help in keeping the WTW Marching Cavalier Band looking its best.

Please fill in any blank cells and notify us of any issues or discrepancies.

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