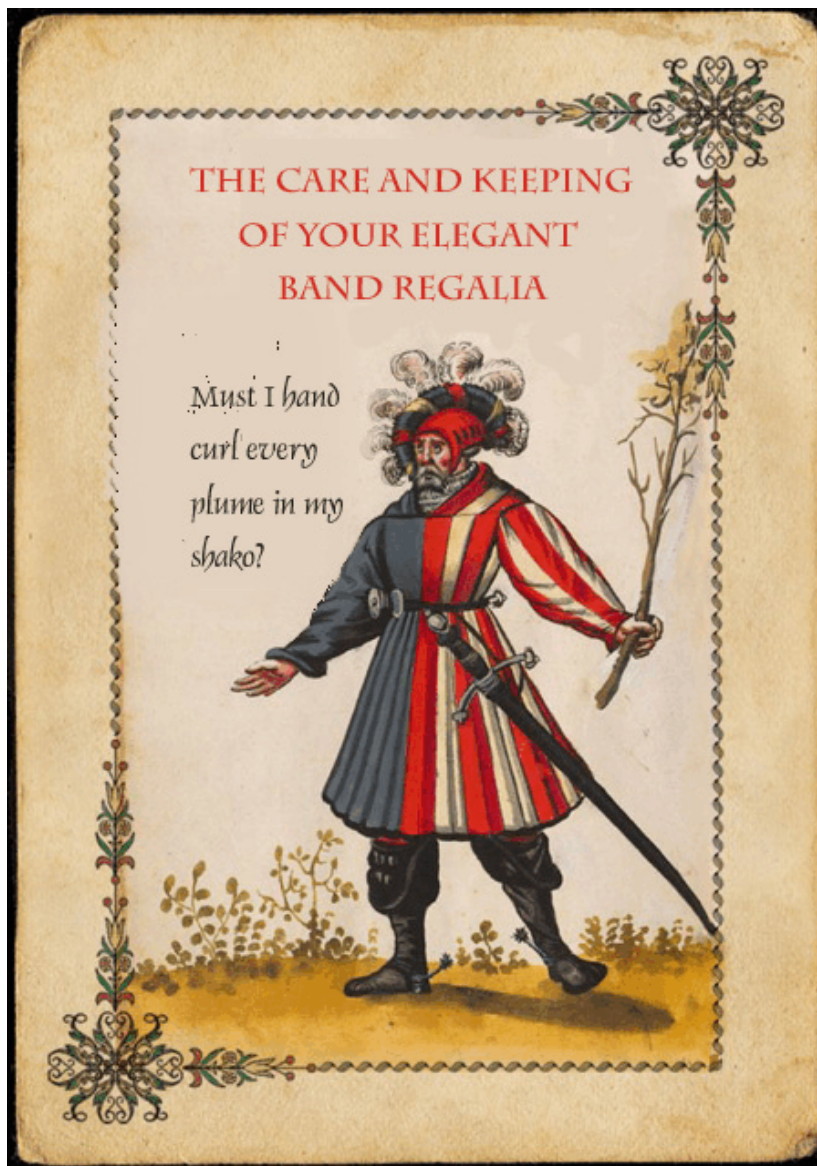


PORTSMOUTH HIGH CLIPPERS MARCHING & CONCERT BAND

UNIFORM CLEANING AND CARE REQUIREMENTS



Band Uniforms are meant to accentuate the uniform steps, movements you take and the notes you play with all other members. There are some slight differences between what instrumentalist wear.* Over all band members should look, dare I say it, **uniform**?



If you move or play perfectly, yet your pants are too short, you will be out of synch with the rest of the band. Why bother to polish up marching and not keep your uniform clean and neat?

Always hang your uniform properly after a performance or trip, *outside the bag*, so it can dry out and the moisture can escape from the fabrics and shoes. Why? Do you really want to march in a stinky, moldy uniform, or sit next to someone else's stink? Molds and perspiration stain and can be permanent if left for a month or longer. When returning home from an active trip with many performances, clean your uniforms according to instructions outlined. They will have absorbed much perspiration inside and probably received their share of mud and dirt outside. Put them back in the garment bag only after they are dried and/or cleaned! Your uniforms are yours for a while and then passed on. Keep them clean.

HOW TO CLEAN EACH ITEM

Shoes

Spot clean with moist paper towel or clean rag to get rid of mud or dust. Don't forget the soles!

If they are wet Loosen the laces, stuff a clean, dry rag or paper towels in them to get as much moisture out. Remove the wet towels. Set in the driest place possible to finish drying.

If they are scuffed Spot polish

Socks Black only. Your responsibility to buy.

Machine Wash warm or cold water every time you wear them!
'Nuf said!

Machine Dry Normal



Who said socks don't matter?

Bibbers aka the black pants-thing

Spot treat dirt and stains with *OxyClean* or *Spray 'n Wash* type of cleaners before throwing in washer.

Machine Wash warm or cold water

Machine Dry Low/Delicate or Hang to Dry

Don't Ever Bleach with chlorine bleach, like *Clorox*

Shakos aka the hat-thing with plume

Spot clean dirt with a *damp, clean* rag or paper towel. If your shako got into a muddy brawl without you knowing, use a bit of dish detergent on the damp rag..

Don't Ever Machine Wash, Machine Dry, Iron, or Use Bleach duh!

Jackets aka the bi-colored top-thing

Spot treat dirt and stains with *OxyClean* or *Spray 'n Wash* type of cleaners before throwing in washer. If you don't have a spot cleaner, use a bit of laundry detergent, **scrub** in well.

Spray or rub spot cleaner on, then scrub in with tooth brush, nail brush or clean rag. Be generous with the pre-treatment and elbow grease. The stains won't come out without scrubbing! This, I know from personal experience.

Where to Spray & Scrub Collar, inside and out

Shoulder pad flares, top and bottom

Sleeve cuffs, unsnap and scrub inside and out. Yes, even the black side.

Machine Wash warm or cold water

Make them extra bright by adding *OxyClean* or any non-chlorine bleach to the detergent.

Hang to Dry or Lay Flat. If you are just remembering to clean your jacket hours before you have to get on the band bus, it is okay to Machine Dry on Low or Delicate only.

Don't Ever Bleach with chlorine bleach, like *Clorox*.

Don't Ever Iron

Sashes aka the shiny, sequined thing that attaches over your shoulder

Spot treat dirt and stains with *OxyClean* or *Spray 'n Wash* type of cleaners, but not on the sequined areas.

Hand wash lightly rub with hands in bowl of cool water with small amount of shampoo, dishwashing detergent, or *Woolite*.

Rinse repeatedly do not squeeze! Gently wrap in a clean towel to absorb as much moisture as possible, then lay flat to dry.

Don't Ever Machine Wash

Don't Ever Bleach with chlorine bleach, like *Clorox*

Don't Ever Iron

Gauntlets aka the over-the-wrist-things—black on black sleeve and white on white

Spot treat dirt and stains with *OxyClean* or *Spray 'n Wash* type of cleaners before throwing in washer. Inside and out. Don't forget to scrub the dirty parts!

Machine Wash warm or cold water

Lay Flat to Dry

Don't Ever Bleach with chlorine bleach, like *Clorox*

A shako is cylindrical soldier's hat with plume, 1815, from Hungarian csákó, short for csákó süveg "peaked cap," from adj. form of csák "peak, projecting point of a cow's horn," which etymologists derive from Ger. zacken "point, spike."

The expression "throw down the gauntlet" goes back to Medieval times, in the days of chivalry and combat. Throwing down the gauntlet was the knight's method of choice for challenging another knight to a duel. Picking the gauntlet up was the signal that the challenge had been accepted.

CONCERT BAND UNIFORMS

Band shoes, Black socks, Bibbers, Maroon Vest over button-down white tuxedo shirt with bowtie

Vest

Spot treat dirt and stains with *OxyClean* or *Spray 'n Wash* type of cleaners before throwing in washer.

Machine Wash warm or cold water

Machine Dry Low/Delicate or Hang to Dry

Don't Ever Bleach with chlorine bleach

Don't Ever Iron

Tuxedo Shirt notched, stand-up collar

Spot treat dirt and stains with *OxyClean* or *Spray 'n Wash* type of cleaners before throwing in washer, especially neck and cuffs.

Machine Wash warm or cold water

Machine Dry Low/Delicate or Hang to Dry

Rarely Bleach with chlorine bleach

Iron on Medium Setting

Bowtie

Hand wash in cool bowl of water and little shampoo, Woolite or dish detergent

Roll to dry in clean dry towel

Lay flat to dry on clean dry towel

Don't Ever Bleach

Iron if necessary On low/medium heat

If a button is falling off, sew it on or ask for help. If your vest pocket weals are coming unstitched, ask for help. **Ask a band geek mom at a game!**

There is a lot to remember for new band members. We hope this will help. Experienced band members are your mentors. They got help, now they give help. Don't be afraid to ask. Same goes for new band geek parents!

WHO WEARS WHAT?

Fall Marching Band Season

All except percussion wear gauntlets that flare out, one black one white.

Percussion gauntlets curl around wrists, one black one white.

Pit percussionists do not wear shakos.

Battery percussionists and all others wear shakos with plumes. Plumes are handed out by Band Booster parents before you play and collected after you play. Sashes are worn by all, except as noted by Mr. G, Mr. C. or other instructor.

Spring Marching Season

All of the above is the same, with the exception of pit percussionists who will not be with pit instruments. These members will wear shakos and plumes.

