

BHS CHOIR UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS 2019-2020

Please keep in mind that the goal of wearing uniforms is so that everyone looks the same. Therefore, it's imperative that a uniform look that is clean, neat and not distracting to the audience. Things look differently from the audience, which is generally not close to you, especially when bright lighting is added.

You **MUST** wear the following uniform for all performances. The uniform team will be checking every time and a record of compliance is given to Mr. Johnson. Repeated failure to dress correctly will result in a deduction of performance points and/or loss of performance privileges, which may affect your class grade.

Uniform fittings: the uniform team will begin fitting everyone for uniforms **September 6**. Boys and girls should bring their choir dress shoes to school for their fitting. This is most important for the boys' pant length.

- **GIRLS, YOU MUST BRING THE BLACK BRA YOU INTEND TO WEAR WITH YOUR DRESS TO YOUR DRESS FITTING (no sports bras please)!**

Uniform team contact information:

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Dress Instructions

- BHS issued black gown
- Closed toe, FLAT, black dress shoes with no more than 1" heel
- Black socks or hosiery (at least knee high)
- Black undergarments (We recommend designating a black bra as your choir bra and just keep it with your dress so you don't accidentally wear that neon sports bra on performance day.)
- BHS issued pearl necklace (AWE & Bel Canto) one-time cost of \$5 (yours to keep)
- BHS issued pearl bracelet (Bel Canto) one-time cost of \$6 (yours to keep)
- You may wear small stud type earrings if you choose. NO OTHER JEWELRY-NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Hair must be pulled completely off the face in a traditional, formal bun at the nape of the neck. No "wispsies", ponytails, etc. Bangs should be pinned or hair sprayed back as well. Short hair should be neatly styled out of face so eyes are showing. Girls, throw a baggy of hair ties and hair pins in your garment bag so you are always ready to put hair up.
- Makeup must be neutral colors only. No brightly colored eye shadows or lip colors. No brightly colored nail polish.

Tuxedo Instructions

- BHS issued tuxedo pant and jacket
- BHS issued tie and vest
- BHS issued black dress shirt, one-time cost of \$20 (yours to keep)
- Black dress shoes
- Black calf length dress socks (no patterns)
- Black belt or suspenders if necessary to keep pants at waist, not hips.
- Hair must be neatly styled out of face so eyes are showing.

Failure to properly care for these garments will result in replacement fees as follows:

CURRENT REPLACEMENT COSTS:

WOMEN'S CHOIRS

Gown	\$85.00
Faux Pearl Bracelet	\$ 6.00
Faux Pearl Necklace	\$ 5.00
T-shirt	\$ 5.00

MEN'S CHOIRS

Tuxedo Jacket	\$60.00
Tuxedo Pant	\$40.00
Tie	\$15.00
Vest	\$40.00
Shirt	\$20.00
T-shirt	\$ 5.00

The uniform is to look clean and pressed at each wearing. The student and his/her parents/guardians are responsible for the upkeep and proper storage of the uniform and further agree to return it in good condition upon request of the Director, Choir Boosters, or the Principal. Parents/guardians are responsible for the cost of repairs to the uniform due to negligence or unauthorized changes. Replacement costs will be assessed for any items damaged beyond repair or not returned. The student's report card, transcripts or graduating diploma may be held until the uniform is returned or the replacement fees are paid.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STORAGE, CARE AND CLEANING OF YOUR UNIFORM

UNIFORM STORAGE

- Store your uniform in a safe, dry location at home away from pets and little siblings. *Unzip the garment bag/take out of the plastic bag so air can circulate.* Girls should let the bottom of dress hang out the bottom so it isn't too wrinkled.
- Do not store it dirty and sweaty. If you perspired during the performance those clothing pieces should be washed before storing.
- Store shoes separately.
- Girls: store your pearl jewelry in a small jewelry bag or ziplock bag attached to your dress hanger. Do not put it directly on the hanger or it will break over time. We have bags available from the uniform team for \$1 if you need one.

(Also, resist the urge to play with it when you are wearing it. Overstretching the elastic in the bracelet will cause it to fray a little bit each time and eventually snap)

ALTERATIONS

If you notice anything that needs repair, please notify the uniform team and we will take care of it. The only exception is buttons on the tuxedos. If one falls off and you or your parent can sew it on that is fine. If not, bring it to us.

DO NOT make any temporary or permanent alterations. All alterations must be approved in advance by the uniform team even if you purchased your uniform. If you feel an alteration is needed please do not hesitate to talk to us. We understand you are growing and may need a change. We are here to help. **You will be charged the full replacement cost of the uniform for unauthorized alterations.**

LOST ITEMS

If you lose an item that is issued by BHS such as the jewelry or uniform parts please contact the uniform team to purchase a replacement.

TRANSPORTING YOUR UNIFORM

You must transport your uniform in the garment bag/plastic bag and NOT rolled up in a duffle bag or otherwise inappropriately transported. This too can result in points deduction.

Do not shove it in your locker or leave rolled up in your car. You may store it safely in the choir room on performance days if needed.

Check your uniform bag against the list provided the DAY BEFORE, so you aren't scrambling at the last minute.

WHEN IN UNIFORM

Try not to sit on the floor if possible. They are rarely very clean and you will be onstage looking not so great. It is also much more likely you will tear or damage your uniform when getting up, etc.

Girls, pick up the front of your dress just slightly when walking up steps or risers (for safety). Pick up the entire hemline when walking outside in inclement weather. Water and salt will stain the bottom of your dress! Remember, points can be deducted if your uniform is not clean and neat on stage.

Do not rough house or do activities that could damage your uniform. Remember, you will be charged full replacement cost if you damage it (refer to the replacement fees in this packet).

DAY OF PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS

If you have a problem such as a damaged uniform or a forgotten item, please see the uniform team right away so that they can assist you as best possible. There is someone at every performance with limited supplies. The sooner you see us, the better we can help.

This is a safety net only! We can help with urgent repairs and some forgotten items like hair ties or socks or jewelry. We do not have unlimited supplies of every item. You need to plan ahead. If you are chronically forgetting things it will result in points deduction.

We also carry lint rollers, static guard, hairspray, some comfort items, etc. so if you do need something just ask.

- **OTHER TIPS:**

Everyone, keep a couple extra pairs of black socks/hosiery in your bag. This seems to be where the most points are lost!

UNIFORM RETURNS

If you quit choir at any time, you must return all uniform items immediately with the exception of purchased items such as necklaces and bracelets for girls and the dress shirt for boys. Girls who purchased their own dresses do not have to return them.

- At the end of the year you must return all rented items to BHS choir on your assigned return day, clean and as instructed.
- If you do not return items by the due date, your school account will be charged for the replacement cost.

WASHING INSTRUCTIONS

- Dresses can be washed in the washing machine on delicate cycle with a delicate detergent. Put it in the dryer for about 10-15 minutes and then immediately hang to finish drying. If you do this it should come out wrinkle free and ready to wear! If you miss the window and it is wrinkled, lightly steam wrinkles out.
- Tuxedos can be washed in the washing machine on delicate cycle with a delicate detergent. Put in the dryer for about 15-20 minutes and then immediately hang to finish drying. If you do this it should come out wrinkle free and ready to wear! If you miss the window and it is wrinkled, lightly steam wrinkles out.
- Vest and tie can also be washed on delicate with a delicate detergent if you have a front load machine or a mesh bag for the tie. Otherwise, we recommend hand washing for the tie. Hang to dry and iron if needed.
- Men's shirts can be washed as normal.