

How to Care for Your Band Uniform

PLEASE DO YOUR PART! THE OVERALL BAND UNIT DEPENDS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL.

Your band uniform consists of a red band jacket, black pants, band hat, black shoes, and black socks. Gauntlets and plumes will be distributed and collected before and after each performance. Please check to make sure you have everything you need for each performance before you leave home.

Jacket & Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your red jacket and pants are dry clean only. Optimally, this should be done monthly depending on wrinkles, sweat, number of times worn, etc. You need to remove the buttons, sash and neckband before dry cleaning. Your uniform should be crisp and clean before every performance.After finishing a performance, you should hang your jacket and pants on separate hangers and let them air out for several hours. Febreeze helps.
Sash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your sash can be delicately hand washed and air dried, and then use an iron on the backside of the sash to press it. Do not iron the silver material.
Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your band hat should be cleaned with 409 or Fantastik and a soft cloth. This should be done on the black vinyl areas inside and out.Take care to handle the plastic hat box gently. They break easily.
Neckband & Socks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Inside the collar of the jacket is a black snap-in neckband. This is the only part of the uniform, along with socks that should be machine washed after each performance. It is important to wash it frequently to remove the sweat and oils from the neckband.
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your black shoes should be wiped clean with a damp cloth.
Garment Bag	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Garment bags are made of cloth, do not drag them on the ground as this will damage the garment bag.

The uniforms have all been dry cleaned at **Suburbia Family Cleaners (by Giant), 70 Glocker Way, Pottstown, PA 19464, 610-705-0666**. You are welcomed to use your own dry cleaner, but for this season, they will honor a **dry cleaning cost of \$11** for each uniform.

***Remember to remove the buttons, silver sash, and neckband prior to dropping off the uniform at the cleaners. If you forget, the dry cleaner is supposed to ask you to remove them before accepting the uniform. Please be careful not to lose these items or the hanger.

OJR Band Uniform Facts

- You can ask at any time for a uniform parent or chaperone to adjust or sew any parts of your uniform that are loose. We expect you to notify one of us if you have any problems with the uniform such as missing buttons, snaps, or if problems occur such as pulls or tears. We will also fix your hat.
- Your uniform is being given to you cleaned and hung properly. It is expected to be cared for and returned in good condition.
- **Isa Sykes and Jimmy Chen** are the band uniform managers. They can help you if you are missing any parts of your uniform before each performance. The chaperones and your section leader can help you during the performance.
- The cost of replacement parts for the uniforms;

Jacket	\$220.00
Pants	\$117.60
Sash	\$46.99
Neckband	\$35.00
Gauntlets	\$37.47
Hat	\$51.10
Hat box	\$10.25
Garment bag	\$13.00
TOTAL	\$531.41

- The total cost of your uniform is over \$500.00. You will be expected to pay for any parts of it that you lose or damage beyond repair.
- These uniforms are in their 10th season as evidenced by the pictures in the band room. They are expected to last at least 2 more seasons. Please help us care for them.
- You will need to wash your neckband **after each performance.** We expect you to do your best to take care of your uniform and keep it looking sharp.
- Thank you in advance for caring for your OJR band uniform and let's look forward to a great season!