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TO: St. Charles North Music Parents and Students

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A warm welcome to all St. Charles North music students and parents! All students in band, choir and orchestra wear the same unified music attire for the various concerts and performances throughout the year. It is imperative that all students be fitted for concert wear and marching band uniforms at the annual Fitting Days held each August. Please carefully read the important information that follows concerning Fitting Days, Concert Wear and Marching Band Uniforms, as well as information on how you can help make Fitting Days run smoothly by volunteering your time and talent.

FITTING DAYS INFORMATION
August 13, 14, 15, 16 and 23
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Fitting Days are held each year during Marching Band Camp and is the time for incoming freshmen students to be measured and to order their concert wear attire and their Marching Band uniforms. Current students will also try on their current concert wear (at home) and the Marching Band uniform assigned to them last year to ensure everything still fits and that they don't need to switch sizes or order new items. Fitting Days is also an opportunity to order Music Program spirit wear, items from Quinlan & Fabish and to learn about upcoming Music Program and Friends of Music events and how you can be involved.

Please note that the first football game this year is scheduled for August 24, just two days after school starts. Marching Band uniform fittings must be confirmed the week before so everyone is ready to go for the first home game. Marching Band shoes MUST be ordered by August 16 in order to receive them in time for this game. The last day of Fitting Days, August 23, is held on an "as needed" basis for last minute alterations, etc.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: Fitting Days AND Football Games Fall 2018

Of course, no event of this nature can run without a group of outstanding volunteers. Below is a list of volunteer roles that need filled in order for Fitting Days to run smoothly. For your convenience, we are using Sign Up Genius this year for you to volunteer for Fitting Days and football games.

Please sign up here for Fitting Days:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545a4af2ba1fa7-fitting>

Please sign up here for Football Games:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545a4af2ba1fa7-football>

CONCERT WEAR INFORMATION

Each female student will need to be measured for a black dress/gown. The cost is \$62. There are a LIMITED number of used gowns in some sizes available for a reduced price. Each male student will need to be fitted for a tuxedo shirt, tuxedo pants, and a tuxedo jacket. The cost of a shirt is \$17, pants are \$30, and jackets are \$58. They will also need a \$5 bow tie. Again, there is a LIMITED number of used shirts, pants, and jackets at a reduced price.

Payment for NEW concert attire is paid to SCN. Payment for USED concert attire is paid to the Friends of Music. Cash or checks. **Please note that there will be no credit card or debit card payments accepted and payment is due at the time of fitting so please be prepared and bring cash or your checkbook.**

Returning students should also come in for a fitting if they have outgrown their concert attire from previous years. ALL ALTERATIONS for concert wear are the responsibility of the student/parents (such as hemming the gowns). Ideally, it is our hope that this initial purchase will last all 4 years (unless there is some tremendous growth spurt)!

The concert wear is ordered and then picked up by the student/parents in late September or early October in time for the first performances. Students are REQUIRED to try on all attire at home after the pick up to be sure of sizing. Sizing returns must happen immediately.

MARCHING BAND UNIFORM INFORMATION

Each band student will be fitted for a uniform jacket, uniform bib (pants), and a rain coat. These items are owned by the high school, kept at the school and are assigned to each student to wear for games and parades. Students will also be fitted for band shoes (\$25), gloves (\$5), a track jacket (\$35) and a baseball cap (\$10). These items are purchased by each individual and are stored at home. An order form is attached. There is a limited supply of gently used band shoes for purchase at a reduced price. Replacement costs for gloves after Fitting Days will be \$7.

In addition, at Fitting Days, items such as flip folders, single pages and lyres from Quinlan & Fabish will be available for purchase. Prices are usually less at Fitting Days than purchasing these items on your own at a local music store and range from \$5 to \$10. Plan to bring cash for the purchase of these items.

Alterations to Marching Band uniforms will be done at Fitting Days by our talented sewing crew. However, any alternations that need made to purchased items and to concert wear are the responsibility of each individual.

Thank you for your help and participation in 2018-2019 SCN Music and cheers to an amazing year! If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Fitting Days Chair, Ellen Andersen at andersenellen22@gmail.com, 815-751-1304. We look forward to seeing you at Marching Band Camp and Fitting Days in August.