

2018 South County Marching Stallions – Quick Guide

Who is eligible to join? Rising 9 – 12th graders attending SCHS.

- **Winds and Percussion:** Musicians must participate in a curricular, school day music class. Musicians who are enrolled in Symphonic Band (Advanced Band) are required to take part in either marching band OR a VHSL (school sponsored) fall sport. Any accommodations must be approved by the director.
- **Color Guard:** There is currently no curricular requirement to be a part of the color guard. Students participating in color guard must audition in the late spring (dates TBD), and participate in colorguard camp (July 30th-August 3rd, 2-8 PM). There are weekly summer rehearsals as well that students must attend if their schedule permits. No prior experience is required. Members of the color guard will be trained on all equipment necessary for performance in the fall marching show.

Marching Band Camp/Summer Rehearsals/After-School Practices

- **All students are expected to attend all rehearsals and camps.** Please make every attempt to schedule doctor’s appointments, vacations, jobs, etc. outside of marching band practice time, as per FCPS regulation 2234. Every member is needed in order for the band to have a successful season. Marching band is the ultimate TEAM activity and if one member is missing it will have a negative effect on the entire group. In order for the students to put the best product on the field, and to ensure their safety and dignity, all members must be present at every rehearsal. Any conflicts with rehearsals or performances should be communicated by a parent or guardian in writing to Mr. Engdahl (or Mr. Butters/Ms. Bishop) at least two weeks prior to the event. This is so an accommodation to the conflict (if possible) can be made. Please also notify your section leader(s).

Marching Stallions Uniform and Accessories

- All members of the marching band will be issued a uniform at the beginning of the marching band season. It is the responsibility of each member to take care of his or her uniform to ensure we, as a band, look great at all times. Uniform parts include: garment bag, waterproof overcoat, jacket, bibber pants, shako (hat), shako wrap, shako box, gloves, shoes, custom-fitted color guard uniform (designed to fit the theme of the show). Members are responsible to make sure each uniform is properly hanged/returned after every game, competition, or performance on the band hanging racks. **The band closet is not to be entered unless you are with a band parent volunteer.**
- **All new marching members are required to purchase black marching shoes and guard members are required to purchase color guard gloves and shoes.** In addition, wind and percussion students are required to supply their own black socks to be worn at all games, competitions, and performances. It is the expectation that all students will be in complete uniform when appearing as a group.
- All returning members are expected to have the appropriate shoes/gloves that fit properly.

The following chart outlines what purchases will need to be made for the uniform and the price for each:

Additional Required Items for Band/Instrumentalists		Additional Required Items for Color Guard	
Marching Shoes	\$38	Guard/Dance Shoes	\$32
		Guard Gloves	\$16

- Please remember that each piece of your uniform is important and is expensive to replace. Proper care should be taken for all uniform parts. **Each individual student is responsible for the cost to replace any uniform part that is lost or damaged.**

Uniform replacement costs are as follows:

Winds and Percussion		Color Guard	
Uniform Jacket	\$200	Custom Uniform	approx. \$175
Rain/Cold Weather Coat	75	Rain/Cold Weather Coat	75
Bibber Pants	85	Guard Shoes	32
Black Shoes	38	Guard Gloves	13
Plume	25	Garment Bag	10
Shako	25	Hanger	2
Shako Box	15		
Garment Bag	10		
Shako Wrap	25		
Hanger	2		
White Glove (rehearsal)	2		

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