

Honors Band



December Newsletter

Hello Parents/Students,

It's going to be a very busy sprint to the Holiday Break! Please note all **performances** are mandatory.

1) Formal Uniforms – The uniform distribution started yesterday! **Students will keep the uniforms until the end of the school year.** This will be the uniform for the Holiday Concert and all other formal concerts/contests. The uniform consists of:

- Ladies: Concert Gown
- Gentlemen: Tuxedo (coat, pants, shirt & bow tie). Bow ties are \$5 to replace. Don't lose them! Please have them try on their uniform at home. Most if not all uniforms will need some sort of hemming. Please, do not use scissors to hem up the uniform. Hem tape is recommended. Also, students **MUST** wear black dress SOCKS & black dress SHOES.

2) Band Pictures on Holiday Concert Day – Tuesday, December 17th - A group picture will be taken at the beginning of each band class. Individual pictures will be taken shortly thereafter. A handout can be found at <http://www.morganphotosa.com>. Students need to bring their FORMAL uniform to school and will change at the beginning of class. As the group picture will be part of this year's yearbook, students who do not bring uniforms will not be included.

PERFORMANCES: (please mark your calendars)

- **8th Grade Taft/Comm Arts Field Trip** – Monday, December 9th 11:40am – 2pm

The Taft HS & Briscoe MS directors have scheduled a field trip for our 8th grade students to tour Taft/Comm Arts facilities to listen to student speakers and a meet-&-greet with the HS students, directors and administration.

- **Holiday Concert** – Tuesday, December 17th - Dress – Formal Uniforms

Beginning Band Performs - 6pm *Report time is 5:30 to Band Hall*

Concert Band Performs - 7pm *Report time is 6:45 to Band Hall*

Symphonic Band Performs - 7pm *Report time is 6:45 to Band Hall*

Jazz Band/Honors Band - 7:30pm Report time is 7:15 to Band Hall

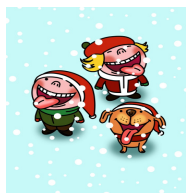
Students are dismissed after their performance.



- **Holiday Tour to ES** – Thursday, Dec 12th & Friday, Dec 13th

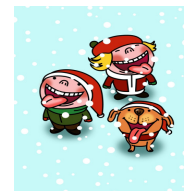
The Honors Band will be performing at feeder Elementary Schools. FYI- students will need to be dropped off at Mireles ES on Dec 12th and Hoffmann ES on Dec 13th. Bus transportation will be provided back to Briscoe MS. An itinerary is attached.

Thank you,
Bengal Band Staff



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Elementary Holiday Tour Performances



Thursday, Dec 12th

Mireles ES / Kallison Ranch ES

Dress for both days: Black Bengal Fun Shirt, blue jeans, and comfortable shoes

ITINERARY

Students have to be dropped off at **Mireles ES**. Instruments need to go home the night before. Students, please bring instrument, music & music stand.

8am	Report Time	@ Mireles ES for Percussionists
8:15am	Report Time	@ Mireles ES all other band students (w/ instruments)
8:55am	Performance	@ Mireles ES
9:30am	Load buses & vehicles w large instruments	
9:50am	Performance	@ Kallison Ranch ES
10:50am	Arrive at	Briscoe MS

Friday, Dec 13th

Hoffmann ES / Cole ES

Dress for both days: Black Bengal Fun Shirt, blue jeans, and comfortable shoes

ITINERARY

Students have to be dropped off at **Hoffmann ES**. Instruments need to go home the night before. Students, please bring instrument, music & music stand.

8am	Report Time	@ Hoffmann ES for Percussionists
8:15am	Report Time	@ Hoffmann ES all other band students (w/ instruments)
8:40am	Performance	@ Hoffmann ES
9:15am	Load buses & vehicles w large instruments	
9:40am	Performance	@ Cole ES
11am	Go eat at	Cici's Pizza - please bring \$10 for lunch 💰
1:15pm	Arrive at	Briscoe MS

We can use some assistance with large instruments. We would like to load larger instruments (*tuba, baritones & some percussion equipment*) onto trucks or SUVs. If you can assist with either of the dates, please email me at Reynaldo.Flores@nisd.net. Thanks in advance!

A permission slip is attached and required. Please return to us no later than Tuesday, Dec 10th.

Thank you,
Bengal Band Staff

Northside Independent School District

Dolph Briscoe Middle School

Parental Permission form for Town Travel

_____ has my permission meet the
Student Name

Briscoe MS Band
(Organization)

at

Elementary School Performances
(Place)

I understand the organization will meet at **8:15am Thursday, December 12th at Mireles ES / 8:15am Friday, December 13th at Hoffmann ES** and students will be transported by bus back to Briscoe Middle School. I will not hold the Northside Independent School District or its' employees liable for accidents or injury which may occur while at the above described activity. I further understand that any student participating in any competition, or performing program as a representative of a Northside School or the District (including practice, competition, travel to and from the event, or other related activities) who displays conduct which is disruptive or detrimental to the program including but not limited to, being in possession or under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, hallucinogenic drugs or other prohibited substances of any kind, or attempting to sell, to distribute, or to use said prohibited items on the campus of any school in the District or at any activity as mentioned above will be subject to immediate withdrawal from the program for the remainder of the school year and possible removal from the home school to alternative program or expulsion from school. (Northside Board Policies, EHAD local, FNCF/FNCE local, FNCH local).

Student Signature

** Parent or Guardian Signature

I _____ authorize
Parent or Guardian

Ray Flores, Bethany Hirota & Chris Esparza
Sponsor's Name

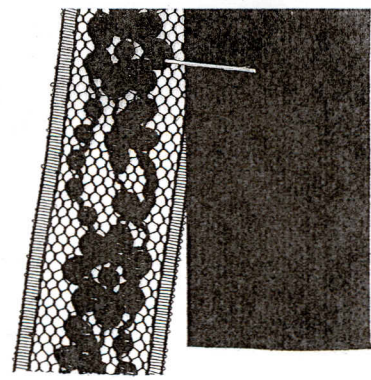
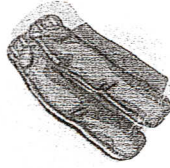
to execute any and all documents necessary for my child, _____
to be treated by a medical doctor or at a Medical facility, whether on an emergency or non-emergency basis
should it be deemed necessary for his/her care and general welfare.

**Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Home Phone Number

Emergency Phone Number



BAND UNIFORM PANTS ALTERATIONS

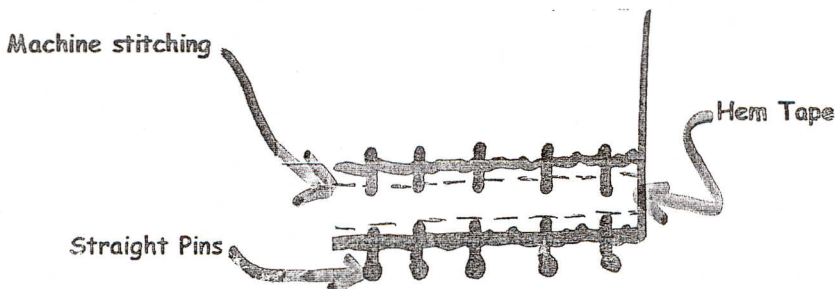
OBJECTIVE: To be able to alter the length (shorter/longer) of the trouser/pant of the band uniform **WITHOUT** cutting off any fabric.

OPTIONS:

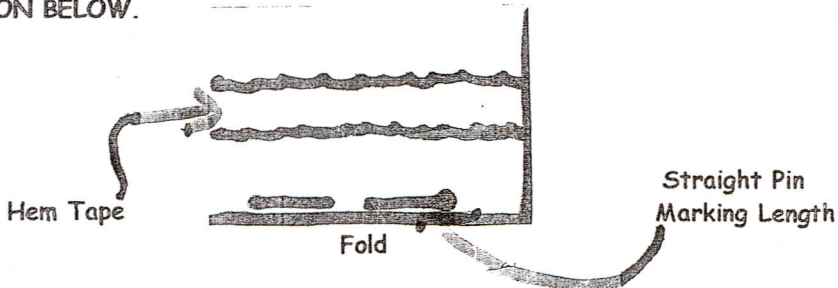
1. Take trousers to a tailor/seamstress, **STRESSING** that no fabric be cut off.
2. Personally shorten or lengthen pants using "hemming tape." SEE STAPLED EXAMPLES...available at Wal-Mart on Bandera/Mainland or at Hobby Lobby or Hancock Fabrics near Bandera/Huebner Rd.

HEMMING PROCEDURE:

1. Try to select a pair of slacks/trousers/pants that are longer than needed.
2. Have student try them on while wearing shoes that will be worn with uniform.
3. Use one or two straight pins that will mark the pant leg at the bottom that will determine the **FINISHED LENGTH** when worn.
4. Using straight pins, pin the hem tape over the outside edge of the pant leg(s), one at a time. SEE THE ILLUSTRATION BELOW.



5. Then turn the pants wrong side out.
6. **FOLD UP** each pant leg **TO THE INSIDE**, so that the **STRAIGHT PIN** marking the finished length (see step 3 above) is on the bottom edge. Then pin the hem up with straight pins. SEE ILLUSTRATION BELOW.



7. Either **HAND STITCH** (needle and thread) or **MACHINE STITCH** the edge to the pant leg. SEE ILLUSTRATION BELOW.

