



The Redwood Marching Band & Color Guard
Cupertino Tournament of Bands

Saturday, October 10
Cupertino, California

Dear Marching Band & Color Guard Parents and Students,

Our 2015 debut at the Cupertino Tournament of Bands is two weeks away! In preparation for our first big public performance, **please be sure to check your student's uniform and be sure that it fits. Hair for musicians on competition day should be neat and sit off of the uniform collar (color guard, please refer to instructions from Mrs. Hunter), and shoes must be spotless.**

*Please send your student with a healthy snack (**nut-free, please!!!**) for the bus ride and money for lunch if they do not bring one. Students may also want to pack a snack and water for the bus ride home.*

Also, please keep track of our schedule so we **do not have students late in the morning**, or waiting for a long time to be picked up when we return to Redwood! *One tip that has helped many of our students has been to 1) set more than one alarm to wake you up in the morning and 2) partner up with another friend in band/color guard and designate each other as "wake up buddies." One wake up buddy will call the other at a designated time to make sure both are awake and getting ready to report on time.*

We hope that you will plan on supporting us at the competition both in chaperoning, or at the very least cheering us on! The event is very close to us, around the Cupertino High School area and on CHS campus. The parade route starts at the intersection of Calle de Barcelona and Finch, turns onto Stevens Creek to begin the competition area, and finishes back at Cupertino High School.

If you will need to get your hair done at school, please be sure to bring your own hair brush, hair gel and hair ties!

If you have concerns or questions, be sure to clear them up and get the answers as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a great day at TOB!

Mr. Jow, Mr. Gould, Mrs. Hunter, Ms. Rubio and your Redwood Music Department

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Cupertino TOB Pre-Arrival Information

Please take the time to review and understand the following information. Your support helps to ensure that we will have a successful Saturday.

Report time: **no later than 6:15 AM**, correctly dressed in uniform **except for marching shoes (wear your day sneakers to report, marching shoes in your labeled plastic bag)**. **** NO MAKEUP, NAIL POLISH, JEWELRY, WATCHES, ETC. WHILE IN UNIFORM ****

MUSICIANS

1. **REDWOOD BAND UNIFORM.** *Wear athletic shorts and your new Redwood "M notes" black shirt underneath your uniform top.*
2. **BLACK MARCHING SHOES AND ALL-BLACK SOCKS.** These shoes need to be used only for band performances, otherwise it will be impossible to keep them looking sharp and clean. *BE SURE TO HAVE ALL-BLACK CREW-LENGTH SOCKS.*
3. **REDWOOD BAND SHAKOS (HATS)** will be distributed on the morning of the parade.
4. All students with long **hair** must have their hair "glued" to their heads so that it will fit into the top of their marching helmet!
5. A complete change of clothes (don't forget shoes!) for free time and money for lunch.

COLOR GUARD

1. **COLOR GUARD DRESS** and **PANTS**
2. **COLOR GUARD SHOES**
3. **Optional: SOCKS** (must be nude or black sock LINERS - like those you wear with ballet flats, absolutely unseen when worn)
4. **If you have it: COLOR GUARD OR BAND JACKET.** (We are still waiting on our order, so don't worry if you don't have yours yet!)
5. **HAIR** in a high bun using the sock bun (no fly-aways!!!). *If you cannot get this done at home, arrive 15 minutes earlier in the morning with your hairbrush, gel, clean & combed out hair).*
6. **DIDDY BAG** (including water bottle, hair supplies, snack, change of clothes, day shoes, etc.)

Please be sure to have all items prepared and ready when you arrive. We do several final preparations as a group in the morning, so when students arrive late or improperly prepared, it delays us significantly as we have to fix individuals and go over everything once again. *Students should have the following things in hand when they arrive:*

- **GARMENT BAG** with a tag with your student's name in the front slot (*do not forget your assigned uniform hanger*)
- **BACKPACK** or plastic bag with 1) a change of **day shoes and socks**, 2) other **play clothes**, 3) a healthy, clean and nut-free **snack** for the bus ride, 4) enough **food for lunch or money** (may be given to chaperone for safe-keeping until the post-parade free time) to purchase lunch before the awards ceremony.
- Double check that you have packed **day shoes**...walking around during free time in marching shoes is not fun (nor are they fun to give extra cleaning)!
- a **PLASTIC BAG with STUDENT NAME** for shoe storage (**DO NOT bring the shoe box that the marching shoes came in...save/keep this at home!**)

Redwood Marching Band & Color Guard Cupertino TOB Schedule

6:15 AM Report time!
Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed in uniform (except shoes) with instrument and/or equipment in good working order.

** If you are a color guard or band member who is unable to prepare your hair correctly at home, please arrive at 6:00 **with your own hair brush, hair gel and hair ties.**

6:50 AM Load buses and truck.

7:00 AM Leave for Cupertino High School.

7:20 AM Arrive at Cupertino High School and unload.

7:55 AM Parade preparation & warm-up.

8:55 AM Report to formation.

9:40 AM **Redwood performs! (Percussion performs immediately following)**

c. 10:15 AM Put away instruments and equipment, change clothes.

c. 11:00 AM Time at CHS stadium for lunch

1:00 PM Parade awards ceremony at CHS stadium.

c. 2:00 PM Depart for Redwood.

Upon returning, students will be required to help unload and return equipment to the music room.

c. 2:30 PM Students dismissed.

Students are expected to return to Redwood on the buses with the group to help unload, return their equipment to its correct locations, and pick up their uniforms and instruments to bring home.

Families please note - if you have scheduled and cleared early release from CHS with Mr. Jow for another commitment, both parent and student must see Mr. Jow after we are changed before any student may be released.

For student safety, no students will be released to parents who have not made prior agreement (at least 3 days before the event) with Mr. Jow.