



The Redwood Marching Band & Auxiliary
Los Gatos Holiday Parade
Saturday, December 3rd
Los Gatos, California

Dear Marching Band & Color Guard Parents and Students,

This is it – the final weekend of our 2011 marching season!!! We are ready and should do a great job while having a great time entertaining our community. **Please be sure to check your uniform and make sure it is in the very best condition possible and fits well. As always, hair needs to be neat and shoes are to be performance-clean.**

Students should arrive by 8:00 AM and will hopefully be done by 1:30 PM. Since this is a free-moving parade, ending times are approximate. Parents/guardians: Be sure that both you and your student reviews everything, and please make sure that your student has a ride once we return. No student should be waiting at school to be picked up longer than 15 minutes after they are excused.

As always, we will need chaperons for this event. **We cannot go anywhere without enough chaperons**, so please consider chaperoning this event with us!

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

Happy Holidays!
Mr. Jow, Ms. Conway, and your Redwood Music Department
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Los Gatos Children's Holiday Parade 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.

Please be sure that your student arrives at Redwood **no later** than **8:00**, correctly dressed in uniform *INCLUDING YOUR MARCHING SHOES*. **** NO MAKEUP, JEWELRY, WATCHES, ETC. WHILE IN UNIFORM ****

Full uniform is as follows:

MUSICIANS

1. **REDWOOD BAND UNIFORM.** Wear athletic shorts and a dark-colored T-shirt underneath (not overly baggy).
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. PLEASE 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!

COLOR GUARD

1. **COLOR GUARD PANTS AND TUNIC.**
2. **BLACK SOCKS.**
3. **BLACK COLOR GUARD SHOES.**
4. **HAIR** should be arranged with two French braids and held back with gel or hairspray (no fly-aways!!!). *If you cannot get this done at home, arrive 15 minutes early in the morning with your hairbrush and your hair clean and combed down.*
5. **Your color guard jacket.** If you did not purchase a jacket, one will be lent to you when you arrive.

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:

- **a healthy (nut-free) snack** for the bus ride (this should hold students over until they go home for lunch)
- ***note: please do not bring garment bags, changes of clothes, or daypacks as we will be coming straight home after completing the parade***

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Los Gatos Children's Holidays Parade Schedule 2011

Saturday Morning, December 3, 2011

- by 8:00 AM Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed with instrument in good working order
- 8:45 AM Load truck and buses, travel to Los Gatos
- 9:15 AM Arrive, check in, unload, and warm up
- 11:00 AM Parade begins; in the parade we are unit numbers 120-123
- c. 12:15 PM Complete parade, load truck and buses
- c. 12:45 PM Depart for return to Redwood
- c. 1:15 PM Arrive at Redwood; everyone must help unload the truck
- c. 1:30 PM Students dismissed
- 2:00 PM Awards ceremony in Los Gatos (Drum Major and Guard Captains only)

Chaperons

We cannot take this trip if we do not have enough chaperons. This is not a hard job, but we need to have plenty of help. Please volunteer if you can. We are unable to do any of the great things that we do without *your* help!

We will have 3 packed buses and will need at least 4 to 6 chaperons per bus. Other chaperons may drive their own cars and follow us. We will need at least 20 chaperons for the size of our band this year. It is our hope that all parents will take turns helping us out at each of these performances.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and consideration!

If you are able to chaperon and have not yet done so, please contact our lead chaperon coordinator this year:

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