



THE REDWOOD MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD

Los Gatos Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 7
Los Gatos, California

This is it – the final weekend of our Fall marching season!

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 (though not “glued” for musicians) and shoes are to be performance-clean.

On Saturday, students should arrive by 8:15 AM and should be done by 2:00 PM. Since this is a free-moving parade, ending times are approximate.

Parents/guardians: Be sure that both you and your student reviews all information, 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.

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.

Some of our parents will be organizing a cheering section this year. Please stay tuned for the meeting location! Los Gatos is a small town but the parade has gotten quite popular and packed over the years. Please anticipate parking/transportation, road closures, and easiest routes to return to Redwood to pick up your students.

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Jow, Ms. McPherson, Mr. Ramirez, Ms. Erin
...and your Redwood Music Department

** ** ** ** ** THIS PAGE IS VERY IMPORTANT ** ** ** ** **

Holiday Parade Pre-Arrival Information

→ → → No garment, shoe or day bags needed!
We will come home right after performing ← ← ←

Report at your appropriate picture time correctly dressed in uniform including marching shoes.
** NO MAKEUP, NAIL POLISH, JEWELRY, WATCHES, ETC. WHILE IN UNIFORM **

MUSICIANS

1. **REDWOOD BAND UNIFORM.** Wear athletic shorts and a **black T-shirt** underneath.
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 shako!

COLOR GUARD

1. **COLOR GUARD BLACK 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. **HAIR** slicked back with gel in a high-braided ponytail (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).*
5. **“UGLY”/HOLIDAY SWEATER** of your choice and approved by Ms. Erin

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 and water** for after our performance (have a hearty breakfast at home so that it may hold you over until after we perform!)
 - o Please be sure that your snacks are “clean”...meaning nothing that could stain or stick to your uniforms (no Doritos/Cheetos, jelly/jam, etc.)

*Another reminder: Please **do not bring** garment bags*

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Redwood Band & Color Guard
Los Gatos Children's Holidays Parade Schedule

Saturday, December 7

by 8:15 AM Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed with equipment in good working order

*If you are in need of hair assistance, please arrive early by 8:00 AM to get this taken care of. Be sure to **bring your own hair brush, hair gel and hair ties.***

8:45 AM Load truck and buses, travel to Los Gatos

9:15 AM Arrive, check in, unload & warm up

11:00 AM Parade begins; in the parade we are unit numbers 150-152

c. 12:45 PM Complete parade, load truck and buses

c. 1:15 PM Depart for return to Redwood

c. 1:45 PM Arrive at Redwood; everyone must help unload the truck

c. 2:00 PM Students dismissed -- Parents, please be on call to pick up your students on time!