



**THE REDWOOD MARCHING BAND & COLOR GUARD**

## **Los Gatos Holiday Parade**

Joint Practice: November 30 (6:00-9:00 PM)

Parade: Saturday, December 2

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.

**We will have our one and only joint practice with Saratoga High School on Thursday, November 30th. We will meet at the new high school music building next to the McAfee theater to practice from 6:00-9:00 PM. Arrive few minutes early so we can start on time. Pickup that evening will also be at the SHS music building.**

**On Saturday, students should arrive by 8:45 AM and will hopefully 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.**

We are grateful that we currently have enough chaperones for this event. Thank you, parents and families, for your support!

***Color Guard: 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.***

Happy Holidays!

Mr. Ramirez, Mr. Jow 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 UNIFORM:** Black leggings from parade uniform, black T-shirt for underneath the guard jacket.
2. **TAN 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. **COLOR GUARD JACKET.** (The shipment is on the way and will be distributed accordingly once it arrives. They will need to be returned to Ms. Bennet after the parade for embroidery.)
5. **HAIR:** We will be wearing beanies and scarves, so our hair will be parted down the middle into two braids (still no fly-aways!). If you cannot get this done at home, arrive 15 minutes earlier in the morning with your hairbrush, gel, clean and combed-out hair.

**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.)

**Note: Please do not bring garment bags, changes of clothes, or daypacks as we will be coming straight home after completing the parade**

# Redwood Band & Color Guard

## Los Gatos Children's Holidays Parade Schedule

### Thursday, November 30

**by 6:00 PM** Meet at the Saratoga High School music building with your instruments and equipment ready to go. Bring your water bottles.

(Color guard, percussion and sousaphones: We will prep your equipment to load onto the truck in the morning.)

**9:00 PM** Practice done; Go home and rest up!

(Color guard, percussion and sousaphones: Please anticipate staying a few minutes longer to help load your equipment back into the truck.)

### Saturday, December 2

**by 8:45 AM** Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed with instrument in good working order

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

**9:15 AM** Load truck and buses, travel to Los Gatos

**10:15 AM** Arrive, check in, unload, warm up and take group photos

**11:00 AM** Parade begins; in the parade we are unit number 164

**c. 12:45 PM** Complete parade, load truck and buses (eat snack)

**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

## Chaperones

We currently have enough chaperones for this event! Thank you to all of our volunteers for this event, and all previous performances!

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