



The Redwood Marching Band & Color Guard
San Jose Veterans' Day Parade

Wednesday, November 11th
San Jose, California

Dear Marching Band & Color Guard Parents and Students,

Our performance in honor of our armed forces at the Veterans' Day Parade in San Jose is coming up next week (November 11 – a **WEDNESDAY**). **Please be sure to check that uniform and shoes are ready to go. As always, hair must be neat and shoes need to be clean.**

Also, please note that we will be taking a professional group picture before we leave for this performance. If you are interested in ordering group and/or individual pictures, please fill out the order envelope sent/mailed home with your student.

*It is also highly recommended that your student comes with a healthy snack (**nut-free, please!!!**) for the bus ride. Notice that we perform around lunch time, so students will not have an official meal while they are with us. As we will be in uniform until we get back, please pack snacks that will not stain or dirty their uniforms if they are spilled.*

Musicians: As we will not have an inspection during this parade, we will not need to “glue” hair to your heads. Please arrive, however, with a high pony tail that is able to be quickly rolled and tucked up into your shako.

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!

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

Thank you!

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

Veterans' Day 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 your Redwood "M" notes T-shirt underneath. If you do not have this T-shirt, please wear a black T-shirt.
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 DRESS (girls) / SHIRT (guys) and PANTS (all)**
2. **BLACK 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 OR BAND JACKET.** (We are still waiting on our order, so don't worry if you don't have yours yet. If you have both jackets please bring one to share!)
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).*

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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San Jose Veterans' Day Parade Schedule 2015

8:00 AM **If you are taking individual or buddy pictures:** Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed with equipment in good working order (make sure that your friends for these pictures are present as well!)

Set up equipment for individual and/or buddy pictures

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

9:00 AM **If you are NOT taking individual or buddy pictures:** Arrive at Redwood completely and properly dressed with equipment in good working order

Follow instructions posted on the music room doors

9:15 AM Full-group picture

9:45 AM Warm up and meet chaperones

10:00 AM Load truck and buses, depart for Downtown San Jose

10:45 AM Report to formation

12:00 PM Parade begins; we are unit #4 in the lineup

c. 12:45 PM Parade completed; load truck and buses

c. 1:15 PM Depart for Redwood

(Students will give parents a "20 minutes until pick up" call as we pull onto campus)

c. 1:45 PM Arrive back at Redwood; unload truck

c. 2:00 PM Band and Color Guard dismissed