



# Dickerson Middle School Band

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Dear Parents,

As you may know, one of our major purchasing projects this year was a set of tuxedos for use by our male band students. Each student was sized and fitted, and will be issued a brand new tuxedo jacket and pair of pants! Please be advised that the jacket was fitted with the demands for holding and playing an instrument in mind. The sleeves may seem a little long, and the jacket may seem a little big, but young performers need some room in their jacket to comfortably play and hold their instrument.

While this will be a considerable cost this first year, we feel that owning our own uniforms will be much more cost effective in the long run and will give us more flexibility with fitting than we have had renting the tuxedos. There are 32 students whose jackets have not yet arrived. The company where we purchased the tuxedos has agreed to provide rental jackets for our first concert next week. If your child is one of the 32 students whose jacket has not yet arrived, he can pick up his jacket before the concert. We ask that he return the jacket to the Ensemble Room in the Band Room after the concert so the jackets can be picked up by the company on Wednesday. The jackets we purchased should be in sometime in December.

In addition to the tuxedo pants and jackets, each student has purchased their own bow tie and cummerbund set, as well as a tuxedo shirt to wear. We highly recommend writing your child's name or initials on these items (especially the bow tie and cummerbund!) in case it gets misplaced. Hopefully, this will be a one-time expense, and your child will be able to use this set throughout their time in Middle and High School Band. However, we will have additional sets for sale if your child loses his bow tie or cummerbund.

Included with this letter is a uniform contract for the 2006-2007 school year. Please note the replacement cost of the tuxedo is \$119.96. These tuxedos are *DRY CLEAN ONLY*, and can not be machine washed or ironed. Any damage done to the tuxedo will require replacement.

Please sign and return the contract by Friday, December 8, 2006. We will send the uniforms home on that day. If you would like to come by and pick up your child's uniform, you are welcome to do so!

We know the students will look great in their uniforms, and that they will represent our school and community well when they perform. We look forward to seeing you at our Winter Concert Tuesday night!

Sincerely,

John Palmer and Scott Brown  
Directors