

2010 – 2011 Band & Orchestra Registration

Dear Robinson Band & Orchestra Parents:

On behalf of the Music Directors and staff as well as the officers of the Robinson Band and Orchestra Parent Organization (RBOPO), welcome to the 2010 – 2011 academic year! To the families new to Robinson or new to the band and orchestra programs, we look forward to meeting and working with you. To our returning families, we thank you for your support in the past, and look forward to your continued involvement with the Robinson music program.

Robinson has a long-standing reputation for musical excellence - both in Fairfax County and across the nation. Middle School and High School, band and orchestra - all are award-winning groups. With exciting music programs, dedicated staff, talented students and enthusiastic parent volunteers, we look forward to continuing the tradition!

RBOPO also has a long history of terrific family support, which allows us to provide for the needs of our Robinson students and music staff. Since 1975, RBOPO has provided financial and physical assistance to all Robinson Middle and High School bands and orchestras. Although Fairfax County provides school space, directors, some music and some instruments, we need to supplement the county's contributions. As a registered non-profit organization, RBOPO independently raises funds to supply uniforms, additional music and instruments, and to augment the staff with part-time instructors and clinicians. We also provide volunteers (parents!) to care for the uniforms and accessories, chaperone various events, raise needed funds, provide field and maintenance support along with many other supporting roles. So, in order to continue the Robinson tradition of excellence, we need your help, as it takes a lot of financial and logistical support to bring everything together. We will talk in detail about this at the Marching Band parent night on Tuesday, August 24th, so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Please take the time to read all the information here and on our websites, and thoughtfully consider volunteering. Many hands are needed to support our music program at Robinson, but through our efforts, we make friends and have fun, so join us! Most questions that you may have about the marching season will be answered at the Parent Meeting during Marching Band Week on August 24th. If you have questions that require an answer sooner, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the Directors. Additionally, RBOPO meetings are generally scheduled at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month during the school year – you will find us in the high school band room. Meeting dates are posted on the website for your reference, and all parents are encouraged to attend, ask questions, and provide input for our operations. We hope to see you there!

One final note, almost everything we do – from calendars and forms to a great photo gallery - is available on the band and orchestra websites. We also highly encourage you to sign up for B-Mail (Band Email) and/or Orchestra Email notifications for band and orchestra events throughout the year. It is a terrific way to stay up to date.

We have an experienced, dedicated board that is preparing for a great 2010 - 2011 year. I am looking forward to working with them, with our Directors, and with **you**, to provide a wonderful music experience for your Robinson student. Thank you for your support!

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Orchestra website: <http://www.robinsonorchestra.org>
Orchestra Email: <http://www.robinsonband.org/machform/view.php?id=8>

Band website: <http://www.robinsonband.org>
B-Mail (Band Email): <http://www.robinsonband.org/machform/view.php?id=5>

Robinson Band & Orchestra Parent Organization webpage: <http://www.robinsonband.org/rbopo.html>

BAND & ORCHESTRA CONCERT UNIFORMS

Uniform fee for all middle school and high school band and orchestra students is **\$55.00, and due prior to uniform distribution, but no later than October 4, 2010. Tuxedo shirts are an additional cost.**

___ **\$55.00 Registration Fee**

___ **\$15.00 Tuxedo shirt** (Required for all new **high school** students, or if a replacement is needed for returning HS students; these shirts belong to the student and are not returned at the end of the school year.)

___ **Total fee**

Payments may be made online via our secure Paypal link! You do not need to have a Paypal account to use this option. <http://www.robinsonband.org/registration2010-11.html>

Or mail to: RBOPO, P.O Box 39 Fairfax Station, VA 22039 Please make checks payable to "RBOPO."

Please note there is a \$25 fee for any Non-sufficient Funds (NSF) charges on returned checks.



Concert Uniform Fittings will take place after school begins in September. We will make those dates/times available as soon as possible, and in accordance with the availability of our seamstress.

Concert uniforms are worn during performances by all students in all band and orchestra ensembles, both high school and middle school. The majority of the uniform is provided by RBOPO. A fee is collected from each student to cover the cost of cleaning and maintaining the uniform in performance condition, to include alterations and wear & tear repairs. A qualified seamstress fits uniforms and the sleeves, trouser legs, and/or skirt lengths are altered to fit the student. The items not provided by RBOPO are available in most area stores. Concert uniforms are issued to each student for use during performances throughout the school year.

	Ladies	Gentlemen
Issued by RBOPO as part of uniform fee	Concert Skirt / Dress	Tux Jacket / Pants Tie / Cummerbund
Parent purchase through RBOPO		Tuxedo Shirt (\$15, as needed for High School students)
Provided by Parents	Black socks Black concert dress shoes	Black socks Black concert dress shoes

TUXEDO CARE

Tuxedos, cummerbunds, and bow ties are DRY-CLEAN ONLY. Do not attempt to wash these items. White tuxedo shirts may be washed with warm water and machine dried. If the shirt is hung up immediately, it will not need to be pressed. After each wearing, the tux and shirt should be hung up immediately to allow time to air out before the next performance.

DRESS CARE

Dresses may be machine washed in warm water and machine dried. If hung immediately out of the dryer, they will not have to be pressed. We DISCOURAGE PRESSING of these dresses.