

## FORMAL UNIFORM & PERFORMANCE APPEARANCE

We take pride in our professional appearance! All choristers wear uniforms, formal or informal, to all performances. Your director will inform you of which uniform is required. Parents/guardians should make sure that their chorister is wearing the complete uniform required following the appearance guidelines below, BEFORE arriving at all performances. Choristers may be asked to not perform if not in compliance.

All decisions about appropriateness of uniform, jewelry and personal appearance rest with the director, parent liaisons, and chorister section leaders (if applicable), in that order. Their decisions are final!

Once you have all the uniform pieces, you should keep them together in an inexpensive garment bag ready to be used when performances begin. Have bowtie secured inside the back shirt loop. Have cummerbund pinned to the pants at the waistband. Include hair products, shoes, socks, etc.

### FOLLOW THESE “APPEARANCE GUIDELINES”:

- Uniform should be clean and pressed, and be in good condition.
- Hair should be clean, neat, off the face and off the back of the neck! For girls, French braids are preferred. Any headbands or barrettes must be black and not noticeable on stage.
- Yes – on deodorant; no – on perfume.
- Jewelry – only small stud earrings are permitted. No dangles or large earrings. No watches, bracelets, rings, or necklaces are allowed.
- Makeup – only lipstick and blush are allowed.
- Wear undergarments that are neutral in color and do not show through the uniform.
- Keep hands out of pant’s pockets. Parents may baste shut if necessary.

### FORMAL UNIFORM – LEVELS 1, 2, 3 – BOYS AND GIRLS

- Girls: Black Palazzo Pants and Red Sequin Cummerbund
- Boys: Black Tuxedo Slacks, no Cummerbund
- White Wing-Tip Tuxedo Shirt (white buttons only) and Black Bowtie (Boys’-size)
- Black Socks, Knee-highs or Nylons (knee-highs are cooler)
- Black Dress Shoes (all black, closed-toed, no sandals, no platforms)  
(Be sure that the shoes are comfortable to walk in and to stand in for long periods of time.)

### INFORMAL UNIFORM (ALL LEVELS)

- Red Chorus T-Shirt (Levels 1,2,3), Red Chorus Polo Shirt (Level 4) – tucked into pants
- Plain Black Slacks (no jeans, no leggings, not tight-fitting, in good condition, no holes, writing, decorations, )
- White Socks & All White Shoes

### FORMAL UNIFORM – LEVEL 4 GIRLS

- Long Red Gown with Silver Pin, Beige/Nude Nylons or Knee-highs, Black Character Shoes
- Character Shoes – 1 ½” heeled “Capezio” type black character shoes. (They come in patent, cheaper, or leather, more expensive, but more comfortable over the long run.)



### FORMAL UNIFORM – LEVEL 4 BOYS

- Black Tuxedo Pants, White Wing-Tip Tuxedo Shirt (white buttons only) and Black Bowtie (Boy’s-size), Black Socks and Black Dress Shoes

### FORMAL UNIFORM - HONORS GIRLS

- Long Black Gown with Silver Pin, Beige/Nude Nylons or Knee-highs, Black Character Shoes

## UNIFORM PURCHASE INFORMATION

- The cost of the formal uniform for Levels 1,2,3 is approximately \$50.00 for boys and \$60 for girls.

### Purchase from CCCC:

- Girls: Black Palazzo Pants and Red Sequin Cumberbund
- Boys: Black Tuxedo Slacks
- Tuxedo Shirt and Bowtie
- Gowns for Levels 4 and Honors
- Red Chorus T-Shirt (Levels 1,2,3); Red Polo Shirt (Level 4)

### Purchase separately:

- White Shoes and Socks
- Informal Black Pants
- Dress Black Shoes and Socks

### OPTIONAL ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM CCCC

- Red Canvas CCCC Bag
- Replacement Silver Pin for Level 4/5 Dresses

## UNIFORM PANTS CARE INSTRUCTIONS

**Hemming:** You will need to hem your new uniform pants, as you are the best judge of your growing chorister's size. Please have your child wear their dress shoes when determining the appropriate length. All pants include a generous amount of fabric to turn under for gains in height. Please hem the pants by tacking with black thread only. Tacking (by sewing in the shape of a tiny X) around each pant leg is the best (and easiest) way to hem these pants. **Please do not hem all of the way around the leg as it leaves a very visible hem line.**

**Laundering:** Pants are machine washable.

**CUMMERBUNDS:** Please attach your cummerbund to the waistband of your pants with small safety pins at the Xs, front, back, both sides. This ensures that the cummerbund will stay at the waist during the performance, and will not disappear between performances! When cleaning pants, detach cummerbund first.

**TUXEDO SHIRT** - May be washed and ironed.

## LONG DRESSES, LEVEL 4 & HONORS

May be washed and put in dryer or hung to dry. Take off the silver pin before laundering.

