

DC INFORMATION - MAY 19, 2023

DC CHECKLIST - BAND AND GUARD MEMBERS

- Departure on Saturday 5/27 - Call Time at Saugus: 6:00am
- Bring your Student ID - ALL Students
- Bring your Government ID (Like your Driver's License) - If you're 18 years old or older
- Baggage Fees \$60 - \$30 each way, if your suitcase is under 50lbs and 62 linear inches or less (width + depth + height, including all handles and wheels). Any suitcase over 50lbs and/or more than 62 linear inches is \$100 each way.
 - Bring your own debit card to pay with
 - Ask your parents to Venmo \$60 to the band by Wednesday 5/24
- ONE backpack per your group of roommates to carry on the plane
- Put luggage tags on suitcase and (Band) *instrument case*
- (Band) *Wrap Shako in a pillow case and put in Shako Box and bring with you Saturday*
- (Band) *Black Shirt, Shorts, Socks for under uniform*
- (Band) *Marching Gloves*
- (Band) *Dinkles*
- (Band) *Band Polo*

DC INSTRUCTIONS - BAND MEMBERS

1. Uniforms

- Students will bring their uniform, in the blue uniform bag, to the band room prior to call time for the Spring Concert on Friday, 5/19
- Do not bring your Shako or Shako box on 5/19
- We will pack in boxes to check on plane
- Uniforms will be returned to students at the hotel
- Costs associated with checking uniforms will be covered by the program

2. Uniform Gloves

- Students will need their black marching uniform gloves
- Please locate them now
- If your gloves are absolutely missing, please talk to Mr. G immediately

3. Marching Shoes

- Students need to pack them in their own luggage
- Consider wrapping in a plastic bag (or backpack inside luggage)

4. Shako

- Students will leave their shako inside the plastic bag it came in (if they still have the bag)
- Students will then place Shako inside a pillow case at home
- Please do your best to not touch or handle the Shako without gloves if it's not wrapped in its plastic bag
- Students will carry the Shakos on the plane

5. Plumes

- Upon arriving to school on Saturday, 5/27, to board the buses to the airport, students will bring their Shako boxes to our DC plume team and the team will place a plume inside each students Shako box
- Students - please do not touch the plume - once we close your Shako box, please do not open it again until you're instructed to do so
- Student's will be given further instructions regarding plumes once in the DC

6. Instruments

- All students need to place their own luggage tag on their instrument case
- If you have a way to lock your case, please consider locking it
- Please seal all liquids, lubricants, grease, etc. in a ziplock bag
- If your instrument has any "wobble room" inside the case, please place any safe material, such as a shirt or cloth, to secure it enough to keep it from moving around, but not too tight as to damage the instrument
- Costs associated with checking instruments will be covered by the program
- A final list of what will be checked and what will be carried on will be provided within the next week

DC INSTRUCTIONS - ALL BAND, GUARD, AND FAMILY MEMBERS

1. Luggage

- Everyone's suitcase will be checked on the plane, not carried on
- All suitcases need a luggage tag - make your luggage identifiable
 - Use a colorful suitcase, tie fabric around the handle, etc
- All personal luggage fees are the responsibility of each traveler
 - Student's own debit card
 - If no debit card, Venmo \$60 (\$30 each way) by 5/17 (any additional baggage fees beyond \$30 will need to be sent via Venmo by 5/31)
- Alaska Airlines checked baggage policy is as follows:
 - For bags 50 lbs or less, and 62 linear inches or less
 - First checked bag, \$30
 - Second checked bag, \$40
 - Third + checked bag, \$100
 - For any bags over 50 lbs, and/or 63 linear inches or more
 - \$100

7. Backpacks / Carry on

- If students wish to bring a backpack to DC, they should make a plan with their hotel roommates and try to consolidate any items they want to bring on the plane into one backpack per group
- Whoever wants to bring a backpack, but won't be using theirs on the plane should add their backpack into their suitcase (also a great option to put your marching shoes in)
- Everyone is allowed one carry on and one personal item
 - Shako
 - Smaller instruments
 - Backpack
- Due to the amount of items being carried on, some items may be moved around to different passengers so we can get on the plane without any issues
 - Example: Student has shako box, instrument, and backpack
 - Instrument might be carried on by a parent, or backpack might be carried on by Guard member who doesn't have a Shako box

8. Emergency contacts

- Staff will have all emergency contact info on file with them at all times
- Any updates to emergency contact info need to be provided directly to Mr. G by Wednesday, 5/24

9. Contacting the group

- If you need to get a hold of someone, you may email SHStoDC@gmail.com
 - Only provide who you're trying to contact, no messages will be relayed
 - Of course, if you have questions, I will answer them
 - Please keep in mind that students will have a clinic on Sunday, 5/28, where they won't be able to answer, and we will be visiting places where phones will be silenced, or it may be too loud to hear them immediately

10. Livestream link

- Online at: <https://www.americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>
- Link on Official "Saugus HS Marching Centurions" Facebook page
- Scan QR Code:



11. Packing for the trip

- Pack clothes that you'll be comfortable in - there will be a clinic for students, and we will all be doing quite a bit of walking
- We will be visiting places like the Capitol Building, Arlington National Cemetery - let's represent ourselves in a respectful manner
- Marching shoes / gloves / Guard uniforms
- Band - Black shorts, shirt, socks for under uniform
- Hat
- Sunscreen
- Umbrella
- Reusable water bottle (please make sure it's empty, and packed in suitcase to be checked)
- Tissues (Spring is really spring in DC)
- Phone chargers
- Kitchen trash bag for dirty or wet clothes
- *****ALL STUDENTS - STUDENT ID!!!!*****
- *****All travelers (students and family members) 18 years or older during trip will also need their Government ID (Drivers License)*****

12. Weather

- Who knows?!
- Mornings/evenings are typically in the 50s or 60s
- Afternoons are typically in the high 70s to mid-80s
- It might rain, it might not
- It might be humid, it might be mild

13. Hotel

- Roughly estimating, we will be "lights out" by 11:00 pm, until 6:00 am - please keep that in mind, along with the time difference
- Staff and chaperones will be checking rooms
- Students will be provided with information on how to contact Staff and Chaperones

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14. Departure Day

- Saturday, 5/27
- Arrive at school between 6:00 and 6:15 am
- Buses leave at 7:00 am
- Upon arrival at school:
 - a. You will check-in by the front gate, and present your ID
 - Students under 18 years old - Student ID
 - Students 18 years and older - Student ID AND Government ID
 - Family members under 18 years old - no ID required
 - Family members 18 years and older - Government ID
 - b. Check in with the baggage team
 - Your suitcase, instrument, backpack will be checked for luggage tags
 - Students will keep their shako box with them
 - c. Students will then take their shako box to the band room
 - Plume team will check that shako is wrapped in pillow case
 - Plume team will place plume inside shako box
 - Students will be instructed to keep the shako box closed until they are given further instructions upon arrival at the parade on 5/29
- Remember, it is early, so let's be respectful of our neighbors

15. Parking

- No parking in school parking lot
- Recommendation - arrange for someone to drop you off and pick you up

16. Return Day

- Tuesday, 5/30
- Buses arrive at school around 11:30 am
- Students on campus will be taking finals - let's be respectful

17. Seniors

- Upon returning to school, Mrs. Gore will meet us at the buses and distribute caps and gowns to our seniors
- Per Mrs. Gore, our seniors will miss the senior panoramic picture, however, after graduation rehearsal at COC (5/31 at 7:00am), our seniors will return to SHS where a group picture will be taken by the photographer, and they will be photoshopped into the senior panoramic picture (any questions, reach out to Mrs. Gore)