## WAVERLY HIGH SCHOOL BAND UNIFORM CARE AND MAINTENANCE

COATS & PANTS: Dry clean periodically throughout the year. If pants legs become splashed with mud; let dry, then remove with a clothes brush or toothbrush. Braids may be dry cleaned if necessary.

HATS: Scuff marks may be removed with toothpaste or dish soap and a damp rag. Do not use products with bleach around the orange material. Chin straps should be cleaned with dish soap. Hat boxes may be lined with white paper towels or a white towel to help prevent scuff marks.

SPATS: Can be machine washed. Hang to dry.

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CROSSBELT & SINGLE BELT: See attached instructions from uniform company.

## DO'S & DON'TS

- Do not cut off any material from coat sleeves or pants when hemming.
- Do not use any iron-on bonding material to hem pants or coat sleeves.
- All hems should be hand sewn or machine stitched using a blind hem stitch. Do not hem with a machine straight stitch.
- Use a pressing cloth or towel, when ironing coats/pants. DO NOT IRON DIRECTLY ON THE UNIFORM MATERIAL. It may leave an imprint of the iron and makes the material shiny.

## WOVEN WEB CROSS BELT CLEANING SUGGESTIONS

White 2-inch width cadet "regulation" webbing is a cotton-based material. As such, it should be maintained regularly when in use. Do not store soiled belts because the stains will "set" and jeopardize the original whiteness of the fabric.

- 1. Spot clean with detergent using a dampened white cloth (preferably terry type).
- Cautiously spot oil-grease-metal-ink and other "difficult" stains with an all-purpose non-flammable cleaning fluid such as "Ever-Blum" liquid cleaner.
- 3. Apply "Whisk" to serious food, beverage, and grass stains.
- 4. Remove ALL metal buckles and sliders prior to total washing of belt sets.
- 5. Webbing may need soaking in a mild washing detergent solution for about fifteen twenty minutes.
- 6. When "machine" washing, use gentle cycle, normal washing detergent with a whitening agent ("Tide" or "Purex") for example.
- 7. Remove from completed gentle cycle and allow webbing to air-dry on clothesline.
- 8. Allow two days for completion of this activity so that belting is adequately air-dried. NEVER use a clothes dryer for this belting!