

Niu Valley Middle School Band and Orchestra Picture Taking Monday, October 23, 2023

For the past 26 years, we have taken a picture of every Band and Orchestra for the yearbook, to hang on the classroom wall, and for optional purchase. Pictures will be taken individually by House of Photography, and will be compiled into a composite group picture. **All students are expected to participate in this picture taking even if they are not ordering a package.** Order forms will be passed out in mid-October and should be turned in to the photographer on the day of picture taking if ordering. Online ordering will be available approximately one week before the event at www.houseofphoto.com then click on *Pre-order your 2023 School Day Portraits* then click on *Niu Valley Middle-Music Program*

Picture taking will occur during the student's Band or Orchestra class. Students need to wear the following, which is the same uniform that will be used for performances:

- Red aloha shirt (provided by the school)
- Long black dress pants (no shorts, jeans, leggings, or sweatpants)
- Long black socks or nylons
- Covered black dress shoes (no sneakers, crocs, or sandals).

Period 1 Students: Come to school wearing your Orchestra uniform. You can change out of it at recess, unless you have PE during Period 2, in which case you should change right after you take the picture.

Period 2 Students: Come to school wearing your Band uniform unless you have PE for Period 1, in which case you can change at the start of Period 2 (report to Band first). All of you can change out of your uniform at recess.

Period 3 Students: Come to school in regular school clothes, and change into your Orchestra uniform at recess. Be sure to fold your pants and shirt nicely so that they don't get wrinkled. Stay in your uniform until lunch unless you have PE for Period 4, in which case you can change right after you take your picture.

Period 4 Students: Come to school in regular school clothes, and change into your Band uniform at recess. Be sure to fold your pants and shirt nicely so that they don't get wrinkled. However, if you have PE during Period 3, you may change at the start of Period 4 (report to Band first).

Period 5 Students: Come to school in regular school clothes, and change into your Orchestra uniform at lunch. Be sure to fold your pants and shirt nicely so that they don't get wrinkled. Stay in your Orchestra uniform until school ends unless you have PE for Period 6.

Period 6 Students: Come to school in regular school clothes, and change into your Band uniform at lunch. Be sure to fold your pants and shirt nicely so that they don't get wrinkled. However, if you have PE during Period 5, you may change at the start of Period 6 (report to Band first). Because your class is large, we need to move quickly.

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You will take the picture with your school instrument. Band students need to bring their mouthpiece/reed/strap/drumsticks. Orchestra students need to bring their donut (cello/bass).

Please iron your shirt and pants and find a way to keep them neat until it is time to take the picture.

If you normally wear a mask at school, you may wear your mask until it is time to take the picture, and then you will remove it only for the picture, and put it back on right away. No one will be near you at the time.

Students who need financial assistance for shoes and pants should have their parents contact the instructor no later than September 1, 2023. Part of the reason we fundraise is to take care of each other. Everyone goes through rough times and needs help at some point, but that should not prevent you from participating.