

## MCHS Orchestra Tuxedo/Concert Dress Update August 30, 2009

**We are currently finalizing options for the concert clothing. You may wish to wait for the final updated information before making a final choice. There will be time for you to secure the garments prior to the Prism Concert on October 22<sup>nd</sup> (for students in the symphony orchestra). We will send the updated information as soon as it is available and you can check the website as well. Samples will be shown at the orchestra parent information meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> (NOTE: Meeting time changed to 6 PM!)**

For Boys:

- A polyester tuxedo ensemble that will be approximately \$110. *Purchasing a wool vs polyester tuxedo is a personal preference and makes no difference in stage appearance. You also have the option of purchasing a black tuxedo from your choice of vendor/store. The vendors we select are just an option for you. Please make sure when purchasing a tuxedo that it is a true black color and styled as a basic cut tuxedo.*
- A recycle/trade program for outgrown tuxedos

For Girls:

- A new dress vendor that will be approximately \$65
- An option to make the dress at home (dress is a very simple, no button/zipper/darts/inter-facing style). To view the basic pattern, go to: <http://www.simplicity.com/p-2213-missmiss-petite-dresses.aspx>. To conform to the MCHS Orchestra style, use a square neckline (4 1/2" low from shoulder seam), 3/4-length sleeves, full-length skirt, and black ribbon for bow to be tied in back. Fabric details to follow.
- A recycle program for outgrown and round neck styled dresses (from MBMS). *\*It may be more cost effective for students to purchase a new dress than to have their MBMS dress restyled (hem and neck restyling is approx \$55 – 60 at Sew Creative Cafe).*