Formal Band Pictures in Full Uniform

Over the past couple of years we have had some band members ask about having “formal” individual pictures taken in their band uniform by their own photographer. Keeping in mind that we could have up to 130 students making the same request, we have established the following policy. As the uniforms are NOT allowed to be taken home, and a uniform committee member must be present; this policy is intended to provide a time for these pictures to be taken, while also limiting the number of additional hours required by the uniform committee.

1. Pictures in full uniform must be taken during the regular marching season
2. The times available are times when the band is already dressing in full uniform (usually 3-4 games into the season – set each year by the directors – watch for announcements) AT BEARDEN.
3. A uniform committee member must be present – students may NOT go in and get uniforms themselves
4. Times must be approved at least a week ahead of time to allow time for uniform committee members to alter their schedule. Band student is responsible for all scheduling with their photographer.
5. Pictures must be taken on Bearden High School property.
6. If bad weather occurs (including rain, sleet, snow, etc) pictures will have to be taken indoors.
7. All band rules that apply to wearing the full uniform still apply. This means NO makeup (drum majors are the ONLY exception to this). Also NO eating and only water to drink while dressed in uniform.
8. Students must be lined up where they are supposed to be at the time listed on the itinerary by the directors. A photo session is not an excuse to be late.

**Other options**

If you are unable to get formal pictures taken, there are a couple of other options:

Volunteer with the band – the uniform committee has never had formal pictures taken of our own kids. We have taken casual pictures with our own phones or cameras at performances that we took as time allowed over the years. These pictures are priceless to us and capture what the whole band experience has been for our children.

Purchase a photo package at the end of the year. The band has a professional photographer that comes in every year that takes a group picture as well as individual shots of each band member. They do an excellent job and they offer several packages for purchase. Watch for information usually in December.