



## SHARK CHOIR CHARACTER AND TUXEDO SHOE INFORMATION



*Character shoes for girls and tuxedo shoes for boys are a part of the concert uniform.*

*Our SRHS Shark Choir students look and perform their best when wearing character and tuxedo shoes.*

1. The SRHS Choral Department will place an order with the vendor
2. Shoe payments are due on or before August 31, 2016
3. Checks made payable to: SRHS Choral Department
  - a. Boy's Tuxedo shoes \$40.00
  - b. Girl's Character shoes \$30.00

Tuxedo shoes are worn by male performers during rehearsals, auditions and performances. The structure of the shoe gives the proper protection and support for good posture and movement while performing.

Character shoes are worn by female performers during rehearsals, auditions and performances. It's the heel that makes them stand out from a great variety of dance footwear and they are designed to help the dancer dance and carry themselves with poise on a stage. The shoe is flexible so you can feel the floor under you and articulate the dance movement; you can get movement throughout the foot and not be held back. The smooth surface of the bottom of the shoe can also help with turns and "twists". Character shoes with 2-inch heels are extremely comfortable. The heel height causes you to place your weight on the ball of your foot, making it easier to dance and more comfortable for your back. The closed toe also helps protect your toes.

### **One character/tuxedo shoe purchase can last a lifetime if you:**

1. Wear them indoors only!

Character and tuxedo shoes aren't meant for street wear. If you're rushing to a rehearsal or a performance, slip on street shoes and put your character or tuxedo shoes in your backpack. You can change them in the chorus room/dressing room once you arrive. And make sure to take them off again after the performance. And, please, untie/unbuckle them when taking them on and off so you don't ruin the shoe's back or break the strap!

2. Steer clear from water! No jumping in puddles!

Moisture can damage your shoes by speeding up the growth of bacteria. To protect your footwear from mildew, girls: wear skin-colored hose or tights, boys: wear black socks, and dry the shoes properly after use. Ensure the place you store them is dry enough year round; put your shoes back in their shoe box; room temperature is ideal for storing. If your shoes happen to get wet, wipe them down with a soft dry cloth and leave to dry in a well-ventilated place. Avoid direct sunlight, as it can discolor the fabric.

3. Take special care of them regularly!

They're not recommended to soak in water, even if it's hand washing. Removing dust and dirt from the surface is the first step to start with. You can use a wet cloth if the dirt doesn't come off effortlessly and a dry cloth to finish cleaning.