



Riverview High School Kiltie Marching Band

January, 2018

Director's Notes

Andrew Dubbert, Director of Bands



Welcome back! Since our return from winter break, our Kilties have started to direct their focus into detail-oriented locations. The Bagpipers have started preparing for their pipe band competition; the Dancers and Color Guard are preparing their Auxiliary MPA performances for District and potential State Assessment; the band classes are working hard, as well.

As our Sousa Concert approaches, the Varsity Band, Symphonic Winds, and Wind Ensemble are picking up with their after-school rehearsals. All three of our concert bands are hard at work as they prepare for this concert and strive towards mastery of their performance.

Some upcoming important dates include: February 16th and 17th are the District Solo and Ensemble dates. This is not for all students, but will include our Dancers, Color Guard, and select band members. March 9th & 10th are the mandatory district assessment performance for the Wind Ensemble, Varsity Band, and Symphonic Winds. It is held at North Port High School with the Wind Ensemble performing on Friday night, and our Varsity Band and Symphonic Winds will be performing Saturday afternoon. This performance is different than a traditional concert and has judges giving us feedback during our performance. This performance is similar to the SAT/ACT for band. Upon qualification, students will perform at the state level.

There is a lot of arduous work going on, and I'm hoping that parents are starting to hear student progress. Don't be afraid to ask them to perform for you! A mini concert at home is always fun.

Thank you again for all for your support of our performers and musicians. It may seem like a lot of work at times, but band students tend to be recruited by the Law field, medical field, and many other professions because of their attention to detail, high level of commitment, and intense work ethic. We must continue to foster these characteristics in our students.



Andrew C. Dubbert



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From the President

Tim Beattie, Kiltie Band Booster President

Happy New Year, Kiltie Family!

I can't believe we are now into 2018 and talking about the end of this school year, and the beginning of another year with the Kiltie family. We are into concert season, Dance tryouts, Guard tryouts, summer band camp, uniform turn in, and election of new officers. What an incredible year we have had with marching season and a trip to Chicago ~ all with a wonderful new band director.

There are so many new musicians and parents that have joined the Kiltie family, and I want to make sure everyone understands how important you are to the Kiltie family. I say Kiltie family; however, we should be changing this to Kiltie Nation with the size of this family. Everywhere you go, there seems to be someone connected to the Kilties. You hear other bands talk about wanting to see the Kiltie Band perform at football games and concert assessments. We are the band others look up to! Part of that success is attributed to the support from family members that the band members receive. If you look at the highly affective schools, there is always enormous support from the community and families. In the years I have been involved with volunteering at the schools, I have never heard someone say, "I can't believe I wasted so much time helping at the school". There are plenty of times I hear "this was an incredible experience, I wish I would have been involved sooner". You will not be able to go back and get that missed opportunity back, make the choice to get involved now.

What is the purpose of the Kiltie Boosters? We do whatever is needed by the Kilties:

- provide chaperones for events,
- find ways to provide funds for needs (buses for trips, new equipment, uniforms, fees, instructors, etc.) in which concessions is our biggest fundraiser,
- provide opportunity for students to raise money for trips,
- set-up the field or stage for performances,
- provide water during rehearsals and football season,
- organize special events for the Kilties
- maintain the uniform room including making sure everything is dry-cleaned and put away at the end of the year and that all students are fitted with outfits at the beginning of the year.

The bottom line: We parents in the Booster Club are there to make the Kiltie experience the best it can be for our kids.

If you speak with former students, they will tell you the one thing they remember the most about RHS was



being a Kiltie. Being a part of Kilties is what kept them going through high school and gave them something to look forward to every day. It gave them a sense of pride to be part of something so amazing. In order for this to continue, we need parents to be involved do their share.

My two years as President is coming to an end and it has been a rewarding and pleasurable time volunteering with all of you. I never felt alone as President because there were always others willing to help, even if it was just listening to me. As we look for new volunteers to take the lead of the boosters, keep in mind that you will never be alone. This is a group effort and others will help you. If you have concerns, please reach out and ask one of us; we are always willing to talk about the Kilties and our time with this incredible organization. The friendships we have established with our Kiltie family is confirmation of how helping each other leads to an improved quality of life.

Once a Kiltie, always a Kiltie!

Tim Beattie



From the Vice President

Diana Poncelet, Kiltie Band Booster Vice President and Secretary

Our Kiltie season is moving quickly along as we step into the third quarter of the school year. We've done so much the first half of our year, and it isn't slowing down for the last half. To all our dedicated volunteers for being there whenever needed, I say thank you.

One of my duties this month is the Nomination Committee Chair. During this time of the year, we identify our leadership needs that will keep the Boosters running for next year. We need a leader for each group, and then other Kiltie parents assist the leader complete each task, when necessary.

We have several openings and opportunities for people to volunteer and be a part of the Kiltie Booster Team. We have over 200 students, which means we have over 200 volunteers available to donate time toward the success of their child's extracurricular activity. We have positions that allow you to volunteer from your home as well as those where you chair a special event once a year. Communication will be coming out regarding

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

Billy Joel

2017-2018 Band Officers

Drum Majors: Bobby Brunner and Clancy Patten

Band Captain: Ryleigh Taylor

Pipe Major: Massimo Giannini

Colorguard Captain: Charlee Ruth

Principal Dancer: Elysa Cardamone

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open Booster positions, nominations, and voting. If you're interested in a leadership position, assisting a leader, or are just curious what is expected, please feel free to contact me.

Please be sure to step up so that the Kiltie Boosters can continue to support our kids. Every single student in the Kiltie Band (that includes Highland Dancers, Color Guard, Bagpipers, Musicians, and Highland Drum Corps/HDC) benefits from our involvement. It would be a shame for it to go away.

Since my term as Vice President is almost over, I've been reflecting back on all the amazing people that I've encountered during the last two years. Not only am I proud of our Kiltie students, but I'm also very proud and honored to have worked alongside some great people. Our Kiltie family is special. Thank you to everyone that contributed these past two years.

Kiltie Merchandise Fundraiser

We are cleaning out the closets and putting many Kiltie items on sale! Remember that items offered help fund the trips and activities for our Kiltie Band members.

Would you like a memento of the trip to Chicago? There are Kiltie long-sleeved t-shirts still available on our web site for \$19 each (pictured on the left). Quantities and sizes are limited.

To see Kiltie items available, go to:

www.RHSKiltieBand.net/Kiltie-Swag-Store

Kiltie Awards Night and Senior Celebration

By Diana Poncelet, Kiltie Awards Night and Senior Celebration Chair

The date for this year's big Kiltie evening is Friday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. The event commences with a special ceremony in the RPAC to honor the students and graduates. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the cafeteria to enjoy some light refreshments and entertainment, including a DJ and a photo booth. This is a huge evening for all K students as we recognize them for their successes and celebrate our graduating Kilties. Families are encouraged to attend in support of their Kilties and to share in looking back at the special memories created during the year.



WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS! To make this evening as special as possible, we need assistance to make it personal. We want to show off our Kilties doing the things that we're so proud of. Share these moments with us so we can reminisce during the celebration.

SENIOR PARENTS: GET THE PHOTO ALBUM OUT: The evening has a special emphasis on the graduating Seniors. We want to honor them and wish them good luck in the years to come. Part of the ceremony includes a video using pictures of the kids throughout the years. You can help us tremendously by providing 3 or 4 photos of your Senior. We are asking all senior parents to provide: 1 baby/toddler photo, 1 elementary/middle school photo, and 1 senior photo. These do not have to be Kiltie related, but it's OK if they are. The cuter and/or funnier the photos, the better. The students enjoy this portion of the program as they try to guess who the young child is in the video. A presentation is given to introduce each senior individually. If you have a special senior photo to be used when they walk across the stage, please include this photo and designate it as the "special" photo.

FOR ALL PHOTOS AND VIDEOS: Digital photos, preferably in jpg format, and videos may be emailed directly to sddponce@yahoo.com. If you cannot email, place them on a thumb drive or burn to a CD & drop them at the Music Department Office to the attention of Diana Poncelet. If you have paper photographs, these may be dropped at the Music Department Office, as well. All items dropped off will be returned once the video is complete. Please remember to include the Student's name with all pictures so we're able to return them.

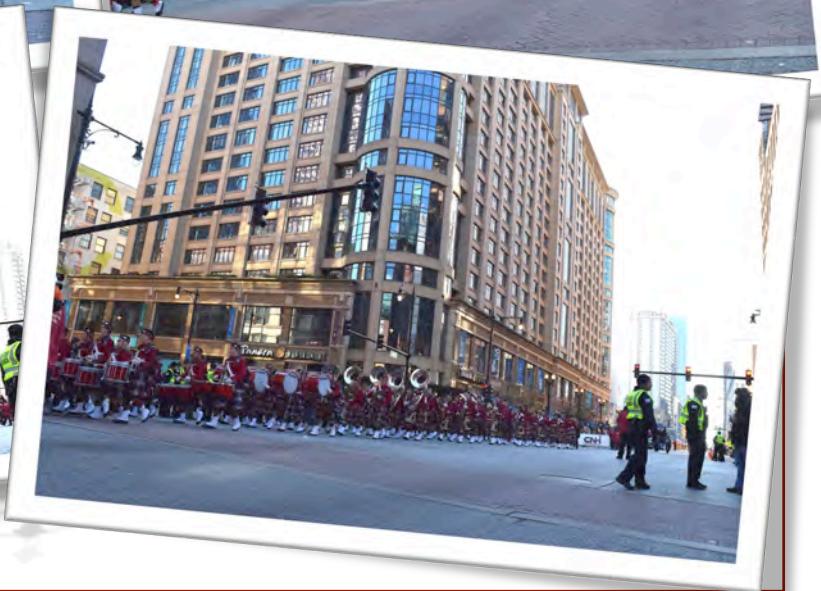
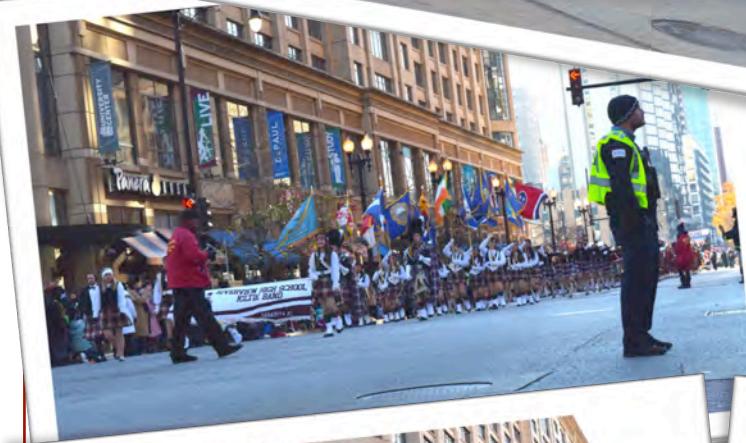
In order for this special event to occur, volunteers are required. We need a few people to assist in the planning/prep stages to get in touch with our contacts, preview our invites & orders for correctness, and wrap Senior gifts. Many hands are needed on Awards Day for: auditorium set-up, cafeteria set-up, assisting the Seniors prior to the ceremony, assisting with refreshments after the ceremony, and to clean up. Please contact me to help make this event special for your Kiltie and contribute your time to this fun event.



Band Trip, Chicago ~ November, 2017



Thanksgiving Day Parade, November, 2017





Photographs courtesy of Sherri Brunner

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Kiltie Schedule (subject to change)

Confirm schedule on Calendar link on Home page of web site

February 2: Sousa Concert (7 PM)

February 5, 6, 7: Kiltie Color Guard tryouts (4:30 PM – 6:30 PM)

February 22: Pre-Festival Concert (7 PM)

May 1: Percussion Concert (7 PM)

May 3: Spring Concert (7 PM)

May 4: Awards Night & Senior Celebration (6:30 PM)

May 29, 30, 31/June 1, 4, 5, 6, 7: Summer Band for all new Kilties & Officers (8 AM – noon)

July 30, 31/August 1, 2: Kiltie Band Camp for all Kiltie Band Members (8 AM – 1 PM)

August 13, 2018: First Day of School for Students

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