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KILTIE KEYNOTES

Director's Notes

Andrew Dubbert, Director of Bands

As the year is coming to a close it is nice to reflect on the year and look at memorable moments. There are so many to mention, but I will highlight just a few.

Our Color Guard started many new members this year. They made very fast progress and did a fantastic job at Marching MPA and Auxiliary MPA, and a few of our students continued to the State Level of Solo and Ensemble. Congratulations to a great year for our Color Guard and Ms. Kayla Cavanaugh.

Our Bagpipe program changed this year as 4 new students learned the bagpipes. We have had some outstanding leadership from our Pipe Major, and I'm excited to watch our pipe band continue to grow. Congratulations to our Bagpipers and Mr. Kevin Wiegand.

Our Highland Dancers were outstanding performers in our Fall

halftime show, and they received a superior rating at Auxiliary MPA. They have continued to perform and have represented us with class in our community. Congratulations to our Dancers and their instructor, Ms. Alison Dietz.

The percussion program was quite successful this year, with many large ensembles performing very well. Congratulations to our percussion students, and to Mr. Bruno and Mr. Evans.

We hit quite a big milestone this year in our participation in District and State Solo and Ensemble. We had 120+ superior medals at the district level, and 83 superior medals at the state level. Four of our students performed a grade 7 solo (the hardest level) and performed it from memory, with all four of them



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receiving a superior with distinction. Thank you to Mr. Vagn, Mr. Bruno, and Mr. Evans for helping prepare our students for this fantastic musical opportunity.

Our concert bands have worked very hard this year, and certainly have not slowed down their progress at all. All three bands participated at District Concert MPA and performed music above their state recommended ability level. The Varsity Band received an excellent from all four judges, and our Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble received straight superior ratings. The Symphonic Winds and Wind Ensemble will perform at UNF on May 1st for the State level Music Performance Assessment, and the Wind Ensemble will be participating in the Smokey Mountain Music Festival in Gatlinburg TN on April 12.

Thank you to all our staff for their hard work this year. Mr. Evans and Mr. Vagn are fantastic to work with and are extremely knowledgeable. Mr. Wiegand,

Mr. Bruno, Ms. Cavanaugh, and Mrs. Dietz are a pleasure to work with and are a fantastic addition to our band program. Our Kilties would not be the same without you.

Mrs. Farmer made the move to retirement, and I have truly appreciated all the assistance and support she gave to myself and our students. After 27 years of dedication to the Kiltie Band, the Performing Arts Department, and Riverview High School, her retirement is well deserved. Thank you for everything, Mrs. Farmer.

Lastly, I must thank everyone that has helped with our booster program. All our parents are considered members of the Kiltie Band Boosters, and with your help I have the pleasure of dedicating my efforts to our Kilties every day. This is a worthy group to give your time to, and it makes a huge difference with the time that our parents dedicate to our students.

Musically,
Andrew C. Dubbert
Director of Bands



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From the President

Leeann Putney, Kiltie Band Booster President

It is hard to believe that the school year is drawing to a close. Every time I write an article for our newsletter, I am always amazed at how much we have accomplished as an organization in the past few months.

We are wrapping up a wonderful concert season that included many successful showings at district and state solo and ensemble competition. All our bands performed well at district concert MPA including straight superior ratings for our Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds, who will be traveling to State Concert MPA on May 1st.

We held two big fundraisers, at McCurdy's Comedy Theatre on Jan. 2nd and The Original Egg restaurant on March 30th. These events combined raised over \$2500 for our Kilties while providing an opportunity to gather with friends and showcase our band in the community. We also hosted District 11's Middle School Concert MPA in March. Thank you to all the student volunteers as well as the parents who stepped up to help with concessions and assisting with the judges' dinner and band directors' hospitality room. You all demonstrated what a great team we have.

As we approach the end of the year it is time to say farewell to those who are moving on, which is always bittersweet. The first farewell was to Mrs. Kate Farmer as she retired in March. We will all miss her very much, and we wish her lots of happiness as she now gets to spend even more time with her beloved family.

Several of my mentors and friends will also be leaving the Kiltie Booster organization as their youngest children graduate. I would like to say a special



thank you to Diana Poncelet, Andrea Nolte and Tim Beattie for their guidance and encouragement in my first year as president. The contributions that they and countless others have made are the reason the Kiltie Boosters are known as such a special organization. To those of you starting a new season in life, please remember you will always be a part of our Kiltie family.

It is an exciting time as we look ahead to next year. While some are stepping aside, others have stepped up. We have a new Kiltie Booster board in place to lead us into the next school year. We will soon be welcoming new Kiltie family members during summer band camp, and preparing for our next big trip. For those who are returning, I am looking forward to another fantastic year with you all as we continue our tradition of excellence.

**Leeann Putney
RHS Kiltie Band Booster President**

From the Vice President

Andrea Nolte, Kiltie Band Booster VP and Percussion Liaison

To people on the outside looking in this may not seem like a big deal. Being involved with music my entire life it's definitely a part of who I am. As my time winds down I as a Kiltie parent it feels like I am losing a part of me. I have been living and breathing Kilties for the past 7 years. In that span I have volunteered as Percussion Liaison, Vice President of Kiltie Boosters, worked every uniform check-in and check-out event, traveled across the country on trips, and helped in any way I could. My husband, Greg Nolte, graciously filmed every marching performance from atop the announcer's booth so that the directors and students could evaluate their performances.

My son, Logan (aka Bucky) became a Kiltie in 2012, performing with the drum line. My daughter, Raegan joined in 2015, marching right alongside her brother on the snare line and eventually named Section Leader. Both have made me so proud for all they have done for this band. To think that there will be no "next performance" is hard for me to fathom.

I am honored my family was fortunate enough to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Being a parent of a senior is a bittersweet feeling. All good things must come to an end but the memories and friends I've made will live in my heart forever.

If I could give advice to any parent it would be to cherish each moment. It seems like only yesterday I was signing up Logan to join the drum line. Parent involvement is one of the driving factors of why the Kilties are who they are. They don't call us the best band in the



land for nothing.

To end, I'd like to say thank you. Thank you to the directors. Thank you to all the staff. Thank you to the amazing parents for all their help and support. But most of all, thank you to the students. You welcomed my family into the Kilties and we are forever grateful.

And to the Highland Drum Corps: We've had some amazing times together! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives. I am so proud to watch you all perform and grow as musicians. Remember to keep that swagger, but try not to drive Mr. Evans too crazy.

Love and best wishes to you all.

Once a Kiltie, Always a Kiltie.

Andrea Nolte aka Drum Mom

Uniform tips to remember

Diana Poncelet, Uniform Committee Chair

Wow! How did we get to the final newsletter of the school year already!? I'm not going to bore everyone, so I'll keep it short and sweet and add in a few words of advice.

A big thanks to Vince Vance for his time and dedication to our Kilties. He is a stalwart supporter, a great help when it comes to the proper wearing of our uniforms, and a major factor in getting our newly hand-sewn kilts from Scotland. If you didn't get to see his video presentation at the Sousa Concert showing his tour of the Scottish Mill that loomed our cloth and meeting with the seamstresses, be sure to check it out (plus it gives a nice little history of why we wear a Scottish uniform):

Find the video at bit.ly/kiltiekilts

This is the end of the Kiltie road for me as my daughter graduates in May. Two amazing parents, Janet & Shanna, have stepped up to chair next year's Uniform Committee. Be sure to come meet them at a Kiltie Booster meeting. A big thank you to all who have helped out over the years with Uniforms and please continue to support them after my departure.

As promised, here are the words of advice:

- 1.** Take care of the uniform. Hang it up, put your parts in the provided bag. Dry clean it as needed, even more so during marching season. Hand wash the spats after every halftime show and the belts & cords every couple months.
- 2.** Keep track of the hat (Highland Dancers and tubas are exempt since neither are issued one).
- 3.** If you've lost, misplaced, or forgot a part of your uniform, please have your Kiltie see Mr. Dubbert.

4. If a uniform needs repair, contact the Uniform Committee as soon as possible. Please don't wait until an hour before a performance.

5. Pride. Our Kilties represent the school and a long-standing tradition of excellence that is recognized near and far. This respect was hard earned and is well deserved. All Kilties should be proud of what they do and what they represent.

6. The Kiltie Band (which includes dancers, guard, pipers, HDC, musicians, and staff) **DOES NOT** function properly without the support and help of our parents.

Best wishes to my fellow senior families. Remember, Once a Kiltie, Always a Kiltie.

For our current and upcoming Kilties, Enjoy the ride! Time flies quicker than you can imagine. Don't let it pass by without being involved.

Farewell!
Diana Poncelet



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End-of-year celebration

René North, Awards Coordinator

The Kiltie Awards Night and Senior Celebration is coming up!

Friday, May 3, 2019
6:30 PM in the RPAC

As the end of the school year approaches, we want to come together and celebrate another successful marching season. All Kilties and all Kiltie families are welcome to attend this event to look back on the past year and celebrate our graduating seniors.

The evening begins in the RPAC

where awards are distributed; there is a video presentation to reminisce and say farewell to our graduating Kilties. We then proceed to the cafeteria to enjoy refreshments, dance, and have fun in the photo booth.

The Awards Committee is working diligently on ensuring this event is a memorable one for all families in our Kiltie Band. If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact the Awards Coordinator, René North, at KiltieSenior@gmail.com.

Summer dates to remember

Summer Kiltie Camp: Thursday, May 30 to Thursday, June 6, 8am to Noon

Kiltie Band Camp: Monday, July 29 to Thursday, Aug. 1, 8am to 1pm

First Marching Rehearsal: Thursday, Aug. 8, 6pm to 8pm

Ice Cream Social: Thursday, Aug. 8, 8pm to 9pm. Kilties & Family Invited

Could you use carpool help?

Are you wondering how to get your Kiltie to camp and back during work hours, or to rehearsals and games next year? The Kiltie booster club can connect you to families who live near you. You can then coordinate for regular ride sharing, or just keep the info as a backup in case you could use occasional help. There's no obligation. Opt in to participating by going to bit.ly/kiltiecarpool.



Thank you to these restaurants

Thank you to these businesses that have donated meals to the Kilties this spring. Please show your support and gratitude for contributing to our program! Outback Steakhouse, 7207 S. Tamiami Trail // Chick-fil-A, 5330 Clark Road // Olive Garden, 4900 S. Tamiami Trail

New Booster Leadership

It takes a lot of parents to make the Kilties work. Thank you to all our parent volunteers, and especially to these folks, who are willing to keep things running with their leadership.

Here is the newly elected 2019-20 Booster Board & Committees

President: Leeann Putney

Vice President: Gina Holbrook

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Hnat

Corresponding Secretary: Kim Emrich

Treasurer: Staci Curlee

Trip Accounts: Patricia Tarlton

Concessions: Thuy Nguyen and Naz Garcia

Field Crew: Gina and Wes Bixby

Chaperones: Patti Schoenborn and Jennifer Mannering

Uniforms: Janet Ballard and Shanna Cheatwood

Public/Media Relations: Chris Moon

Charms system, Volunteer Coordinator and Social Media: Shamika Smith

Newsletter: Joy Mayer

Website: René North

Kiltie Store: René North and Adena Caire

Fundraising: Kim Underdahl (Chris Moon to assist; Laura Meyer to assist w/ ShopWithScrips)

Videographer: Kim Underdahl

Business Partnerships: Gina Holbrook

Alumni Liaison: Kim Klunder

Other help: Jeff Hibbs will assist with hauling our equipment trailer for away games, parades, competitions. Laura Meyer will assist with transportation of instruments that need to be repaired.

Open positions:

Kiltie Awards Night and Senior Celebration Chair

Photographer

If you're interested in filling one of the open positions or getting involved with one of the committees for next year, please email Leeann Putney at putneyl@comcast.net.



Can there ever be enough photos?

Thank you to Gary Bolinder for sharing so many Kiltie photos with the rest of us! Here are a few more, just for fun.





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