



KILTIE KEYNOTES

Director's Notes

Andrew Dubbert, Director of Bands

The Fall season of 2019 is up and running for the Kilties. There are many great things coming up for our Kilties including a trip to Hollywood with 150+ students and a special induction of Neil Larson into the Riverview High School Hall of Fame at the Fall Concert. Our halftime show this year is a must-see as we perform music around our Hollywood theme.

Our students have worked extremely hard so far this year. In our first regular season game we were able to perform all of the music to our halftime show, and we were able to march 75% of the drill. When we hosted Palmetto we were able to have all of our drill on the field. The students continue to work hard and be fast learners. Since most of our games have come early in the season it was a challenge to learn as much as possible, as fast as possible. But our students met that challenge and have done a great job.

On Future Kiltie Night we had students from Brookside Middle, Sarasota Middle, and Sarasota School of Arts and Sciences. And we are looking forward to seeing our Alumni at our Homecoming game on Oct. 11th.

I want to make sure I extend a huge

thank you to everyone who has lent a hand with our booster program. From uniforms to concessions, this band would not function without our parent volunteers. There is a ton of behind-the-scenes work that makes our band program successful, and the time that you dedicate is greatly appreciated.

I must make sure that I recognize our staff, as they are truly fantastic. Kayla Cavanaugh and Allison Dietz are off to another great start with our Color Guard and Dancers. Angie Abbot, who is a former Kiltie, has taken the reigns of our Bagpipe program and is doing a fantastic job with a very young group of pipers. Thank you to Kevin Wiegand for his time with our program and his continued support of our pipers. Nick Bruno has been a fantastic help with our percussionists as well. With the well-deserved retirement of Mrs. Farmer, Mr. Vagn and Mr. Evans have taken on many administrative responsibilities in addition to their current course load. Ultimately, I could not ask for better people to work with.

Thank you for your continued support of our Kilties, and in the words of Mr. Vagn, "It's a great day to be a Kiltie!"



From the President

Leeann Putney, Kiltie Band Booster President

Welcome back to everyone who is returning, and a warm welcome to all our new Kilties and their families. We have a lot of new faces this year! If I have not already met you, I hope to soon. This is my second and final term as president of the Kiltie Band Boosters, our parent organization. I am the proud mom of two Kilties, Adam who is a senior percussionist and this year's drum major, and Ryan who is a sophomore trumpet player.

Excitement is in the air! The band is hard at work preparing for their Marching Performance Assessment, which will be Oct. 26th at Manatee High School. Parents, save the date. You will not want to miss this performance, which is the culmination of all their hard work.

We are also in high gear preparing for our trip to California to march in the Hollywood Christmas parade on Dec. 1st. Our Boosters have planned a variety of fundraisers including a Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A, a fundraising event at McCurdy's Comedy Theatre, a yard sale, Der Dutchman pie vouchers, Honey Baked Ham gift cards, and of course our ever-popular PDQ discount card sales. Your Kiltie can take advantage of one or all of these to help build their trip accounts. Even if they are not attending this trip, they can participate. It's never too early to start saving for the next one.

The biggest overall fundraiser for the band is football concessions. Our Boosters staff the concession stand at all home games, and these funds help support numerous things such as purchasing new uniforms and funding adjunct instructors. Thank you to all who have volunteered at our



first few games. If you have not had the opportunity to help at a Varsity game, we encourage you to sign up for one. It's a lot of fun, the night passes quickly, and it's a great way to meet the parents of your child's friends. Whether you volunteer or not, please join us parents after every game at Gecko's on Clark Road. We get a chance to socialize while our kids hang out at the Applebee's next door.

Our chaperones, field crew and uniforms committees have also been hard at work making sure our Kilties have everything they need to look, feel and sound their best. We appreciate every contribution, and there will be many more opportunities to help as the school year continues.

I encourage you to get involved in this fantastic organization in some way and have a front row seat to experience what will be some of your child's best memories of high school.

Leeann Putney and her boys, Adam and Ryan, at the awards night in May.

Photo by Gary Bolinder

Alumni News:

Once a Kiltie, always a Kiltie

Kim Klunder, Kiltie Alumna

When the cadence begins and the Kilties enter the field, does something stir deep inside you? When you stand in the courtyard before a Friday night game and the sound of the drums bounces off the walls, do you get a charge?

As a Kiltie Alumna, these moments always touch me to the core and bring back the most fond memories of high school... being a Kiltie! Once a Kiltie always a Kiltie!

If you are a Kiltie Alumni, I hope you will come march with the Kilties for Homecoming on Oct. 11, 2019. Meet in the orchestra room at 5:00 pm to practice music and prepare. Attire will be an alumni shirt (\$10.00) and jeans. Alumni meet at Geckos on Clark Road after the game.

For more information or questions please contact me (Kim Klunder) at kcklunder@gmail.com or (941)894-4939.

Kim Klunder played percussion and graduated in 1983.



Reasons to go to the Kiltie website

Go to the Kiltie website to see upcoming activities on the Calendar, see what fundraising activities are occurring, sign up for upcoming Kiltie events where volunteers are needed, access a link to the Charms software ~ plus much more! Everything you need to know is available at your fingertips.

www.RHSKiltieBand.net

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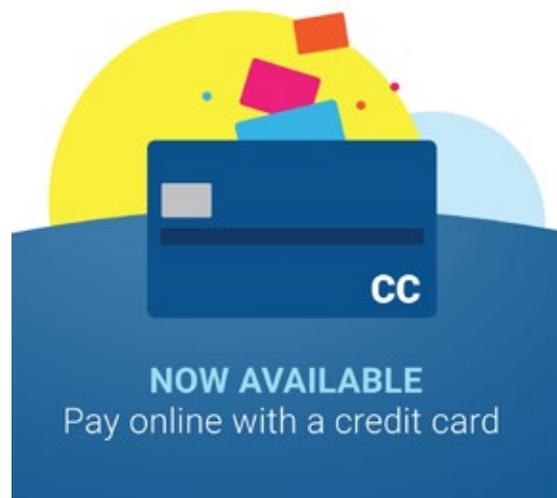
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Order Kiltie merchandise in Charms!

You can now order Kiltie merchandise through Charms and pay online! You can either log on to your account to view and purchase, or you can login as a guest and select items you would like.

We are in the process of designing a new t-shirt that will be available to all very soon. Stay tuned for more details.

To see what merchandise is available, go to the Swag Store on our website. In addition to clothing items, you'll find license plates, Tervis Tumblers, lanyards, hats, cell phone pop sockets and more.

Show your Kiltie spirit and get your Kiltie merchandise today! RHSKiltieBand.net/Kiltie-Swag-Store

Trip payments

Our Kiltie Band is leaving for the Hollywood Christmas parade on Nov. 28th. Please follow the trip payment schedule. It is imperative that these payments are received in a timely manner.

Trip balances should currently be \$800 or less, and all trips must be paid in full by Nov. 1. We have payments that are due to our travel company based on this schedule. Due dates are:

Oct. 1st \$400

Nov. 1st \$400

The preferred method of payment is Charms. You should have all received instructions on how to use this system. Charms allows you to check your student's trip balance and make payments.

We will also accept checks (payable to Kiltie Band Boosters). Please mail to P.O. Box 18504, Sarasota, FL 34276.



About Those Uniforms ...

Janet Ballard and Shanna Cheatwood, Uniform Committee Co-Chairs

Greetings Kiltie Family! We're back in action and geared up for the new year.

Uniform check out was a great success. Our Kiltie Parents, Booster Leaders, and Student Leaders did an outstanding job of getting everyone fitted and out the door. Thank you to our entire Kiltie Family for making it a success!

Please be sure to check your Kiltie's uniform after a game and handle any stains as soon as possible.

Tips for uniform care:

Spats take a beating, especially on muddy fields. The quicker these are cleaned, the better. These pieces require some soaking and lots of elbow grease to scrub off caked on mud. OxyClean, Fels Naptha, and Ivory Soap work well. Do not use bleach on these or any uniform pieces. Air drying is the preferred method for spats.

Any item made of wool must be dry cleaned, as these parts will be ruined if washed at home. This includes the jacket, vest, kilt, scarf, hose and hat. We refer people to Courtesy/Value Cleaners (Bee Ridge & Tuttle, Beneva & Webber, or Osprey Avenue). They charge around \$9. Other area cleaners offer a similar price, but be sure to check first or you may be in for sticker shock. If dry cleaning, be sure to remove any pins or medals from the uniform parts so that the uniform isn't torn.

Periodically wash the white belts, leadership cords, and bodysuits/shirts. These can be soaked similarly to the spats, but be sure to remove the buckles and breastplate before cleaning.

Sporrans (those funky looking belts with horse hair) may be lightly combed. Hang it in the bathroom during a hot

shower to help remove wrinkles in the horsehair. (Do not allow to get wet.)

The response to assistance in the Uniform Room has been outstanding! We cannot thank you enough for the hours that our Kiltie Family has put in.

First off, thank you to all who have worked over the summer and are still working to mend our uniform pieces — from simple to complicated repairs. The uniforms are a huge investment and need much TLC. We are appreciative of everything that you do for our Kilties.

Secondly, we use the online system, CHARMS, for many of our Booster functions. You will notice that some of the parts have a bar code, which we scanned and tagged to your student. For many days and numerous hours, we had a group of Kiltie Family working away to make repairs to as many uniforms as possible. Thank you to all who came out to work. Throughout the year, we will continue to make repairs as needed, just contact Janet or Shanna.

Be sure to check Signup Genius for opportunities to assist. We still have a ton of pieces that need some love. If you have some sewing ability (sewing buttons on, edging belts so they don't shred, measuring belts to resize, mending rips in kilts or jackets, lining jackets, easy stitch repairs to the hats, etc.), we could use your help. The work can be done from the comfort of your home.

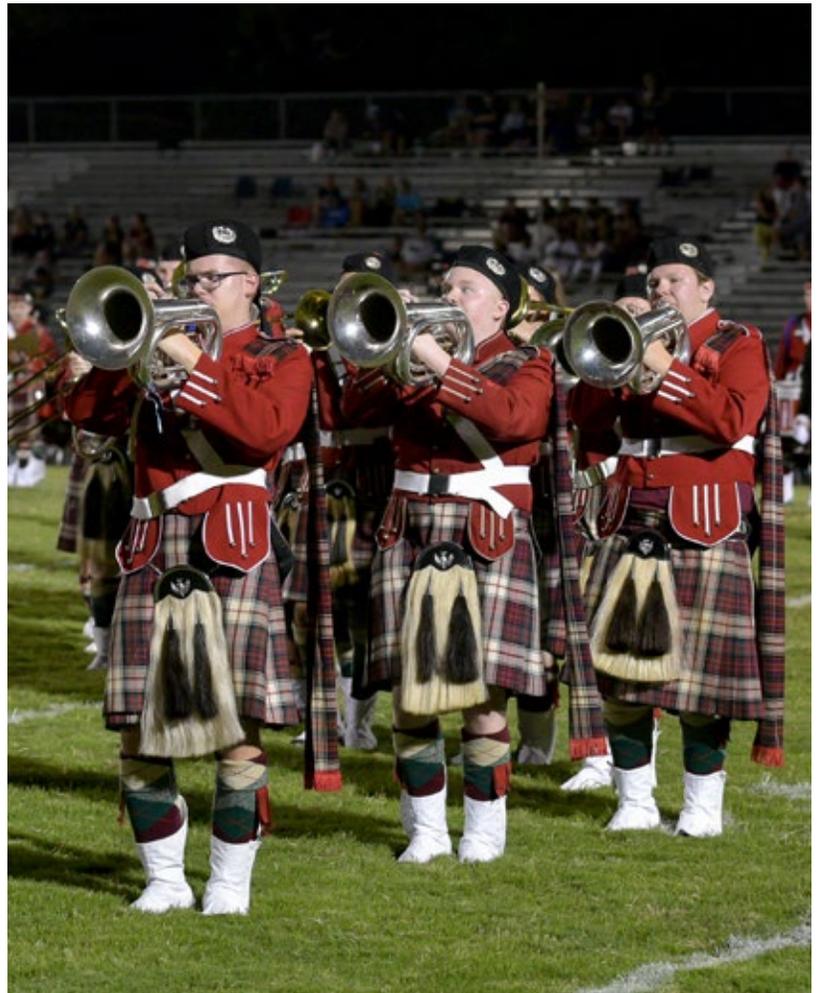
If your Kiltie has a uniform piece in need of repair or you have a uniform question, please don't hesitate to contact Janet at janetb4854@comcast.net and Shanna at s_cheatwood2002@yahoo.com.

Enjoy your Kiltie Fall Marching Season! It's going to be a great one!



Scenes from the field

Photos from Gary Bolinder



Concession helpers

Thuy Nguyen, concessions chair

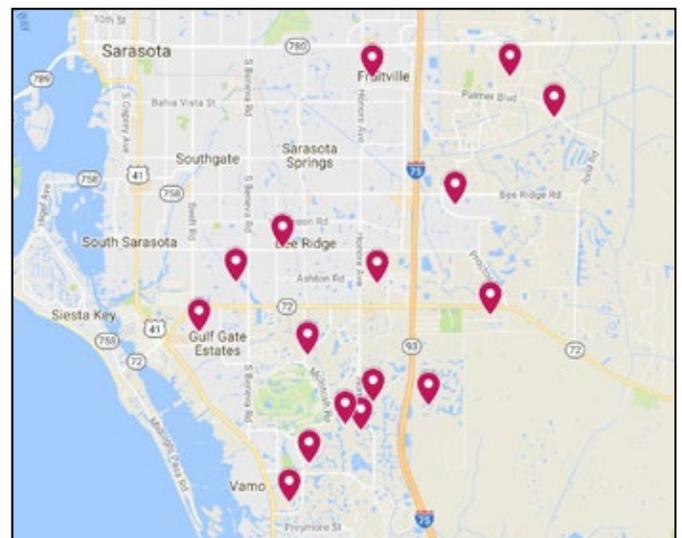
Here is a moment of cuteness from the Aug. 23rd game. My friend Daniel brings his two little girls to help in the concession stands. They sometimes help wrap the burgers and hot dogs and bring them into the stand, or they run to stand 2 to see if they need more fries... etc. Here they are with the mascot and the ROTC! Cora is on the left, and Cayman is on the right. Thank you, young helpers!



Kiltie Carpool

Would you appreciate help getting your Kiltie to and from practices and performances? Or would you be willing to help transport an extra Kiltie?

The Kiltie booster club can connect you to families who live near you. You can then coordinate for weekly rides to rehearsals — or just keep the info as a backup in case you could use occasional help. There's no obligation. Fifteen families have signed up so far, spread all around town. Opt in to participating by going to bit.ly/kiltiecarpool.



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A special thank-you

The Sarasota Middle School PTSO donated money toward t-shirts for our future Kiltie night. Thank you to these future Kilties, future Kiltie parents, and supportive teachers and staff!