

THE KILTIE TIMES

SINCE A REALLY, REALLY LONG TIME AGO

Welcome back, Kilties!

I hope you all had wonderful summers – I'm looking forward to hearing what you were up to once rehearsals start up again! Those first few BAQ's should be a blast to read.

For my part, my summer spanned from Connecticut to Connecticut's Western Reserve (coincidentally the WR in CWRU), and everywhere in between. While shuddering at the thought of More Connecticut, I scouted out opponent territory in Cl*veland – preparing for November's all-out invasion. I can guarantee the School Up North will not be prepared for our kilt-wearing, precision-standing, cheer-screaching onslaught as we chase yet another consecutive "Academic Bowl."

Between those adventures, I interned at Sherwin-Williams here in Pittsburgh, helping develop the coatings that protect the foods and drinks we love, from soda to orange juice to canned pineapples (for pizza, of course). As expected, exactly zero pr@€t!©|ñ& took place – I would never.

Anyway, enough about me. For new or prospective Kilties, welcome! You can find important information about our org in this newsletter, and are welcome to reach out to any officer with questions. For returning Kilties, buckle up. With some top-secret plans in the works, and other news buried in this issue of the Times (*shoes?!?*), this is bound to be a fantastic year – I can't wait.

See you on the 26th for our first rehearsal (and mixer)!

~ Jack, who can't wait to lose his voice again
(losing it for the Pirates just doesn't feel the same)

Important Dates

Orientation Session: Aug. 24

First Rehearsal: Aug. 26

Labor Day Picnic: Sept. 2

Geneva: Sept. 14

Bethany: Sept. 21

Waynesburg (Pictures): Oct. 5

Westminster (Homecoming): Nov. 2

Allegheny (Senior Day): Nov. 9

The Worse -artans (Away): Nov. 16

Potential Bowl/Playoff Game: Nov. 23

From Your Director

Hello my kooky Kilties,

I hope the summer months have been treating you all well as you spend your time wisely... traveling to new and exotic places, engaging in a rewarding occupation or activity, taking the time to do something restful and recharging now and again, and of course pr@€t!©|ñ& your instrument at least 30 minutes a day! I started off the golf season shooting my best score yet... an 84! Though we won't pay too much attention to the fact that it was a par 61 course. Funny how I haven't broken 100 since...

Anywho, after a few weeks of traveling out west to visit family and friends, including my newly born nephew, I found myself back in western PA enjoying the surprisingly hot and humid weather and even hotter and humider band room! But the hottest thing still to come is our exciting 2024-2025 Kiltie Band season as there is much to look forward to:

- We will have new marching shoes that aren't holey and lacking soles!
- Which Disney character will win the audition for the Kiltie Band's new OJ sponsor?
- Will there perhaps be the surprise return of a JP halftime show this season?
- Is everyone ready for a Kiltie-filled November with up to FOUR Saturdays of cheering, precision standing, and ICBs? That's right... we have homecoming, senior recognition (on a different weekend), a possible AWAY game, and the inevitable playoff or bowl game!
- Contrary to how my golf game should be going, we could break the 100 active members mark this year!

Well, after recently helping out a local high school marching band as they learned their peculiar methods of marching in other directions besides forwards, I am really looking forward to seeing everyone on August 26th as we continue to grow the Kiltie family and make this another memorable and successful year for the "Band Without Pants"!

~Mr. Olisar, who is hoping for some 3rd quarter DoubleTree cookies this Fall!

The Cheermaster's Guide to Football

Haley Williams, Dr. Pepper Fan

If you're anything like me, you knew (and still know?!) nearly nothing about football when you joined Kiltie Band. I'm being so serious right now– the only thing I knew was that a touchdown was worth six points, and sometimes a seventh for some reason. After two years of serving as Cheermaster, and with the help of the late great Cole Skuse, I think I've finally picked up the bare minimum needed to serve as your Cheermaster all on my own. Please note: this is football only as it pertains to cheering. I don't care about safety or whatever other random things pop up. If there isn't a cheer or ritual associated with it, I don't care about it, and neither should you!

Offense: This is when our team (probably wearing black) has the ball, and is trying to move it towards their endzone. The cheers for this are actually kinda bad, but you can typically expect an Offensive Nerd cheer, or miscellaneous food cheers, like the Kielbasa cheer or Zucchini cheer.

Defense: This is when the other team (probably not wearing black) has the ball and we are trying to stop them, using brute force and hopefully some violence. The best cheers are defense cheers. Some favorites include Mrs. Gerlach's cheer, Clay Device cheer, and Blood Guts and Gore cheer.

Touchdown: This is when one of the teams gets the football into their endzone. It's usually worth six points. You can earn a seventh, but that doesn't matter! The only reason points matter is knowing how many pushups to call, and you can just look at the scoreboard for that. If our team scores, that means it's pushup time – you might wanna look down and make sure the trombone section isn't up to any shenanigans, or you could end up doing pushups because you made the rookie mistake of... wearing shoes? If the other

team scores, expect a Ghost cheer or some other form of putting down the opponents.

Field goal: This is another way to earn points. It's when they kick the ball through the big yellow things. Very easy to miss as a cheermaster, and a fast route to trombone section pushups. Beware.

First and Ten: When we get on offense, we have four tries to move the ball ten yards towards our endzone. The first of those four tries is First and Ten– Carnegie Mellon! If they don't go ten yards in one try, you get a break. If they do move it ten yards, congrats! It's First and Ten again!

Sack: This is when they tackle the quarterback before he can get rid of the ball. I don't actually think I've ever seen it happen, and I probably wouldn't notice if it did. This is the only time you'll hear the Burlap cheer.

Halftime: It's the halfway point in the game, and the time when Kilties get up to their precision standing! For a cheermaster, halftime is notable because as soon as it's over, we get to call the Ice Cold Beverages cheer and imbibe some ICBs.

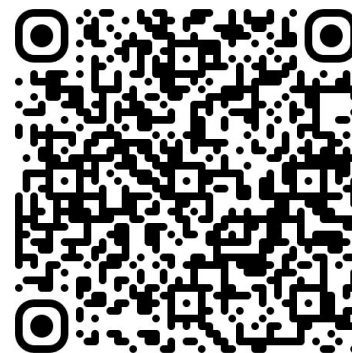
Kicking: It's when they kick the ball! You might hear Kick that Ball, Ball that Kick if our team is kicking, or perchance a Block that Kick, Kick that Block if it's the other team.

The Ref: This guy on the field wearing a striped shirt, blowing an annoying whistle, and making hand signs. If he makes signs we don't like, we can retaliate with one of our numerous anti-ref cheers, such as the Vitamin Deficiency cheer. (Note: I've never actually had an opportunity to use this. I really want to. We've unfortunately been blessed with refs that make good calls. *Editor's Note: *extremely loud incorrect buzzer**)

Flags: If you see a yellow thing fly in the air on the field, that means there's a flag on the play! The cheermaster will not actually call this cheer, you just gotta jump in when you notice that it's going on.

Hopefully this helps you be more prepared to cheer on the Tarts, and maybe understand what the hell is going on down there a little more.

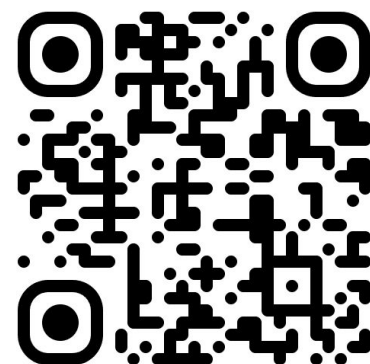
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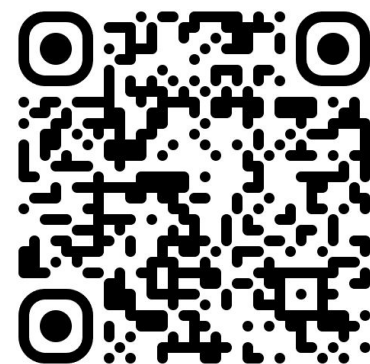
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Student Information Form



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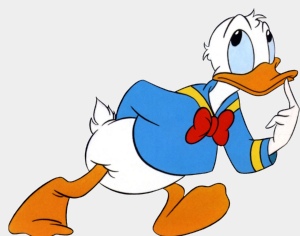
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MISSING

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?



Name: Donald F. Duck
Missing: November 18, 2023
Age: At least 3
Species: Cartoon Duck
Missing From: OJ Cartons Nationwide

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