

The Pride of Kathleen



Student Handbook

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Introduction

The goal for the Kathleen High School Band Program is to give each student a great musical enriching experience and promote academic excellence. In addition, we strive to give each person memories and instill **PRIDE** that will last a lifetime. Hopefully, these experiences will be some of the most rewarding memories in high school, so cherish every moment.

The Pride of Kathleen Member Responsibilities

What is a Red Devil Band Member? It is a student who performs as an instrumentalist, a color guard member, or dancer in the Kathleen High School Band Program formally known as “The Pride of Kathleen”. Being part of the band program is a **Full Year** commitment and includes two seasons, marching and concert season. The color guard and dance also have two seasons, marching and winter season.

In order for a Band, Color Guard, or Dance Member to perform in any performance, they must be present at **ALL** rehearsals in preparation for that particular event (Example: In the marching season, to perform at a football game or band competition, the Band Program member would have to be present at all rehearsals that week).

Rehearsals and performances make up a huge portion of each student’s grade. Since band is a performance - based class, unexcused absences from rehearsals and performances will lower a student’s grade significantly. A calendar of events is shown on the band website and social media platforms that are available 24/7 and updated as soon as the dates are available.

Report times for football games and weekend events will be posted on the website calendar as soon as they become available. You can also sync the Calendar to your respected cellular device. Students are advised to be 15 minutes early inside the band room prior to any performance, event or rehearsal. Vacations and personal events should **NOT** be scheduled on set band dates for example, football games, competitions, band camp, etc. The only absences excused without prior notice are illness that requires medical attention, or a death in the family.

If a member misses a performance and it is an unexcused absence, the director has the right and authority to not guarantee participation in future performances, for the remainder of that year, or in any other ensemble offered by The Pride of Kathleen Band Program. In addition, a student can be taken out of any ensemble or from their specific part in that ensemble (solos) for an unexcused absence. Students, who display a bad attitude, lack of commitment, and poor work ethic may be dismissed from the program. This decision is at the discretion of the Band Director.

If a student quits The Pride of Kathleen Band Program before the completion of a school year and does not fulfill his/her commitments to the Band Program, under no circumstances will the student be allowed to return to the Program at any future time, **no exceptions**.

Being part of The Pride of Kathleen Band Program is a privilege. Each student should fully honor his or her commitment. There will be **no exceptions**.

Eligibility

A 2.0 grade point average is required for academic eligibility. A high school student must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 unweighted scale, or its equivalent, at the conclusion of each semester to be academically eligible during the next semester. Any student that receives ISS may not participate in extracurricular game activities during in-school suspension. Practice is acceptable. Any student that receives OSS, is excluded from participating in all extracurricular activities from the date of the offense until completion of the disciplinary action, and the student has attended a regular school day (Section 2.08).

A student, who receives ISS or OSS, for any reason, may be taken out of any honor ensemble, such as All-County Band, All-State Band, or Jazz Band, at any time before the completion of the event. These ensembles are for The Pride of Kathleen Band members that exemplify great character, musical excellence, commitment, and respect for the Student Code of Conduct.

Any leadership member who receives ISS or OSS will be immediately removed from their leadership position permanently and will not receive the option of auditioning for a leadership position in any future year. Any non-leadership member who receives ISS or OSS on any occasion will not be permitted to audition for a leadership position the following year.

Cell Phone Policy

Per School policy, Cell phones are permitted to be used only before school, between classes, at your designated lunch time, or after school. This is during **NON-Instructional/NON-Class time**. During rehearsals, due to the overuse of cellular devices, headphones/air pods, or any other electronics, they will **NOT** be permitted. Students will be asked to turn off their devices at the beginning of rehearsals. We will have focused, structured, and complete and undivided attention from all students. Tuners will be provided by a staff member. If there are any emergencies, please contact Mr. Miller directly.

Grading

In all performing arts classes at KHS, student assignments, daily participation/preparedness, rehearsals and concerts comprise 80% and quarter/semester exams comprise 20% of the students' grades. Work turned in late will not receive full credit. Participation/preparedness grades will only be excused for a school approved medical absence.

Band, Guard and Dancers are co-curricular classes in which students are graded frequently in and out of class. In order to align this performance-based class to a standard academic course here is how the grading lines up.

- 10% Class Participation/Preparedness = Classwork Grade (Having materials, Dressing out at practice, Performance Reflections)
- 20% Chair placement test in December and End of year auditions = Semester Exams
- 30 % Rehearsals = Homework grade & Playing tests = Quiz grades/Attendance
- 40 % Performances = Test grades (Football Games, Concerts, MPA's, Competitions, etc)

Attendance/Tardy Policy

Punctuality is necessary for the student to take full advantage of available educational opportunities. To Be Early is to be On Time, To Be On Time is to Be Late.

Tardy policy will now be enforced - Restarting every nine weeks.

1st - 3rd Tardy – Warning

4th - 5th Tardy – Lunch Detention

6th or more Tardies – Referral to Discipline office

It is very important that all students attend every class and rehearsal. Rehearsals are treated as a homework grade. If a student is late or absent to rehearsals that will lower their grade. If you have an unexcused absence, it will be marked in FOCUS K-12 as a 0. If you must miss a practice, tell the Band Director as soon as possible, preferably in an email from a parent/guardian explaining why you cannot attend. Excused absences will be determined by the Band Director. Students that also have bad attendance/skipping in their other scheduled classes may not be able to participate in rehearsals, performances, etc. The student could also lose credit for the course. Loss of credit may interfere with the students' ability to graduate on time.

Multitude of absences can result in

- Ability to perform at a high level in class and at a performance which can hinder academic success
- Can affect possible future placements in the program
- Taking a student off the field/not performing during concert season
- Dismissal from the program

FOCUS K-12

To provide parents with easily accessible information about student's progress, attendance and save money on paper and printing costs, Kathleen High School will post report cards and progress reports to **FOCUS K-12**. At any time, if parents need assistance accessing FOCUS, please visit the **Registration office**. <https://focusk12.polk-fl.net/focus/>

Should parents need to obtain a printed version of a student's report card, parents can request this through the front desk. Thank you in advance for supporting our initiatives to increase access to your student's school information through FOCUS K-12.

Band Booster Organization

KHS Red Devil Band Boosters Inc. was founded in 2013 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of parents and volunteers committed to providing help and support with fundraising, concessions, purchasing equipment, appearances, competitions, and many other things for the Kathleen High School Band program. The organization is made up entirely of volunteer parents/guardians, alumni, school staff, and community members who devote their time to providing help and support for the band program at Kathleen High School. All parents/guardians of students involved in any of the ensembles under the umbrella of the band program are by default voted members of the booster's organization. For more information, please visit the KHS website.

There will also be monthly Parent Meetings with valid information that both parent/guardian and students. It is **highly encouraged** to be in attendance for the meetings. These meetings will be brief to discuss finances, upcoming fundraisers, band events, and other important events. Board members will frequently update contact information so that you are always receiving the latest information for the band.

Financial Responsibilities

Marching band is a co-curricular activity, which receives little funding from the school system. All Marching Red Devil members are responsible for band dues. These funds help defray the costs of operating the band program, which include music, marching drill, instructors, transportation and equipment.

Band Booster Fees for the 2022-2023 year will be \$125. Musician students who use school owned instruments would be charged a \$25 instrument maintenance fees for each semester the instrument is used. For example, percussionists will be charged \$50 as they use a school equipment for the entire year. Musician students will also be required to purchase shoes and any additional equipment required for their instrument, i.e., mallets, sticks, reeds, valve oil, etc. Uniform fee will be \$_____ which covers dry cleaning fees, hemming, etc. This fee covers for both marching and concert season.

Members of the Inferno Color Guard and Blazing Dancerettes will be charged for their uniform each season, plus additional items, such as gloves, tape, stockings and shoes. The Marching Guard/Dancer fees will be \$_____. Please see your respected staff member for details.

Any student on the obligation list will be referred to the school and will not be allowed to purchase items throughout the year such as homecoming tickets, grad bash tickets or prom tickets. Any senior with remaining balances on May 1st will not be allowed to walk at graduation.

There may be additional expenses for food at away games and competitions. For example, spending money may be needed for personal expenses at certain venues for food, t-shirts, etc.

The KHSBBA handles all funds for The Pride of Kathleen Band Program. They are willing to work out an agreeable payment schedule with any family that may need to do so. Please contact the KHSBBA Treasurer or the Band Director to work out details.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an essential part of the Band Program. It helps support the Band Program as well as providing funds for individual band accounts. The Director of Bands and KHSBBA come up with fundraising ideas throughout the year that they observe help the band the most. If you may have any school appropriate fundraising ideas that will help the band, please contact the KHSBBA President or Mr. Miller directly.

Each member of The Pride of Kathleen Band Program is **required** to participate in Band fundraisers, including Color Guard and Dance Members. The student can physically participate or pay the fundraiser opt out fee. Members are encouraged to participate in fundraisers for the team building and comradery.

There are many fundraising programs throughout the year. One constant fundraiser is the cookie dough fundraiser that occurs every February or March. Students are also allowed to work the concession stands which will give them a credit towards their band account per event. If you are on a special payment plan, working these events is highly recommended.

Rehearsals

This pertains to both Marching and Concert Season. Be prepared and in your seat for rehearsal 15 minutes before scheduled start. If you have an unexcused absence, you will get a zero in the gradebook. Band is Co-Curricular with in class and out of class grades.

Many times, technicians will be present to assist the Band Director. Utmost courtesy, focus and respect must be shown to them.

Have all music as well as pencils on the stand.

Instruments should be in proper working order, cleaned including having all necessary supplies (reeds, mouthpieces, etc.) **NO** cellphones or electronic devices will be permitted.

Band Room Rules

Absolutely:

- No eating or drinking in uniform
- No gum
- No profane, distasteful, or derogatory comments/language
- No running/horseplay
- No sleeping
- No public displays of affection (no P.D.A)

Respect is expected from everyone. It is to be shown towards the Band Director, Staff members, volunteers and all peers always, no exceptions. Any disrespect, sleeping at practice, using any electronic devices during rehearsals, inappropriate language or attitudes, and any other disruptive actions will NOT be tolerated towards the Band Director, Staff, volunteers, or peers. Such actions will lead to dismissal from the program.

All policies and procedures of the Student Code of Conduct and The Pride of Kathleen Handbook must always be followed by all Pride of Kathleen Band members, no exceptions.

P.R.I.D.E

Perseverance **R**espect **I**ntegrity **D**iscipline **E**xcellence

Marching Season

Marching season is generally the first third of the school year; it runs from summer sectionals to band camp, to the last football game, or FBA District Marching Music Performance Assessment, whichever is the latest. During this time the Marching Red Devils perform at all football games, pep rallies, as well as various competitions, and occasional parades.

Practices are **MANDATORY**, and if absent; a member is not guaranteed a spot for that week's performance, even if excused, mainly for safety reasons. Changes occur frequently at rehearsals, therefore, that student will not be aware of those changes, setting the band backwards and being at risk for getting an injury if tried without being rehearsed.

Students are expected to dedicate time every day to practicing at home. Each child's daily homework in band is to practice their instrument according to guide of their band director.

At football games, the Marching Red Devils are there to support the Red Devil football team and entertain the crowd. We do this through stands tunes and a halftime performance of our marching show.

The Marching Red Devils also perform at various festivals and competitions. In the past, the Marching Red Devils have performed at the Lakeland Christmas Parade, the Lakeland MLK Parade, Lakeland Magic Basketball games and FBA District Marching Music Performance Assessment.

Marching Practice Dress Code

The following guidelines are for band camp and marching band practice. This attire ensures that everyone is prepared to have a productive practice as well as for the medical safety of all members. Dressing out for practice is **MANDATORY**.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Shorts – comfortable movable gym shorts; **No** jeans or long pants

T-shirts - light colored t-shirts. **No** sports bras unless covered by a shirt. Spaghetti straps, crop tops or tight-fitting clothing. Bringing an extra t-shirt to change into is highly recommended due to rain and/or sweat.

Athletic Shoes and Socks - **No** Sandals, Crocs or flip-flops.

Hats - highly recommended.

Sunglasses/Sunscreen - highly recommended.

THINGS TO BRING:

Music Binder – Every student needs a plain 1” black binder and at least 15 clear sheet protectors for music.

Pencils - Sharpened Pencils with eraser. Each student needs to have a pencil on their music stand.

Water Jug/Water Bottle – A Red ½ or 1-gallon Igloo Water Jug or water bottle filled with water or 50/50 diluted Gatorade. **NO CAFFEINE** or carbonated or high sugar drinks, as these will dehydrate you.

Instrument - You cannot practice without it!

Physical Education Credit!

Marching Band is considered a physical education activity. For one semester of marching band any student with a grade of “C” or better waives the .5 credit requirement of a physical education activity elective (Section 1003.4282, F.S.). Therefore, students will be conditioning daily to physically and mentally prepare for the duration of performances with running, jumping jacks, etc. to build their endurance. This includes dancers and color guard members.

Behavior and Manners!

The Pride of Kathleen’s reputation has always set us apart from other band programs because of our well-behaved students. We set the standard of acting professionally and conducting ourselves with excellence, manners, PRIDE and respect for ourselves and others always.

To ensure maximum productivity for every rehearsal, talking is to be kept to a minimum. With over 50+ people on one field, efficiency at every rehearsal is important to getting as much done as possible. Paying attention to the Band Director and Staff ensures things will run smoothly.

Outfitting The Marching Red Devils

The uniforms of the Marching Red Devils are to be treated with utmost respect. While in uniform, everyone represents Kathleen High School and the Marching Red Devils. Please represent Kathleen High School well.

The band will provide you with a marching uniform. All band members are assigned a uniform and fitted at band camp. Since uniforms are the property of the band, the uniforms are distributed before and collected immediately after every performance and stored in the uniform room. Since these uniforms are used from year to year you are expected to take care of them. This entails properly hanging them and making sure they are returned to the uniform room. Prior to performances your Leadership will inspect every Marching Red Devil member to make sure all members meet dress code. **If they do not, they will not be able to march.**

Each band member receives one band issued T-shirt designed with the marching band logo commonly referred to as the "show shirt". These T-shirts are worn as a part of the uniform. If lost student will have to purchase an additional shirt.

In addition to the uniform, you will be required to wear the black Marching Shoes and long black socks. The brass and woodwind players are required to wear gloves (it is highly recommended that 2 sets are purchased).

Proper attire is **required** by the first football game.

In addition to the above uniform, you must:

- Wear no jewelry or hair coverings (including durags, bandanas, skin piercings, bracelets, etc.)
- If hair is dyed, it must be natural colors
- If hair touches the shoulders, it must be tucked inside the shako
- If makeup is worn, it must be natural colors (except Color Guard)
- Boys must be clean-shaven
- Girls must have their hair up in a sock bun.

Marching Uniform Rules

Absolutely:

- No eating or drinking in uniform
- No gum
- No profane, distasteful, or derogatory comments/language
- No running/horseplay
- No public displays of affection (no P.D.A)

Football Games

Report time will be posted in the Band Room for all games. **BE ON TIME.**

A marching run-through will be held before dressing into uniforms.

After dressing into marching uniforms, all members will be inspected by their Section Leader(s) and will line up to march into the stadium or to be dismissed to the buses for away games.

The Marching Red Devils will march in two single file lines into the stadium before the game to a Drum Line cadence. Do **NOT** let spectators break the rank of the Marching Red Devils. Ask them politely to wait until all members have passed. There is **NO Talking** in line.

At home games, the Marching Red Devils will perform the Star-Spangled Banner, before the game begins, unless told otherwise.

Members will file into the stands into their appropriate sections and remain at attention until called to relax by the Drum Major(s). There is to be **NO Talking** at this time.

The Marching Red Devils appearance and behavior is important to the overall image of the band program. Please follow all uniform guidelines and listen for instructions from the Drum Major(s) and Band Director.

The Marching Red Devils must be ready to play the Fight Song after the Red Devils score as well as after the conversion.

Non-band members (including parents) are **NOT** allowed in the band section. It is highly encouraged that visiting friends and families do not distract the band members.

Marching Red Devil members are not allowed to bring refreshments into the stands, until their given break. Do **NOT** take any food, drinks, or devices from any spectator in the crowd. We want to ensure the safety of each student is well going to the game and going home.

The band plays their field show as half-time entertainment. Usually, the visiting school band performs first. After half time, the students are given a break from performance, but must be back in the stands by the end of the 3rd quarter.

Except for breaks, members of the Marching Red Devils are **NOT** allowed to leave the band unless under the supervision of a chaperone.

Band member conduct should be professional for the duration of the game. Individual playing, hacking, or beating of percussion equipment is **NOT** permitted.

Marching Red Devil members are expected to treat opposing spectators, band members, and parents with respect always, under any circumstance.

While the other band performs the Marching Red Devils should be a good audience. The Marching Red Devils are always performing, and we do not wish to detract from the other band's performance as we do not want to wish them to detract from us.

After performing, Marching Red Devils will circle around the director and wait for comments from the Band Director.

After the completion of the game, the Marching Red Devils will perform the Alma Mater for the football team and crowd.

At home games the Marching Red Devils will then line up and march back to the band room, turn-in their uniforms, and get final announcements.

All instruments, music, uniforms, and equipment must be put away properly before leaving.

Students are **NOT** allowed to leave from football games or performances until the formal dismissal in the band room, unless the director has received a written request **PRIOR** to the game from a parent/guardian and has been approved.

For away games, students meet at the school to board buses, and return once the game is over. To avoid prolonged waits in the parking lot, make sure your cell phone is on for you to contact your parents/guardians of our return to school.

Each Marching Red Devil member is reminded that he/she is representing Kathleen High School, The Pride of Kathleen band program, and him/herself. By conducting yourselves as professionally as possible, it reflects positively not only upon you, but the entire Marching Red Devil program.

Competitions, Festivals and Trips

Report time for all competitions and festivals will be posted in the Band Room and on the Band Website as soon as they become available. **BE ON TIME.**

A marching run-through may be held before dressing into uniforms.

After dressing into marching uniforms, all members will be inspected by their Section Leader(s) and wait to be dismissed to the busses.

As all competitions and festivals are different, every member must always pay attention to the Band Director and Drum Major(s). Also, members need to be flexible and be able to do things on a moment's notice without comment.

Complete uniform is to be worn in public. You are representing Kathleen High School and The Pride of Kathleen. Members are also expected to follow uniform guidelines while on trips.

On busses, electronics are not permitted without headphones.

There will be a male and female bus. Roll will be checked on each bus before departures.

Any member who needs to depart a performance with his/her parent or guardian **must submit a written request from their parent or guardian before departure.** The parent or guardian must be present when the member is picked up.

The Pride of Kathleen members will receive an itinerary of activities prior to all major trips. Members are responsible for informing their parents or guardians of this itinerary. Dates and times will also be available on the calendar.

Conduct of The Pride of Kathleen members in public venues should be subdued and courteous. On overnight trips, members may not leave their rooms after the designated curfew assigned by the Band Director. The Code of Conduct applies to all trips away from school, as well as on campus.

Chaperones and Officers are to be obeyed and treated with courtesy and respect. They are delegates of the Band Director.

After returning home, members will dress out of uniforms and return them to the uniform room. The user of the piece of equipment must return all instruments and equipment to the proper storage place.

Concert Season

Concert season begins at the conclusion of marching season and continues until the end of the school year. The Pride of Kathleen Band Program strives to achieve high performance levels in concert season just as in marching season.

Students are expected to dedicate time every day to practicing at home. Each child's daily homework in band is to practice their instrument according to guide of their band director and private instructor.

During the marching season, double reed players have the option of playing another instrument. Since we do not march bassoons or oboes, with the guidance of the band director and parent, a suitable instrument will be chosen. The student must realize before learning a new instrument that the child's priority in the Band Program is their primary instrument, which is their double reed instrument. They will not be allowed to switch to another instrument after marching season or any other time.

During the school year, The Pride of Kathleen Band Program puts on four (3) concerts: a Christmas Concert; a Pre-MPA Concert and a Spring Concert. These performances are **mandatory** and showcase the progress, talent, and musicianship of The Pride of Kathleen Band Program.

After marching season, The Pride of Kathleen Band Program is broken into several smaller ensembles:

Beginning Band, Symphonic Band, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Winter Guard and Dance.

Concert Uniforms

Concert tuxedos and black dresses will be checked out for concert performances. The same rules apply to the concert attire as the marching uniform with two exceptions.

- Appropriate jewelry may be worn.
- Concert uniforms may be taken home but must be returned at the end of the school year.
- Each student will be responsible for paying for any items that are lost or damaged.
- At the end of the school year students will need to get their concert uniforms dry cleaned.
- The student is responsible to pay for any damages that happen to the concert band uniforms.

Beginning Band

The Beginning Band consists mainly of freshmen and students still adjusting to their respected instruments. This class provides instruction of the fundamental techniques, scales, rhythms and literature of music. The Beginning Band performs in concerts throughout the year. Personal Practice is expected.

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band consists mainly of upperclassmen, and members that are the most skilled of the Band Program. The class teaches advanced musical techniques, scales, and literature. The Symphonic Band performs in concerts throughout the year as well as FBA Music Performance Assessment (MPA). Most Symphonic Band members will perform in various ensembles such as Solo & Ensemble, All County and/or All State. Personal practice is expected.

Jazz Band

The Jazz Band is comprised of a small ensemble of students who perform Blues and Jazz music at concerts throughout the year. To be in the Jazz Band, members must audition. Students in the ensemble are exposed to advanced music theory concepts such as improvisation, chord progressions, and the incorporation of the major and minor scales. Jazz Band performs at concerts throughout the year as well as FBA District Jazz Music Performance Assessment (MPA). Personal practice is expected.

Color Guard/Dance (Eurhythmics)

The Inferno Color Guard and The Blazing Dancerettes are an integral part of The Pride of Kathleen Band Program. Both groups also have a **FULL** year commitment as a member of The Pride of Kathleen Band Program. The Inferno Color Guard utilizes flags, rifles, sabers, and various other props to create an amazing visual impact for the band performance. The Blazing Dancerettes, utilize the different styles of dance such as jazz, hip hop, ballet and more styles throughout their season to express the band performance as well. They will separate from the band after marching season and performs independently at competitions, concerts, various parades and many more opportunities within the community. Personal practice is expected.

Percussion Ensemble

The Percussion Ensemble is comprised of student percussionists that help keep the tempo, and express rhythms with the band. The first nine weeks this class is Marching Band based with emphasis on the Drumline. Then in the Second nine weeks through the end of school year, focuses on concert band literature ranging from MPA music for the concert bands to percussion ensemble music where students will work on Mallet and Multi-percussion techniques created for percussionists. Personal practice is expected.

Being in the band program is a FULL YEAR commitment. If you choose not to participate for the full year the student will be requested to change their schedule immediately.

Band Awards

Band Letter: A Band member may receive a Letter "K" in Band by meeting the following requirements:

- Membership in the Marching Red Devil Band and Concert Bands for one **FULL** year for musicians
- Membership in the Marching Red Devil Color guard, Winter Guard or Dance for one **FULL** year
- ZERO unexcused rehearsal and performance absences
- Participation at FBA District 6 Solo & Ensemble Festival for musicians
- All financial obligations to the Band and school are up to date
- Overall, 2.0 school GPA
- Overall, 3.0 Band GPA
- Participation in "All Fundraisers"

Letters are awarded to the Band member once. If the Band member continues to meet the above criteria each year thereafter, a Bar is awarded for the year to be placed on the Letter.

Pink Graduation Cord: The Pink Graduation cord is a token of achievement given to a student who has completed The Pride of Kathleen Band, Guard or Dance program through the end of their senior year from the moment they begin. This includes Marching Band and Concert Band or Winter guard. If a student decides to not continue the program for any reason, then the student loses eligibility for earning their cord.

Superlatives: The superlatives are awards that include everything from Best Dressed and Fastest Learner to Best Marcher and Most Dedicated. All band members cast their votes for The Pride of Kathleen Band Program Superlatives and certificates are presented to the winners at Band Banquet.

Band Pride Award: This special award recognizes those Band members who consistently strive to improve musically and who never fail to exhibit a high degree of personal dignity in conducting themselves as members of the Band Program. They will have gone above and beyond what is required of band students. The recipients of this award are chosen by the band council and must be a member in good standing in the Band Program.

Disciplinary Actions

Any student that defies the rules and regulations of The Pride of Kathleen Band Program are subject to disciplinary actions such as:

- Verbal Warning
- Letter of Warning to be signed by a Parent/Guardian
- 2nd Letter of Warning to be signed by a Parent/Guardian with Parent Conference
- Dismissal from the Program

The Pride of Kathleen Traditions

The Pride of Kathleen has many traditions that have been passed down through its history. These traditions help bring The Pride of Kathleen family together as well as allowing us to show our **PRIDE** in our accomplishments.

Marching in and out of Stadiums - The Pride of Kathleen always marches in and out of stadiums. The Pride of Kathleen marches in at attention in two single file lines, **no talking** and out at trail. When entering the Band Room, every member resumes at attention.

PRIDE Stick: The Marching Red Devil section that shows the most dedication, focused at rehearsals, shows self-discipline, always on time, respectful and attributes the true meaning of PRIDE will receive the "PRIDE Stick". That section will be able to write their names on the stick and be section of the week.

No Cheering for Awards - The Marching Red Devils remain silent while the Drum Major(s) calls The Marching Red Devils to attention. The Drum Major(s) and Field Commander(s) at retreat accept the award(s). No one in the Marching Red Devils is to scream, clap, or cheer excessively or loudly.

Volunteering

The Pride of Kathleen Band Program being a **FULL** year commitment to the students is also a commitment to the parents/guardians. Throughout the year with the vast number of events being after school activities we need your help and commitment to this program just as we expect from the students. Volunteering gives the students and staff the security they need to know everyone is safe, more flexibility with the band because we have the assistance to regulate an event smoothly as well as the students will see and feel they are supported by their family and community.

Ultimately, we need your help, support and time to know and grow this program to be greater than ever before; It all starts with volunteering. We expect for the students to be in attendance with their full commitment and the same expectations are set for parents/guardians.

Whether guiding the marching band to the stands, chaperoning for an off-campus game, helping in the concessions stands or assisting for concert season, we truly appreciate it all. We have a goal to gain 3 or more parents/guardians every event. To sign up for volunteering, please ensure to go on the khsband.org website to sign up as a volunteer. You must be registered with a badge prior to volunteering for any Polk County school event.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why so many marching practices?

The Pride of Kathleen has always maintained a high level of excellence. Perfect practice makes perfect performances. The instructors strive to make each performance better, but to better educate students and promote musical growth.

Why do I have to pay money?

The Pride of Kathleen Band Program has operating costs, such as technicians, bus rentals, instrument repair, and many other expenses. Band dues help offset this cost. Much of the money does return to the band student in either better equipment for use or instructors who will further student's growth.

Why do I have to be at every practice?

Things are always being changed and adjusted. One person may not seem like much, but it affects the entire Band Program in terms of drill spacing and musical balance. Being absent hurts the entire Pride of Kathleen, and besides, if you're not there, you're going to miss important information as well as receive a zero for not being at practice.

Can I leave practice early?

No. The Pride of Kathleen works very diligently every practice to get better for each performance and competition. As stated, things change every day at practice, so being productive and focused for the full length of practice, ensures each member is gaining the best knowledge to enhance their performance. Leaving early will also affect your attendance grade. If a student must leave practice early, they **must** have written documentation from the parent/guardian of a valid reason for leaving early. Documentation needs to be given to the Director of Bands.

What if I have problems paying band dues?

The KHSBBA is always willing to work to make mutually agreeable payment schedules. They have created a payment plan, if needed. Also, there are many volunteer opportunities that can bring a credit to your band account, including working concessions. Speak to the KHSBBA Treasurer for more information.

Who should I contact if my parents want to chaperone?

Please contact a KHSBBA Board Member. You can also sign up to volunteer on the khsband.org website. Click on VOLUNTEERS and sign up where there is space available. Your parent must have a Polk County Volunteer form on file to chaperone.

How long do football games last?

Every game is different. An approximate return time will always be posted for every game and competition in the Band Room. Most home games are over by 10:30PM.

What if I can't get a ride to/from practice or a game?

There are always upperclassmen that are willing to give rides, especially if substantial notice is given. If you need rides to every practice, consider trying to find someone who lives near you who can carpool with you.

What is the best way to contact Mr. Miller?

To Contact Mr. Miller his office phone is 863-499-2655 ext. 521. If he does not answer, please email instead of leaving voicemail. Anithio.miller@polk-fl.net

The Alma Mater

So proud we stand, so
firm so true
Our loyalty we pledge to
you.
In this great land where
men are free.
Where knowledge gives
us liberty,
You, Alma mater are
our destiny.
Oh banner wave in red
and white,
Our symbol and guiding
light.
Through all the years so
proudly may you stand,
Hail, Kathleen,
Kathleen, Kathleen!

2022-2023 Band Handbook Acknowledgement form

Students and Parents must read through this handbook, sign the bottom acknowledging their understanding and agreement of the above procedures and policies. Please refer to the Band Director when questions arise on items which are not covered by this syllabus. Detach this page and return to Mr. Miller for a grade by Friday August 19th, 2022.

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Name Printed: _____

Period: _____