

PIPE BAND UNIFORM

The following pages will go into detail about how each part of the uniform is acquired and worn for 1st semester street pipers. If members are looking for information on the 2nd semester pipe band uniform please skip to page 3.

1st Semester Checklist (applies to street pipers)

- ☐ Black marching band shoes
- ☐ Red diced checkered hose (with knee high socks if used)
- ☐ Spats
- ☐ Street flashes
- ☐ Sgian Dubh
- ☐ Kilt
- ☐ Sporran
- ☐ Street jacket
- ☐ Belt
- ☐ Plaid (with shoelace)
- ☐ Bonnet (with black sweat band if used)

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1st Semester Uniform (applies to street pipers only)

Black Marching Band Shoes: Street pipers only need black marching band shoes, we will never wear white. Please do not wear ghillies. Not only do you ruin the soles of your ghillies, but your feet will hurt.

Red Diced Checkered Hose: Red diced hose will be loaned to you at the beginning of the year. These hose are generally large in size, knee high socks are recommended to help fill the space. The seams of the hose should be at the back of the calf and the red checker will be flipped to the top.

Spats: Spats go over the top of your shoes. They are white and should look white on comp day! Do not use bleach to clean them as it will destroy the fibers. Use a mixture of oxi-clean and water to clean. Brush lightly on the spats.

Street Flashes: 2nd semester flashes and street flashes are different so make sure you have the right ones! Street flashes are bright red. Street flashes are connected to a band; the band goes on the red checkered hose and is then hidden by flipping the hose over it.

Sgian Dubh: Sheathed knife that goes in your left hose.

Kilt: Jen will measure and assign a kilt to you at the beginning of the year. The kilt should be just above the floor when you're kneeling with your back straight. You don't want the kilt to be skin tight because you want to allow for your core to expand while you play. This uniform piece may be taken to EastBoys Cleaner for cleaning, don't take it every week.. It gets expensive. Additionally, always hang up your kilt with care! For crumpled kilts, contact leadership.

Sporran: A sporran will be assigned to you and put in the piper box at the beginning of the year. There's a horse hair brush in the piper box that can be used to flatten out the hairs. Try to avoid using your hands to rub down the horse hair as it spreads oils on the hair. For sporran problems, contact leadership immediately.

Street jacket: The street jacket is the same jacket you wear at field comps. This item will be given to you by the marching band. Only the pipe major and sergeant should have to worry about putting patches on the sleeves. The jacket can be taken to EastBoy Cleaners. Always check the jacket for loose buttons afterwards!

Belt: You will be measured for and given a belt at the beginning of the year. This belt goes on last over your street jacket. Make sure the belt isn't too tight so your core can expand while you play. There is a bow on the embellished silver part of the belt, the bow should be at the bottom when you put the belt on.

Plaid: The plaid is a long tartan that we wear over our street jackets. You will be measured and assigned one at the beginning of the year based on your height. A parent will help you put these on at football games and comps. Make sure your labeled box has a broach and shoelace to speed up the process. NEVER CRUMPLE YOUR PLAID!! Always hang up your plaid neatly.

Bonnet: Bonnets will be measured and fit to you based on the circumference of your head. A black sweat band may be used underneath the bonnet but is not required. There will be sponges in the piper box to help the bonnet fit your head on comp day. For those with long hair, please make sure the bonnet will fit with your hair up! After playing, let the bonnet air out for a little bit so it does not grow moldy. If you sweat a lot, ask for some holes to be drilled into your bucket.

Pencil Box: Each street piper has a pencil box and a sporran assigned to them in the piper box. The contents of the pencil box are listed below:

- Shoelace(s)
- Sgian dubh
- Broach
- Street flashes

- Black sweat band (optional)

2nd Semester Checklist (applies to both pipes and drums)

- ☐ Black Marching Band Shoes OR Ghillies
- ☐ Black Hose
- ☐ 2nd Semester Flashes
- ☐ White long sleeve button up (collar)
- ☐ Glendora Tie
- ☐ Kilt
- ☐ Sporrán
- ☐ Black Vest
- ☐ Glengarry

2nd Semester Uniform (applies to both pipes and drums)

Black Marching Band Shoes OR Ghillies: During 2nd Semester, students have the choice of wearing black marching band shoes or ghillies. Most of the time, students will buy their own ghillies at the games.

Black Hose: These are the black socks worn when we compete. They have vertical lines and members should make sure these lines are straight. Students will pay for however many pairs of hose they want. Be gentle when washing as they can tear towards the toes!

2nd Semester Flashes: 2nd Semester flashes are different from 1st Semester. ALL members of the pipe band must get 2nd Semester Flashes. These are red and black and are worn on the hose. Try to align the inner flash with the middle line of the hose; they should be more front-facing than side-facing.

White long sleeve button up: We wear a white long sleeve button up underneath our vest. This can be any brand white long sleeve button up as long as it has a collar that the tie may go under.

Glendora Tie: The tie is worn in a double windsor knot. When done correctly, the Glendora logo should be legible.

Kilt: For street pipers, this is the same kilt worn during 1st semester. For other members, Jen will measure and fit you for a kilt. The kilt should be just above the floor when you're kneeling with your back straight. You don't want the kilt to be skin tight because you want to allow for your core to expand while you play. This uniform piece may be taken to EastBoys

Cleaner for cleaning, don't take it every week.. It gets expensive. Additionally, always hang up your kilt with care! For crumpled kilts, contact leadership.

Sporran: ALL members of the pipe band must get a sporran. (This is different from the 1st semester sporran for street pipers) The sporran goes through the belt loops on the kilt. The sporran rests in different places depending on your position in the pipe band.

Black Vest: Members will be given a black vest at the beginning of 2nd Semester that will be worn over the button up and Glendora tie.

Glengarry: Students will be assigned a Glengarry at the beginning of 2nd Semester. Please keep track of your number!