**ONWARD MALVERN FOUNDATION Spring 2015**

Dear Fellow Malvernites,

Did you watch the Easter Parade? Or see the photo on the cover of the Beach Metro news? Did you happen to notice that the drumming section of the Malvern Marching Band was marching without kilts in this year’s Easter Parade?

As a member of our alumni, I’m sure you take as much pride as I do in watching those kilts come down the road at the Santa Claus Parade, or come across the stage at Roy Thomson Hall. It never fails to produce a lump in my throat. While the lovely red coats still make an impact, it’s not the same without the kilts, is it?

Mr. Mike Falla, the Music Director at Malvern, informed me that there are not enough kilts to outfit the entire band as some need extensive repair, some are too tiny to fit the current members and some have unfortunately been stolen.

The cost to replace the kilts themselves is approximately $700-800 each. Our hope is to approach the kilt manufacturer with some of the smaller ones and see if it’s possible to salvage something out of them; perhaps by stitching two of them together. All of this will require funding of some sort, especially if we’re having to replace the required 12 entirely.

Our goal is to raise enough funds to replace these kilts, with help from you, our Alumni, Parents, and others in the community. If you could help by making a donation of $25, $30, $40 or more towards these beautiful kilts; we could have them all back in full uniform by the beginning of the next school year. That would mean our Malvern Marching Band would be sporting their kilts at next year’s Malvern Red & Black Day.

Please help us make this happen. I know my son wears his kilt with pride and I would love to see every band member have that opportunity. Let’s have next year’s Marching Band look as sharp as you or your family members did when you or they were part of the band.

If you’d like to help us replace these uniforms, please send your donation to the Onward Malvern Foundation, earmarked for the MCI band uniforms, c/o The Principal’s Office at 55 Malvern Avenue, Toronto, ON M4E 3E4. Or you can donate online at Canada Helps at <canadahelps.org>.

Every little bit helps us get closer to having the band back to having full uniforms for all members. Thank you for whatever you’re able to give.

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