

*CHS Marching Band  
New Parent Meeting*





# Summer Rehearsals

- Schedule is available on the website
- If students are in town they are expected to attend rehearsals
- If out of town that is fine, but please notify one of the following:
  - Byron Mikesell
  - Dominick Raimato
  - Dustin Smith
  - Dave Wiley



# Band Camp

## (Aug 6<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>)

- All students are expected to attend all rehearsals
- Rehearsal times will be announced closer to the beginning of band camp, but plan on being available all day, each day (M-F)
- Picture day is in the morning Friday, August 10
- Some meals will be provided for students; for other meals students will need to pack food
- Uniform for band camp is white shirt with
  - Red shorts for woodwind players
  - Blue shorts for brass players
  - Black shorts for percussion



# Fall Rehearsals

- All students are expected to attend all rehearsals
- Rehearsal times are as follows:
  - Tuesday and Thursday Nights: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
  - Saturday Rehearsals: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (usually)
- Students need to manage their time effectively to ensure all of their schoolwork is completed
- Rehearsal Structure
  - Tuesday Night: Visual Components
  - Thursday Night: Musical Components
  - Saturday Rehearsals: Review and Preparation



# Rehearsals and SAT/ACT Exams

There are several testing dates during our season for the SAT and ACT exams. There are other dates that students may choose to take one of these tests. Depending on the student, it may be more helpful for testing if the test is scheduled on a day when they do not have band on their mind 😊

- We work with students with these conflicts to the best of our ability – but we appreciate advanced communication about the schedule so we can plan accordingly.
- The ACT is offered on September 8<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup>
- The SAT is offered on August 25<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>



# Friday Night Football

- Games are every Friday evening during the season, except for Harrisburg which is a Saturday afternoon
- Report times will be announced the Sunday before the game
- Parents are strongly encouraged to attend games as often as you are available
- For away games, we are usually back at the designated time
- We encourage students to call parents when they are within 15 minutes of the school



# Friday Night Football

- Performance times are as follows:
  - Home Games: Pre-Game Show (usually 6:35 PM)
  - Away Games: Sometimes Half Time Show –  
Sometimes Pre-Game – depends on the away team  
schedule of special events
  - Check the schedule as performance times can change
  - Performance is always to the home sideline regardless  
of the stadium
- Students are expected to follow the Code of  
Conduct outlined for the band



# Friday Night Football

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Free Time
  - Students are free to leave the stands and purchase concessions at the games
  - No Food or Drink is allowed in the stands (water is okay)
  - Students need to beware of foods that ruin uniforms. It is a good idea for parents to reinforce this with their child as well.
  - Students return to the school after the game, unload instruments and equipment, and return uniforms





# Competitions

- We compete in the Cavalcade of Bands Circuit
- Competitions are on Saturday afternoons or evenings
- Some competitions are local and others are farther away
- Parents are strongly encouraged to attend competitions
- What happens after the performance
  - Students sit together in the visitor stands
  - Students are allowed to purchase concessions
  - Awards ceremony is at the end of the evening



# Competitions

- Competition day schedule
  - Rehearsals will begin in the morning (9 or 10 AM)
  - After rehearsals students are expected to gather their items and pack up instruments and trucks
  - Students remain at the school, eat, and depart for the competition
  - During the week of the competition an updated schedule will be provided for Saturday
  - Students return to the school after the competition, unload instruments and equipment and return uniforms



# Why We Compete

- We have had lots of success and won many competitions, chapter championships, and Atlantic Coast Championship titles (when we were in TOB)
- Some of the reasons why we compete
  - Perform for an audience that wants to listen
  - Receive feedback from judges to improve student performance
  - Heightened sense of responsibility on the field
- Our Expectation: Students should feel like they did their best when they march off the field



# Parades

- Four parades a year
  - Carlisle Halloween Parade
  - Mount Holly Halloween Parade
  - Carlisle Christmas Parade
  - Carlisle Memorial Day Parade
- Music is from our show, a Christmas song, and “This is my Country”
- All students are expected to attend parades
- Middle school students march with the high school band in parades



# Required Materials for Rehearsals

- Medical Forms and Code of Conduct Forms must be filled out and turned in (on website)
- Sneakers only (all rehearsals)
- Clothing
  - Summer: Light colored and light weight attire
  - Fall: Dress for the weather as it gets colder
  - Prepare for rain. Usually not outside if it is raining, but a couple times a year, we must get a particular set of things finished on the field and it starts raining...
- Drill Book/Coordinate Sheet and Music is required at all rehearsals



# Required Materials for Rehearsals

- Required accessories
  - Reeds
  - Valve Oil
  - Drum Sticks / Mallets
  - Flags / Rifles / Sabers
- Suggested items
  - Water (*this is required for summer and September rehearsals especially*)
  - Sun Screen (*this is required for band camp and Saturdays in September especially*)
  - Sun Glasses
  - Hat
  - Bug Spray (*this is necessary especially for rehearsals after it has rained “a couple days ago...”*)



# Uniform Requirements

- Dinkles Marching Shoes
  - Fitted during band camp
  - They are white and need to stay white
- Summer Uniform
  - Band polo shirt
  - Khaki Pants
  - Brown Belt
- White Gloves
- White “C” Shirt
- Wrist Bands (percussion and pit)
- White Socks
- Color Guard Accessories



# Picture Day

- Friday during the first week of Band Camp – August 10
- You are not required to purchase pictures
- Order Forms are sent home with students closer to the date (usually the week before band camp)
- Pictures taken:
  - Large Group picture
  - Section Picture
  - Graduating Class
  - Individual Portraits

Although pictures are optional for purchase, most families purchase a picture of their child in uniform.





# Band Trip

- Band trips take place every other school year, usually over Christmas break or Thanksgiving break
- Past trips include:
  - Philadelphia, marched in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Parade (2017)
  - Orlando, marched in Disney's Christmas Parade (2015)
  - San Antonio, The Alamo Bowl, (2013)
- The next trip will be in 2019
- The Boosters organize fundraisers to help students earn \$\$ for the trip. This year is a great year to raise money to be used towards next year's trip!



# Contact Information

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- Social Media
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- Website: [www.carlislehighschoolband.org](http://www.carlislehighschoolband.org)



# Communication

- Emails
  - From the booster secretary:  
[secretary@carlislehighschoolband.org](mailto:secretary@carlislehighschoolband.org)
  - Fill out the online form on the website
- Like the band's Facebook page
  - [www.facebook.com/CarlisleHSMarchingBand](http://www.facebook.com/CarlisleHSMarchingBand)
- Website
  - [www.carlislehighschoolband.org](http://www.carlislehighschoolband.org)
  - You can subscribe and receive website posts via email
  - If you need information, you can find it on the website
- Remind Texts
  - Text @cparents18 to 81010 to join the parent group



# Booster Board Members

- Officers are elected at the spring banquet in May
- Current officers:
  - Terry Piper, President
  - Lisa Grayson, VP
  - Allison Waring, Treasurer
  - Annmarie Etzel, Secretary
- There are board positions currently open if you are interested in helping
- Board member contact information is on the website



# Concessions

- Car Shows
  - 8 car shows throughout late spring, summer and early fall
  - Earn money into student account for every shift
  - Signup to help on the website using SignupGenius
- Football Concessions
  - Home and visitor concessions for home football games
  - Signup to help on the website using SignupGenius



# Chaperones

- Chaperones needed for all football games, competitions, and parades
- Must have clearances on file with the school district to chaperone
- Clearance information can be found on the website
- Chaperone signups will be available on the website



Any  
Questions?