

*CHS Marching Band
2019 Opening Meeting
for Parents*





Summer Rehearsals

- Schedule is available on the website
- If students are in town they are expected to attend rehearsals
- If out of town no problem, but please notify us at:

staff@carlislehighschoolband.org



Band Camp (Aug 5th–16th)

- 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 9
- 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: as scheduled (times vary)
- Students need to manage their time effectively to ensure all schoolwork is completed and does not conflict with marching band
- Rehearsal Structure
 - Tuesday Night: Often more **visually** focused
 - Thursday Night: Often more **musically** focused
 - 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 you do not have band on your 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.
- Test dates may be found online for whatever tests you need to take. Please plan NOW so a standardized test doesn't stand between you and your success in one of our fall shows!



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

- 3rd 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 permitted to purchase concessions
 - Awards ceremony is at the end of the evening



Competitions

- Competition day schedule
 - Rehearsals will begin in the morning (usually by 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 on Remind and/or carlislehighschoolband.org
 - 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

- Five parades this year
 - Walnut Bottom Bicentennial Parade
 - Carlisle Halloween Parade
 - Mount Holly Halloween Parade
 - Carlisle Christmas Parade
 - Carlisle Memorial Day Parade
- Music for the parades is from our show, a familiar 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 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 9
- 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 ???
- The Boosters organize fundraisers to help students earn \$\$ for the trip. Right now is a great year to raise money for this year's trip!





Contact Information

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- Color guard instructors
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- Social Media
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/CarlisleHSMarchingBand
- Website: www.carlislehighschoolband.org

Communication

- Emails
 - From the booster secretary:
secretary@carlislehighschoolband.org
 - Fill out the online form on the website
- Like the band's Facebook page
 - www.facebook.com/CarlisleHSMarchingBand
- Website
 - 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 @chspar1920 to 81010 to join the parent group





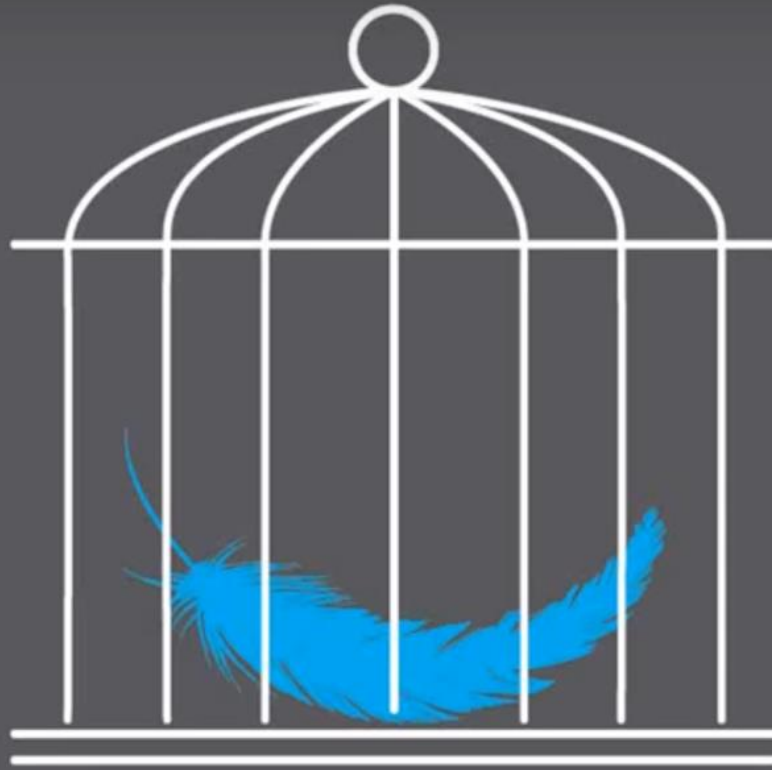
Concessions

- 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
 - We need parents to help by signing up 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 school district website
- Chaperone signups will be available on the website



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