



2023-2024

# Information Packet

Director

*Mr Cateb Helms*



## *Welcome to the Carson High School Band family!*

We are excited you are considering membership in our program and we look forward to the opportunity of working with you over the coming years. In our seventeen-year history, the Jesse C. Carson High School Band name has become synonymous with excellence and we look forward to continuing that tradition in the years to come.

Our families have come to trust and rely on our program to foster a love of music within our band members and, more importantly, to prepare our band members for life by developing the character of young performers. Band members at Carson High School learn the value of teamwork, the importance of commitment and dedication, the benefits of setting goals and creating systems to achieve them, how to cope with both successes and failures, and, of course, how to work hard as a family.

The benefits of membership allow band members to grow as individuals while participating in an activity that they love. It is a win-win combination and while you may have questions about the time commitment, academics, cost, and other similar concerns, we hope to answer these questions through open communication in the coming months, starting with our website: [CarsonHSBand.weebly.com](http://CarsonHSBand.weebly.com).

The Carson band is known throughout the community as a program focused on musicianship, structure, and long-lasting relationships. My vision and goal is to maintain that reputation and continue to build a program that is committed to excellence.

Please look over the enclosed forms and the forms available to you on the website, particularly the 2023/2024 Marching Band Handbook, and return them to Mr. Helms so that we may save you a spot in our award-winning program.

Please contact me by email or by phone if you have any other questions.

Musically,

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## 2023 Summer Schedule

<b>Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Faith 4th of July Parade	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Rookie Camp with Student Leaders	<b>8:00 AM- 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Rookie Camp with Student Leaders	<b>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Rookie Camp with Student Leaders	<b>8:00 AM- 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Student Leader Camp	<b>6:00 PM - 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	REQUIRED Parent Meeting	<b>2:00 PM - 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Band Camp Full Marching Band	<b>10:00 AM-10:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Band Camp Full Marching Band	<b>10:00 AM - 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Band Camp Full Marching Band	<b>10:00 AM-10:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Band Camp Full Marching Band	<b>10:00 AM - 10:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Band Camp Full Marching Band	<b>10:00 AM-10:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Full Band Camp Parent Preview & Lunch	<b>8:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> <b>12:00PM</b>
<b>Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup></b>	NightBEAT	<b>6:30PM</b>



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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	Faith Parade & Food Booth Independence Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	Rookies & Student Leaders. 8am - 12pm	Rookies & Student Leaders. 8am - 12pm	Rookies & Student Leaders. 8am - 12pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Optional Workday	Workday	
6	7	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	8	9	10	11
	Workday	Workday	1st Day of Class	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	17	18
13	14	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	15	16	17	18
				Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	Football	Rehearsal 9am - 5pm
20	21	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	22	23	24	25
			Early Release Day	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	Football	26
27	28	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm	29	30	31	



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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					football 1	2
3	Labor Day No School 4	Rehearsal 5 4pm - 7pm	6	Rehearsal 7 4pm - 7pm	football 8	Rowan County Preview Show 9
10		Rehearsal 12 4pm - 7pm	13	Rehearsal 14 4pm - 7pm	football 15	Rehearsal 16 9am - 5pm
17		Rehearsal 19 4pm - 7pm	20 Early Release Day	Rehearsal 21 4pm - 7pm	football 22	23
24		Rehearsal 26 4pm - 7pm	27	Rehearsal 28 4pm - 7pm	football 29	30



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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		Rehearsal 3 4pm - 7pm	4	Rehearsal 5 4pm - 7pm	football 6	7
8	Optional Workday	Rehearsal 10 4pm - 7pm	11 Workday	Rehearsal 12 4pm - 7pm	football 13	14
15	Optional Workday	Rehearsal 17 4pm - 7pm	18 Report Cards	Rehearsal 19 4pm - 7pm	football 20	Competition 21 (Union Pines?)
22		Rehearsal 24 4pm - 7pm	25 Early Release Day	Rehearsal 26 4pm - 7pm	football 27	Competition 28 (NW Guilford?)
29		Rehearsal 31 4pm - 7pm				





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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm 2	Potential Playoff Game 3	Competition (North Davidson?) 4
5	6	7 e-Learning Day	8	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm 9	Veteran's Day Parade 10 No School	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15	Rehearsal 4pm - 7pm 16	17	18
19	20	21 China Grove/Landis Parade Early Release Day	22 Salisbury/Spencer Parade	Thanksgiving Break		25
26	27	28	29	30		



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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 2
3	4	5	Drum Major Interviews 6	Drum Major Auditions & Rehearsal 4pm - 6pm 7	8	Kannapolis Christmas Parade 9
10	11 Exams	12 Exams	13 Exams	14 Exams	15 Band Banquet 6pm Make-Up Exams & Early Release Day	16
17	18 Optional Workday	19 Optional Workday	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 25
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	Christmas Break			No School	No School	





# Information Sheet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

All students will receive a t-shirt.  
Please select your shirt size:

S      M      L      XL      2XL      3XL

## Be sure you stay up to date!

PARENTS: Join Remind!

Send the message “@CarsonBand” to the number 81010.

STUDENTS: Download the BAND app. 

Search for “2023 Marching Cougars” and request to join!



# Fees Sheet

In order for us to be able to provide your child with an amazing experience with the Carson High School Marching Band, we have developed a “fair share” for each band member. Fees collected help with transportation, music, summer camp, drill, summer staff, season staff, t-shirts, equipment, and general booster operating supplies. No student will be denied for the inability to pay, however, they must put maximum effort into fundraisers to raise the amount of their "fair share". Please complete and submit the following to see what your “fair share” would be for your child. If you have multiple children in the band program, please complete a form for each. If you need to make payment arrangements, please mark that on the form and return with a \$50.00 deposit ASAP to hold a spot for your child.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Item		Amount	My Student's Fees
Marching Band Fee	<b>ALL MEMBERS</b>	\$250.00	
Marching Band Shoes	Only If Needed	\$30.00	
Color Guard Shoes	Only If Needed	\$55.00	
Color Guard Gloves	Only If Needed	\$15.00	
Marching Band Jacket	OPTIONAL	\$50.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

Return this form to Mr. Helms with payment.

Payments can be made by cash, check, credit or debit card,  
or Venmo (@Carson-Band).

Checks can be made payable to **Carson Band**.





# Payment Schedule

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Band Fees can be paid in a variety of ways:

1. Paid in full
2. A series of 6 monthly payments + initial deposit
3. Initial deposit + fundraising.

Payment intentions must be declared below by the first day of band camp, July 24, 2023.

Full Payment

Monthly Payment

Deposit + Fundraising

Again, no student will be denied for the inability to pay, however, they must put maximum effort into fundraisers to raise the amount of their "fair share".

All fees must be cleared before the end of the year.

Students with fees will not be allowed to rejoin the marching band.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Helms at [HelmsCE@rss.k12.nc.us](mailto:HelmsCE@rss.k12.nc.us).

Item	Amount	Due	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
2022 Season Deposit	\$50	May 31, 2023		
Payment #1	\$50	July 24th, 2023		
Payment #2	\$50	August 1, 2023		
Payment #3	\$50	September 1, 2023		
Payment #4	\$50	October 2, 2023		
Payment #5	Remainder	November 1, 2023		
<b>TOTAL</b>				

# Emergency Information & Medical Authorization

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contacts:** The individuals below may transport my child or provide emergency assistance if necessary.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student's Doctor or Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## **Medical Information**

1. List any SEVERE allergies (bee stings, food, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

2. List any medication allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please check below if your child has:

Asthma

Diabetes

Kidney Injuries

Heart Disorder

Seizure Disorder

Other Medical Condition (Please Explain): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My student will NOT require medication(s).

\_\_\_\_\_ I authorize a trained Rowan Salisbury-Schools employee to observe my students in their self-administration of prescribed medications.

## **Medication Administration**

- All medication(s) must be in the original containers with only the amount needed for camp/trip.
- A completed Physician Authorization Form must be submitted for each prescription medication.
- Your student will be responsible for self-administration of their medication(s).
  - A trained RSS employee will keep all prescription medications secure and provide medication as requested by your child to self-administer their medications.
  - Students may keep possession of inhaler(s), epinephrine, diabetes care supplies with the completion of the Physician Authorization form.
- Middle and High school students may self-carry and administer over-the-counter medication with completion of the Parent Permission Form for Over the Counter Medications.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Permission to Travel & Medical Release Form

## 2023 Marching Band Season

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Mother's Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

Father's Cell Phone: ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

I give my child permission to travel with the Carson High School Marching Band on all school sponsored band trips and activities during the 2021-2022 school year.

In the event that reasonable attempts to contact me at the above phone numbers are unsuccessful, I authorize Mr. Caleb Helms, band director, and/or supervising school staff or parent sponsors to seek medical treatment for my child. I hereby give my consent for the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by a licensed physician or dentist; and the transfer of my child to any hospital reasonably accessible. This authorization does not cover any major surgery unless the medical opinions of two licensed physicians or dentists, concurring it necessity for such surgery is obtained prior to the performance of such surgery. I have listed on the medical form any special medical conditions, allergies, prescribed medications, or other pertinent information that would aid in the treatment of my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Additional Comments:*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



# Handbook Acknowledgement & Agreement

**Parent Acknowledgement:** I hereby acknowledge that my student and I have both read the 2023 • 2024 Carson High School Marching Band Handbook in its entirety. My student and I understand the expectations set forth and agree to uphold the expectations. Further, we acknowledge that if my student does not uphold these guidelines, they will be subject to disciplinary actions, potentially including immediate dismissal from the marching band, as deemed necessary by Mr. Helms.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Acknowledgement:** I hereby acknowledge I have read the 2023 • 2024 Carson High School Marching Band Handbook in its entirety. I understand the expectations set forth and agree to uphold the expectations. Further, we acknowledge that if I do not uphold these guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary actions, including immediate dismissal from the marching band, as deemed necessary by Mr. Helms. I agree to be prepared for all band events and to put maximum effort forth at all practices and performances. I agree to maintain my grades as well as attend all practices and performances. Finally, I will display a positive attitude at all times, maintain an attitude that is productive for myself and all members of the band. I will do my best to only lift others up and present the best version of myself at all times.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_