

Hello Band Families!

On behalf of Mr. Todd Obidowski & the Band Parents' Association Executive Board, welcome to the 2022-23 Carlynton Golden Cougar Marching Band. With the start of the new band season, we look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces along with meeting new members & their families! The Carlynton Golden Cougar Marching Band is made up of phenomenal young musicians who are exceptionally talented. We are very proud of how hard they work & the care they show for each other.

To help you stay informed, please bookmark & refer frequently to the band website www.carlyntonband.com & sign up for the **REMIND** app so that you get all updates as the season progresses.

It is critical that all band parents work together, along with Mr. Obidowski and the other directors, to support our band. Without you, marching band cannot be the enriching experience we all want for our students. There are lots of ways for you to support the band throughout the season. There are volunteer opportunities to suit everyone's schedules & strengths, so please don't stand back! Your support & involvement is critical to the success of the band & the experience of our students. Our kids rely on **every one of us** to make this an extraordinary season!

You will be receiving information that you & your band member(s) will need for Band Camp & for the 2022- 23 season. All of the forms listed in this packet are important & are required for your child to participate in marching band. Please **review all of them & complete them on or before the dates noted on the forms. Rookie camp will be July 26th, 27th and 28th, 2022, 10 am -12 pm.** Returning Band Members are encouraged to come out & help get the rookies off to a great start on July 26th! This is for new band members of any grade.

Full Band Camp for all members will be **August 1st through 5th and 8th through 12th, 2022, 8 am - 2:30 pm each day.**

Specific forms must be turned in on the first day of Band Camp. Please review the checklist when you receive your packet and be sure that you have submitted all required forms either online or via mail. ****No one will be allowed to participate in Band Camp without these forms on file.**** We have made most of our forms electronic to reduce paperwork.

Band Camp is mandatory. Enclosed in your packet is a page with Band Camp information. If there are any questions and/or conflicts regarding Band Camp please contact Mr. Obidowski as soon as possible at Todd.Obidowski@carlynton.k12.pa.us.

Also in your packet will be the assessment letter, with the first payment due to Resa Zygula on or before the first day of Band Camp. This payment can be mailed to the address on the form, or turned in at band camp. To reduce the cost of your assessment, please volunteer throughout the season. By volunteering as few as **4** times for your band member you will be able to lower your assessment fee!

The best way for us to communicate with each other is through email. Please make sure that you give your email address to **carlynton.marching.band@gmail.com** so you can be added to the band email list for important information. Any questions can be sent to this email & will be directed to the person best able to help. Be sure to refer to the band calendar on the website (**carlyntonband.com**) for frequently

updated report times & events.

Summer uniforms and marching shoes will be ordered again this year. Members are required to have marching shoes which will be fitted & ordered during Band Camp. You will receive links to submit orders online or you can submit the form in your packet. Band members will be able to try on shoes at band camp to get the proper fit before orders are sent in.

Your band member(s) will also be fitted for their band uniform during camp. If you should ever need assistance with your child's uniform, please contact Becky Heffner or one of the band managers.

We will be ordering band show shirts for all band members - the cost will be included in the assessment fee. The show shirts will also be available for purchase for family members or friends. A link to order online will be sent out to everyone.

We will host the Carlynton Golden Cougar Marching Band Festival of Bands on **Saturday, September 10th, 2022**. The festival showcases bands from our area & is always a fantastic & memorable evening. We are very excited for this year's event & we encourage everyone to participate to make it a success. **This is one of our biggest fundraisers every year. The profits from this event benefit our band members in many ways.** Please keep a look out for sign-ups to help with the festival! Band Festival Program ads will be for sale by students soon. Ads are a great way to celebrate, share baby pictures, & raise money for your child! **50% of all ad sales goes directly into the band account of the selling band member.**

The band holds many fundraisers throughout the year to reduce the cost of trips & other events. Fundraisers will be important in helping to defray the cost of the trip for each student. **Encourage your student to check their band mailbox daily--on the dock during band camp & in the band room once school begins.**

Lastly, we invite you to attend our monthly meetings. We meet at **7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month** in the high school band room (unless noted differently on the band website calendar). There are no meetings in July or December. This is an important monthly update on fundraising, events, & planning. It is strongly encouraged that parents attend regularly so that everyone is kept abreast of opportunities & happenings.

Clearances are required for volunteers, but they are easy & free! Please use the link on the Band Parent page at www.carlyntonband.com for the volunteer clearance packet.

Have a great season!!!!

CBPA Exec Board