

CARTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND

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Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this finds you all doing well and looking forward to a wonderful, restful summer. We are adjusting to our new home and the new addition to our family, Maggie Belle. As I am sure you have heard, she was born on Friday, May 2 at 4:15 p.m. We brought her for a visit with the band students on final exam days; they and she both were thrilled!

The Carter Band promises to be big and better than ever for the 2008-09 school year. We are bursting at the seams and thrilled with the projected number of 190 plus. Seven short years ago there were 36 wind players in the CHS Band; wow, what a difference a few years make.

We have a shuffle in the band positions at Carter Middle and Carter High for next year. Mr. Correll retired after 36 years of teaching music in a public school system. That is an amazing feat in and of itself. With that being said, I have applied for the Middle School Band Position and assisting Mr. McCurry at the high school to enable myself to be more flexible in raising our three little girls. Ploomie starts kindergarten next year; I want to have the flexibility of attending field trips and school functions with her and Zoe the following year and Maggie and few years later. As you all know, our fall season is very rigorous as a high school band student or director. I feel that I will not be serving my family or the band program the justice that both deserve if I continue in the position of Director of Bands at Carter High School.

With that being said, Mr. McCurry is willing and very capable of running the high school band program. He has applied for my position at the high school. He will do a fantastic job as the high school band director. Mr. McCurry is a very talented musician, a well organized person, and very effective teacher. He is the perfect person to pick up where I will be leaving off; the band program will continue to grow and prosper under his direction. The great thing is, I will be across the parking lot starting the kids on the front end of their musical career at Carter Middle and Carter High School.

We look forward to the new change and hope you do the same. I hope that each and every one of you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to an exciting year next year with the middle and high school bands at Carter. Thank you for the wonderful support and encouragement that you all have given to me and family for the last seven years; I look forward to another 20 years of support from the Carter Community!

Graciously,

Angie Messer