

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Dear Parents and Students,

*SUMMER IS HERE!!!!!!* We hope this letter finds you all doing well as summer gets underway. We are very excited about the plans for the 2007 Carter High School Marching Band. With an enrollment of 176 members and a very high level of student/community enthusiasm, this year's band will prove to be a wonderful experience for all! Our show theme this year is ***JAMES BOND 007***.

In this letter we will cover several topics that we feel are important for your family to be aware of during the summer. One of our major goals is to increase the effectiveness of communication so that everyone is "on top" of all the activities they will be involved in with the band. Our band has a website which is updated regularly. **Please visit** the website for all pertinent information @ ***WWW.CARTERBAND.COM***.

**FRESHMEN FUNDAMENTALS CAMP** will be **Monday, July 16 - Wednesday, July 18** at Carter High School. All freshmen students, drum major(s), section leaders, and rehearsal assistants for Fall 2007 should report to the band room by 8:45 a.m. each morning. Rehearsals will be from 9:00 a.m. until Noon; **ALL percussionists and guard** will rehearse from **9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** This is a very important time for the students to focus on all aspects of marching band fundamentals and techniques. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.**

**FULL BAND CAMP** will be **THURSDAY, July 19 and FRIDAY, July 20 from 9 a.m. - NOON; July 23-July 27, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.** at the high school. **THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!** Students should report to the bandroom each morning a few minutes **prior to 9:00 a.m.** and will be dismissed at **9:00 p.m.** each evening. The second week of camp, **lunch will be provided by the Carter Band Boosters; however, you must pick up your child for supper at 4:00 p.m. and have them back to the high school a few minutes prior to 6 p.m.** The afternoon rehearsal will be indoors in sectional groupings. This is an extremely important time for the band. Attendance at this activity is **MANDATORY** for **ALL STUDENTS** participating in marching band.

## FRESHMEN FUNDAMENTALS CAMP

(July 16<sup>th</sup> through July 18<sup>th</sup>)

9:00 a.m. - Noon

ALL freshmen and section leaders for Fall 2007

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ALL GUARD AND PERCUSSIONISTS

## FULL BAND CAMP SCHEDULE (MODIFIED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS)

(July 19 & 20; July 23<sup>rd</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>)

### July 19 & 20

9 a.m. - Noon

ALL GRADES (9-12)

9 .m. - 4:00 p.m.

ALL GUARD AND PERCUSSIONISTS

### July 23 - July 27th

9 a.m. - Noon

Marching Rehearsal

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break (Carter Band Boosters Provide @ CHS)

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Sectional Rehearsal

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Break (on your own)

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Marching Rehearsal

Water breaks will be given during each marching rehearsal. We will supply cold ice water; however, if students would prefer to bring their own water bottles (labeled with their names), they are certainly welcome to do so.

Lunch will be provided by the band boosters. Parents must make arrangements for their student(s) for supper break; food will not be available at CHS for dinner. **With the tremendous amount of music and marching routines used in this year's show, it is very important that we all adhere to the above schedule.**

Students will need their instrument and equipment, a music lyre to fit their instrument, and a pencil at each rehearsal. Please consider the weather and your skin type when choosing dress for band camp. Most student wear shorts, tee shirts, some type of hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen. **All students must wear tennis shoes and socks to the morning and evening rehearsals!!!!** This one requirement will save many aches and pains. **DO NOT wear sandals or any other type of footwear.**

With the advantage of block scheduling at Carter High School, we plan on having full outdoor band rehearsals during normal class time. **The only after school rehearsals will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3:45 to 6 p.m. AFTER SCHOOL REHEARSALS ARE MANDATORY!!!** These Tuesday rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, August 14th and continue until our last marching band festival. This is usually the first 8 or 10 weeks of school.

At the beginning of each school year, we feel that the area of finances needs explanation

and clarification. As you may know, the Knox County School system provides our band with teachers and a building. Any music, additional staff, transportation, equipment, uniforms, office equipment, administrative expenses, entree fees, musical instruments, etc. must be funded through our own resources. This is an unfortunate but real situation.

The **Fall School Fee (paid directly to Carter High School)** covers expenses incurred from band camp, transportation, music, and staff. **THE FALL SCHOOL FEE (\$100) IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF BAND CAMP, MONDAY, JULY 16 FOR FRESHMEN & THURSDAY, JULY 19 FOR UPPER CLASSMEN.** The **Spring School Fee (paid directly to Carter High School)** covers the cost of concert band music, transportation to festival, entry fees for All-East, All State, Jazz Clinic, as well as Festival Fees. **THE SPRING SCHOOL FEE (\$50) IS DUE JANUARY 2008. YOU MAY OPT TO PAY BOTH SCHOOL FEES AT ONCE IN THE FALL IF YOU SO CHOOSE.**

The Booster Club Fair Share covers all other expense necessary to run the band program. The **Booster Club Fee (fair share)** is **\$175**. If you choose, you may pay your fair share fee **on or before September 1** and only pay **\$150 instead of \$175**. Students who are enrolled in **concert band only** will have a Booster Fair Share fee of **\$40**. **Your entire Booster Fair Share may be paid without any out-of-pocket expenses.** We will have fund-raisers each year for all band students to have the opportunity to raise all of their booster fair share fees.

If you ever have any questions regarding the financial workings of the band program, please feel free to call us. We always want the financial obligations of the band to be completely understood by each family.

The **2007 Carter Band** should prove to be one of the finest high school instrumental music organizations in our area. We look forward to working with each student and family to see that we have an exciting and enjoyable year. If you have questions or concerns regarding the band program, please contact us at the band office (932-8134) or (670-4112, Angie Messer - Home). If we are not available, please leave a message; we will respond as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Angie Messer  
Directors  
Carter High School

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**We are looking forward to an exciting  
2007-2008 Carter High School Band!!!!**