



MEMBER GUIDE 2025-2026

<https://www.cartersvilleschools.org/band>

LETTER FROM THE BAND DIRECTORS

Greetings Band Families,

Welcome to our future students! And welcome back to our current CHS Band students! We are so excited to have you continue your music education at Cartersville High School. Many students point to their time in band as some of their happiest memories in school.

We are extremely excited for this upcoming year! The Cartersville Band will come back with a fervor for excellence, diligence and dedication. We have an exciting year planned for students in all groups!

This Member Guide provides an overview of our offerings. Check the website for all documentation and forms. Please register for Classroom Band and/or Marching Band. We ask that you make a deposit to secure a spot for Marching Band.

You can contact us at any time with questions or for more information. Our emails are listed below and we'll be checking them during this transition as well as over the summer. We will be in touch with more information and dates as soon as they are available. Thank you!

Musically Yours,

Mr. Michael Moon

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LETTER FROM BAND BOOSTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD

The award-winning programs of the Cartersville High School Band are supported by our amazing parents and the Band Booster Association. If you have a child in the band, then congratulations! You are automatically a member of the CHS Band Boosters (CHSBB). The Boosters is a great way to meet the parents and the kids your student will be spending much of their time with for the next four years.

Our CHS Band Booster Association Executive Board for 2025-2026:

President: Lara Jeanneret

Vice President: Erin Whittle

Concession Coordinator: Cynthia Roundtree

Volunteer Coordinator: Becky Molnar

Social Media Coordinator: Lara Jeanneret

Fundraising Coordinator: Stacie Robertson

Secretary: Beth Woodall

The easiest way to learn more about our organization is to attend our monthly Band Booster Board meetings and contact a board member. These meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month at 7PM in the CHS Media Center. Getting involved in the band program gives you the opportunity to share with your child the last four years of their education. They go by fast!

Our band parents are here to support the directors and to help with the details of fundraising, transporting, logistics and event planning for an organization this size. We simply can't function and achieve our goals without your help! Grandparents, siblings, or any member of your family can get involved and make a difference.

GETTING STARTED

Please complete the following by May 21, 2025.

- ☐ **Complete online registration form and submit initial deposit(s.)** → <https://tinyurl.com/yrwtkkjw>
- ☐ **Review this Member Guide in its entirety.**
- ☐ **Visit our band's web site at: www.cartersvilleschools.org/band become familiar with the content.**
- ☐ **Download and review the CHS Band Handbook at our web site (under important forms).**
- ☐ **Download the band app (see below).**
- ☐ **Follow us on social media (see below).**



COMMUNICATIONS

Use this list to make sure you are connected with your new band family!

THE WEATHER REPORT

The WEATHER REPORT is our weekly newsletter that is emailed every Thursday night to all students, parents and guardians. It is our most up-to date and comprehensive source of band communications.

FACEBOOK

(Search for "Cartersville High School Band")
Follow our Cartersville Band Community Page. Click on the "Following" box; select the "See First in Your News Feed" option so that you don't miss any band news!

INSTAGRAM

(Search for "CartersvilleBands")
We use Instagram to promote our band activities and send reminders to students.

YOUTUBE (Cartersville High School Band)

Subscribe to our YouTube channel to watch cool videos of our students.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We will send you statements via email. We must have a correct email address and phone number on file for you at all times.

PAYMENTS

When making payments, please make sure that your phone number is on your check. Also, payments should go into the band safe outside of the directors' office suite.

THE BAND APP (join via the QR Codes)

The Band App is in all-in-one resources for students and parents. It contains the calendar and an easy way to instantly communicate with the band community.

Students' App



Parents' App



CARTERSVILLESCHOOLS.ORG/BAND

Visit the Cartersville Band website to find calendars, documents, forms, and volunteer information.

BAND EXPENSES

Running a band program is an expensive endeavor. While your middle school programs traditionally did not have many fees, the high school band program is very different. Our most significant costs include paying additional instructors, providing uniforms for marching band members, buying music, buying color guard equipment, buying percussion equipment, buying show accessories/props and transporting students and equipment to performances and competitions. Our directors do not want the economic factor to keep ANY student from participating in band. We will always work with parents/guardians who need financial aid or a payment plan.

2025-2026 ENSEMBLE FEES

Marching Band Enrollment Fees:

This is an annual payment that covers expenses including additional instructors for camps and the season, drill designers, music writers, props, attire and other costs.

Total Fees: \$485.00

All families will be charged **\$300 in addition** to the fees above. Upon volunteering the required 2 regular season games and **2 playoff games (if necessary)** a refund of \$300.00 will be given. If you would like to pay the \$300 opt out fee, please include it your last payment. We ask that \$300 refundable deposit be made in the form of a post-dated check for Dec 8, 2025.

Payment Due Dates

Payment #1	May 21	\$200
Payment #2	by June 27	\$185
Payment #3	By July 27	\$100
Refundable Deposit or Opt Out Fee	by July 27	\$300

BAND CAMPS

The Cartersville Marching Band hosts band camps in July. Camps will be at CHS.

☐ **Percussion Camp, Guard Camp, New Wind Member Camp & 2-Day Pre-Camp**

- Monday -Thursday, 7/14-7/17 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)-Percussion & Guard
This four-day session is required for all percussion, guard and new wind students in marching band to learn the fundamentals
Meals: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (Lunch).
- Monday & Tuesday 7/14-7/15 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)-New Wind Members
This three-day session is required for all percussion, guard and new wind students in marching band to learn the fundamentals.
- Wednesday & Thursday 7/16-7/17 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)- All Wind Members
**We ask that students bring their lunch with them. Students will not be allowed off campus for lunch.*
Meals: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (Lunch).

☐ **Band Camp Week #1 @ Cartersville High School**

- Monday through Thursday, 7/21 - 7/24 (8:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
- Friday 7/25 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
This week is designed to review fundamentals and start learning the marching band show. This week is required for all members.
Meals: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (Lunch), 4:00 PM-5:30 PM (Dinner)
**We ask that students bring their lunch with them. Students will not be allowed off campus for lunch.*

☐ **Band Camp Week #2 @ Cartersville High School**

- Monday-Friday, 7/28-7/31 (8:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
- Performance on Thursday at 7:00 PM
This week is designed to finish working on the show and is required for all members.
Meals: 12:00 PM-1:00 PM (Lunch), 4:00 PM-5:30 PM (Dinner)
**We ask that students bring their lunch with them. Students will not be allowed off campus for lunch.*

Camps are mandatory for all marching band students. You will receive more information about Band Camp (what to bring, daily schedules, activities, etc.) in a special edition of The Weather Report planned for distribution in late June.

VOLUNTEERING WITH THE CHS BAND

Cartersville Band offers so many programs for students that it literally takes a village to operate all of the activities. We will need you too! You, the parents and guardians of these talented students, are vital to the success of our program. Your volunteerism is much appreciated at every event. There are all kinds of jobs; one is sure to fit you!

Event Planning:	Organizing and planning fundraisers
Chaperoning:	Accompanying students; administering first aid
Pit Crew:	Building props and moving equipment
Spirit Wear:	Selling branded items at events
Concessions:	Cooking and serving food to guests
Band Banquet:	Event planning and decorating
Photography:	Capturing images of our talented students
Video Production:	Producing videos from our concerts and events
Uniforms:	Fitting students and maintaining inventory

These high school years go by so fast! One way to share them with our young musicians is to volunteer in an organization that they really care about. Your child might say they would rather not have you around, but most parents find that, in reality, the kids love your involvement and will thank you in the future! CHS is so fortunate to have great directors and staff. Parents are still greatly needed though to help with the meticulous details of fundraising, organizing events, transporting, and the overall “feeding and watering” of an organization this big. The band needs families to be able to function. Grandparents, siblings, or any member of your family can get involved and make a difference.

- Opportunities include holding a position on the board, leading or serving on a committee, fundraising, chaperoning, managing equipment needs, hospitality, etc.
- While some jobs have to be done during rehearsals and performances, there are several tasks can be handled at home or whenever you have time.
- Volunteering is a great way to stay connected with your child and get to know other band families at Cartersville High School.
- Volunteer opportunities are published every week in The Weather Report newsletter, in emails from the Volunteer Coordinator.
- Check early and sign up quickly. The most popular positions fill up quickly!

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT = A SUCCESSFUL BAND PROGRAM

ENSEMBLES

Cartersville Classroom Bands (2025-2026 School Year)

These ensembles focus on large ensemble & chamber ensemble literature during the school day. Students will be placed into one of three band classes that meet daily as part of the 4-period academic schedule. Each of the three ensemble classes are ability-based and have a mix of 9th – 12th grade students. Most freshmen are placed into Concert Band (intermediate). Advanced players are placed into Symphonic Band (advanced). All percussionists are placed in the Percussion Ensemble Class (mastery).

Cartersville Purple Hurricane Marching Band (July 2025-December 2025)

The marching band is an extracurricular ensemble that learns drills and music specific to performances at football games, parades and at least three marching competitions. The marching band has summer rehearsals, week-long summer camp sessions and regular practices at least three days a week after school. (Mon: 4:05- 6:05 PM, Tues: 4:05-7:05PM, Thur 4:05-7:05 PM).

**Registration for classroom band takes place when you register for your CHS classes. Marching Band is an extracurricular activity; therefore, sign-ups are separate. Complete the online "2023 Registration Form." You must be enrolled in a band class to participate in Marching Band (with the exception of color guard, piano and guitar players.)*

- ☐ In addition to the Marching Program, musicians have the option of joining the **Cartersville Jazz Band**. This ensemble focuses on the true American art form of Jazz. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays after football season ends.

- ☐ **Cartersville Winter Guard** performs to prerecorded music in a gym from late November until April. This activity combines modern dance with flag, rifle and sabre choreography. Membership is open to any student at Cartersville High School. Members of this group do not have to enroll in a band class. Winter Guard members rehearse three days a week, with occasional Saturday rehearsals. They compete on Saturdays in the Southern Association of Performance Arts (SAPA) and Winter Guard International circuits (WGI). Auditions take place in late Fall.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

For complete information about the CHS Band Program, be sure to download and read the Cartersville High School Band Handbook on the website under resources.

Attendance

Full attendance at every rehearsal and performance is essential for the group's success. The band cannot effectively rehearse or perform without everyone present. The absence policy is the same as Cartersville High School. Any other absence must be excused by the Band Directors with as much notice as possible. Personal conflicts such as doctor's appointments, jobs, homework, etc. will not be excused. An unexcused absence from a Marching Band, Jazz Band or Winter Guard event will result in a loss of privileges and possibly removal from the ensemble. Tardiness of more than 5 minutes will be counted as an absence. Arrive early to be on time. Three tardies count as one absence. The student's membership depends on consistent participation.

If a student quits after August 1, a \$200 "quitter's" fee will be assessed due to a writing of our drill because w

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONTINUED

Uniform Inspections/Dismissals

Inspections take place prior to football games/concerts in the band room.

Students should be in place no later than the time they are told to report. Your student, their uniform and all auxiliary equipment will be inspected prior to departure from CHS. Failure to pass inspection could lead to your child not performing with the band at that performance.

Dismissals take place after football games in the band room.

Students must turn in their uniform, hung up correctly. Your student will stay to listen to any messages from the directors. There are times where information about the following day, week or event is given just before dismissal. This helps students with remembering when and where they are supposed to be. Students must gather their belongings, put away uniforms and their instruments before they can leave. This entire process can take 30 minutes AFTER a game has ended or the bus has arrived back at Cartersville.

Expectations

Due to the nature of the organization and the number of participants, band discipline must be strict. The structure in place is to ensure the best educational environment for ALL students. Band students and parents must be willing to accept the ideals, principles and rules of the organization. Band members are constantly on display and represent Cartersville High School and the city of Cartersville; each member must always be aware of the importance of good behavior. Any misconduct casts a direct reflection on the band and school and may well undo the good work of many loyal students. Students who are repeatedly disciplined by school authorities for violation of school policies are a liability to the program and will be subject to dismissal.

- Drinking alcoholic beverages and taking non-prescription drugs will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate dismissal.
- Any use of tobacco, tobacco/drug paraphernalia and/or illegal substances will not be tolerated.
- Absolutely no hazing or initiation of rookies in any form will be tolerated.
- All school rules (including smoking) will be strictly enforced.
- Insubordination directed toward staff or chaperones will not be tolerated.

- Students are required to remain with the band after games and will be dismissed as a group.
- Courtesy is always expected. When assigned to a particular group or bus, students are expected to stay with that group until the chaperone or the directors/student leadership dismisses everyone.
- Young adults do not damage property or equipment. As Cartersville Band Program members, students reflect not only the values they learn at Cartersville HS, but in the community as well.
- Students should not leave their personal items in the band room, other than instruments. The band room is not a holding area to keep shoes, books, clothing, radios and other such items.
- All instruments are to be properly locked up in the instrument room when not in use. It is not wise to leave instruments in the band room for long periods of time.

UNIFORMS

Marching Band Rehearsals

For rehearsals, students are encouraged to wear:

- Athletic shoes (no flip flops, CROCS, boots or high-top tennis shoes)
- A light-colored t-shirt (white or grey)
- Shorts or sweatpants (no jeans or pants)
- Students may want to bring an extra t-shirt in case of a sudden rain shower.
- Extra deodorant is helpful too!

Marching Band Uniform

- We will fit all students for a uniform jacket and pants ("bibbers"). Their uniform will stay at the school at all times when they are not wearing them.
- A wonderful committee will teach the students how to keep the uniforms clean and hang them up so they are ready for the next event.
- Each student is given a uniform, garment bag and shako (hat) all of which are stored at the school. Each student receives marching band shoes as part of their Marching Band Kit. These are the special marching shoes. We will fit your child at the beginning of the season and order shoes for them. If uniform parts are not received back, we will hold the student's report card or diploma until all items have been returned.

Color Guard Uniform

- Color Guard members must have appropriate undergarments for their uniform, along with shoes, gloves and all necessary accessories and make-up.

Note: Students should plan to wear their performance shirt and athletic/compression shorts under their uniform. They often change into and out of uniform in the Band Room as a group. They should wear tall black socks of their own. While in uniform: Hair is pulled up and back. Guys with long hair must pull it up and back. All hair should be held in place with bands and pins that are the same color as hair. Colored drinks, condiments, and any other messy or greasy food may not be eaten while in uniform. Clear liquids only.

YEAR AT A GLANCE

We are publishing this overview of the Marching Band and Classroom Bands commitments. A preliminary rehearsal schedule for Marching Band is detailed below. Please check the Band Calendar on the website regularly. Saturday dates are considered all day events.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MB Rehearsal	MB Rehearsal	No Rehearsal	MB Rehearsal	Football games	Competitions & Mini Camps
4:05 – 6:05 PM	4:05 -7:05 PM		4:05 -7:05 PM	6:00 PM- Call Time 7:10 PM- Pre-Game	TBD

JUNE Leadership Activities Leadership Camp	DECEMBER Football Season ends Winter Concert (Classroom Bands) All State/District Honor Band Auditions
JULY Band Camp Group picture of Marching Band Football Program Ads Due Uniform Fittings Senior Portraits (in uniform)	JANUARY JanFest @ UGA All State and District Honor Band (2 nd Round) Winter Guard Competitions Begin Rising 9 th Grader Night
AUGUST Football Games start District Honor Band/All State Sign Ups Marching Band Rehearsals & Saturday Mini Camps	FEBRUARY Pre-LGPE Concerts All State Clinic District Honor Band Clinic
SEPTEMBER Football Games Bartow County Marching Exhibition 8 th Grade Night After School Band Rehearsals (Classroom Bands) Kiddie Day Parade Mini-Camps	MARCH Spring Trip LGPE Concerts Drum Major Auditions Meet & Greet (Seniors/Prospective Students)
OCTOBER Football Games Competition Season Begins Fall Concert (Classroom Bands) Fundraisers District & All State Jazz Auditions	APRIL Auditions for Drumline & Color Guard Auditions for Classroom Bands Leadership Interviews Registration Night
NOVEMBER Winter Guard and Jazz Band Begins	MAY Band Banquet Spring Concert (Classroom Bands)

Map for CHS Marching Band

