



# Carroll Dragon Band

Dear Parents and Students,

The 375 member Dragon Band is made up of 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader students who are enrolled in one of the five performance band classes offered by Carroll HS/ Sr High. As a Dragon Band member students develop their musical talents while participating in the fall marching season and the spring concert season, representing Carroll ISD in performances and at UIL competitions. The following will outline important information for the remainder of this year and the start of next year.

An audition for the upcoming year's band placement will be in May. Students will receive music in March for the audition. Information and requirements will also accompany the audition music. Due to the number of students and the need for future planning, this audition is very important and the material should be prepared to ensure an accurate placement for the next year.

Upon the completion of the audition students will be placed in one of the five concert bands. They are as follows: Concert Band A and B, Symphonic Band, Symphonic Winds, and Wind Ensemble. These five bands combine during the fall marching season to form the Dragon Marching Band. During the spring semester, each band focuses on performance as a concert group.

In addition to the concert bands, students are encouraged but not required to take an ensemble course to refine their musical skills. Ensemble classes are offered in Woodwind, Brass, and Percussion as well as Jazz Band. Enrollment in these enrichment courses require concurrent enrollment in a concert band and an audition and director approval is needed for Jazz Band participation. Music theory classes may be offered based on Staff availability and student enrollment.

The marching season begins the last week of May with a 3 day rookie camp (May 25, 26 & 27) for incoming freshmen and students new to marching. During this camp we will cover the basic fundamentals of marching. We will practice after school at CHS. On May 27 the upperclassmen will join freshmen in learning the marching audition material. Then in early August, the full band begins practice to refine marching, music techniques, and learn the charts of a new marching program. When classes begin, rehearsals are held on three days after school each week. Fall Enrollment in the Percussion class is required of all Level I percussion students to facilitate the drumline. The football season begins in late August with the Dragon Band performing at every game, home and away.

The five performance bands present a winter concert every December and a spring concert in May. They may also compete in the UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest in the spring. The spring band trip also presents an opportunity to perform or compete outside our immediate geographic area.

During the Fall Marching season, students will be asked to qualify their marching status and participation in the extra-curricular activities of the Dragon Band. The level of participation is divided into two categories: Level I – A student participating at the Varsity Level as a competition performer, alternate, or field assistant; Level II – A student with another extracurricular activity that precludes **full** participation at a competitive level but will participate in a limited capacity at games **OR** A student who is precluded from participation at any of the fall activities due to another extracurricular **school related** activity. ***Students who have a conflict between band and another school related event will need to speak with the directing staff to determine the participation level.*** **A Physical Education Waiver will be earned only by Level I participants.**

Attached you will find a Registration Survey. We are asking you to fill it out and return the form to your director within the next week. In addition during the audition process in May we will ask for a definitive indication of participation for the marching band. This information will assist the Dragon Band Staff in planning for next year.

Below we have provided a listing of events for the remainder of the year and beginning of next. Please use the information for planning.

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**May 2010**

May 1.....Saturday ... Auditions ..... CHS 9:00am- 3:30 pm  
 May 7&8.....Fri-Sat ..... Drumline Auditions ..... CHS TBD  
 May 25, 26, 27..Tue-Thu .... Rookie Camp ..... CHS 4:30-6:30pm  
 May 27 Upperclassmen join the Rookies

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**July/ August 2009**

July 29 .....Thu..... Leadership Camp..... CHS 9:00 am- 4:00pm  
 July 30 .....Fri..... Leadership Camp ..... CHS 7:30 am- 3:30pm  
 Aug 2-13 .....M-F ..... Drumline Camp ..... TBD  
 Aug 2-13 .....M-F ..... Summer Band Camp ..... CHS 7:30 am - 3:30 pm  
 Aug 16-17 .....M-W..... Summer Band Camp..... CHS 6:00 pm- 9:00pm  
 Aug 19.....Th..... Parent Preview and Social ..... Dragon Stad. 7:00pm- 9:00pm  
*All students regardless of level must attend Band Camp Aug 2-4*  
 Aug 18 .....Wed..... Convocation/ Pictures ..... CHS 7:30- ??