



Welcome to Cario Middle School Band Program

Dear Parents and Students,

I would personally like to welcome you to Cario Middle School and the Cario band program. We are one of the most successful band programs in South Carolina, ranking as the state's top program for the past 19 years! With more than 360 students currently enrolled in band at Cario, we are Charleston County's largest band program.

Your child will benefit from the outstanding instruction provided by my associate directors, Samantha Mumford and Adam Vernon-Young. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Vernon-Young to the Cario Band team this year after having him as a student teacher last year! We also offer sectional instruction from area symphony musicians and professional teachers throughout the year. In short, we pride ourselves on giving your child a musical education second to none.

It is very important that you update or fill out the "*Student Information Sheet*", so we may be able to better communicate important band information to you. A current email address is a must! Fill out all papers in the student packet (the Cario Lessons Academy is optional, but strongly encouraged!). Include any payments in the packet as well, they will be processed by our band booster treasurer. Returning this completed packet will count as your child's first grade and is due by September 6th. Packets may be turned in during class or at the Parent Meeting.

Students renting a large instrument (horn, euphonium, tuba, bassoon, bari sax) from the school can also include the instrument rental form and payment.

We will have a NEW PARENTS meeting on Tuesday, August 27th at 6:00PM in the Cario gym for 6th grade parents and all who are new to the Cario Band. If you were in band years ago, things have changed a lot! If you are new to this activity, there is much to learn. Please plan to attend this very important meeting. 6th Grade students can also rent or purchase their instrument and supplies at this meeting, as a music company will be on site.

Once again, welcome to the Cario band family!

Jeff Scott
Director of Bands, Cario Middle School



Cario Band Financial Checklist

Student Name	
Instrument	
Class	6WW 6B 7WW 7B 8
Tshirt Size	YM YL YXL AS AM AL AXL AXXL AXXL

Make checks payable to Cario Band Boosters. Please write a separate check for each item. **In the memo line, list student name, grade/class, and what is being paid for.** Ex. John Smith, 6B, FSA

Please put all paperwork and payments in the student band packet and return at the new parent meeting on August 27 or in class before September 6.

Mandatory Payment for all band members:

Check next to included payments

Fair Share Assessment (FSA): \$250 Total May be paid all at once or split into two installments. 2 nd payment due 12/6/19	FSA Includes: music, all student binder materials, class books, band t-shirt, band uniform, Smart Music subscription, sectional teacher payments, guest instructor/lecturer payments, and competition registration fees	Paying FSA in full now: \$250	
		Paying first installment only: \$125	

Additional Payments for some band members:

Percussion Fee (all percussion students)	\$35	
Instrument Rental Fee (students using a Cario instrument. This includes all students playing French horn, Euphonium, Tuba, Bassoon, Bari Sax) -Can be paid \$150 for the full year, or two payments of \$75 2 nd payment due 1/25/19	\$150 for full year	
	\$75 Fall only	
Cario Lessons Academy (CLA): Not mandatory, but highly recommended! See CLA registration form for more information.	\$50 registration fee for Fall lessons	
Smart Music Microphone (only for 7 th or 8 th graders that need a new microphone)	\$30	

Total Amount Included

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THOMAS CARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

2019 ~ 2020 Parent Check-list

Heads up, parents! Whether you're a new band parent or an old hand at this band business, please review all materials so that you know what's expected! We offer the following check-list to assist you in getting off to a good start. Good luck, and welcome to the new band year!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Read the Band Handbook issued to your student. <i>Really read it!</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Return the Student Information Sheet (with or without changes), Statement of Responsibility, SmartMusic & Microphone Order Form (if needed) and Internet Permission Form in the Student's manila envelope. Completing and submitting all required forms is a homework grade and is due by September 6 th . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Create a "band in-box" at home and on your computer to keep important band information. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Check our website http://cariobands.org . |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Please read the weekly "From the Band Room" (FTBR) emails from the president. This email can be lengthy at times. However, the FTBR has to be detailed in order to avoid unnecessary email correspondence. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Practice Charts ~ DUE EACH FRIDAY . Make sure your student writes their name on the form and you sign the practice chart on a weekly basis (make sure it is legible). Each year we get a pile of Practice Charts that are thrown away, and no credit is given to your student because they aren't filled out correctly. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Review the band calendar in the handbook and mark important band dates, especially rehearsals, concert dates and auditions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Actively Fundraise: Band is expensive and we must fundraise so that we can keep our band fees at a reasonable level and address the equipment needs of our rapidly growing program. We have one general fundraiser ~ Cario Bands Letter Writing Campaign. The Coupon Book & Pie fundraisers are provided for your student to offset the cost of Fair Share Assessment and spring trips. As long as we meet our goals with the general fundraisers, your student receives a larger student profit percentage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Look for chances to fulfill the concert attendance requirement. What constitutes a concert? One in which your student's instrument is played. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Review the Fair Share Assessment (FSA) payment schedule, to ensure you are in compliance. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Purchase or rent your student's instrument. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Pay the percussion usage fees, if you have a percussion student. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Make sure your student has the required band materials and supplies every day. Most supplies will be issued in class. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Make sure your student has the complete band uniform and that it fits and is hemmed appropriately. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Explore the numerous volunteer opportunities. |

All of the published information from the band room is designed to keep you and your student informed and prepared for the year ahead. Let us know when you have questions - we're here to help.



CARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND INTERNET POLICY

For Cario Band Booster Use Only:

Form #4

Grade: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

Internet Policy

The Cario Middle School Band Boosters' website address is: <http://cariobands.org>. This site will contain important band information and photographs of band activities.

It is our policy that:

- Photographs posted on Cario Bands Facebook and our website will generally include **3 or more students**.
- Students **WILL NOT** be individually recognized by name at any time.
- Student contact information, (phone number, address, emails), **WILL NOT** be posted on the website.

If you check the box indicating you **DO NOT WISH** for your student's picture to be posted on our website or Facebook, you must attach a **recent** photo of your child for identification purposes. In group photographs, we will eliminate any shot where your student is **clearly and obviously identifiable**.

_____ I grant permission for my child's photograph to be used on the Cario Band website.

_____ I grant permission for my child's photograph to be used on the Cario Band Facebook/Instagram account.

_____ **I do not grant** permission for my child's photograph to be used on the Cario Band website

_____ **I do not grant** permission for my child's photograph to be used on the Cario Band Facebook/Instagram account

Student Last Name	First Name	Parent Last Name	First Name
Parent or Guardian Signature			Date



CARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

For Cario Band Booster Use Only:

Form #2

Grade: ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

Student

I have completely read the Cario Middle School Band Handbook. I understand and agree that I will follow each rule outlined in the handbook, including those on classroom and rehearsal behavior, before/after school rehearsals, and concerts. I understand that my contribution to the band is an important part of the ensemble's success. I understand that if I miss an after-school rehearsal or band concert that my grade and my participation in the ensemble will be affected, unless that absence has been excused.

Student's Last Name	First Name

Student's Signature	Date
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Parent

I have completely read the Cario Middle School Band Handbook.

- I understand that my child is expected to follow each rule outlined in the handbook, including those on classroom behavior, rehearsal behavior, before/after school rehearsals, and concerts.
- I understand that my child's contribution to the band is an important part of the ensemble's success. I understand that if my child misses a before/after school rehearsal or band concert, that his or her grade and participation in the ensemble will be affected, unless that absence has been excused. I also agree to pick up my child no later than 10 minutes after the rehearsal has ended. If I am going to be late, I will telephone Mr. Scott so that he may be made aware of the situation.
- I understand there is a financial obligation for my child's participation in the Cario Band Program.
 - Fair Share assessments cannot be prorated. Students who enroll in band are expected to remain in band for the entire school year. Students who drop band are still obligated to pay the Fair Share assessment.
 - An initial payment of \$100 is required no later than Parent Band Night. The Fair Share balance must be paid by December 6th.

I understand that Concert Festival requires each Concert & Symphonic Band member's attendance.

Video Permission Form

I give my permission for both inside and outside of the school day. I understand these recordings will be used as an educational aid during teacher-education conferences and clinics. I also understand that my child's identity will not be released without my permission.

Parent or Guardian Last Name	First Name	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date



CARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND SMARTMUSIC & MICROPHONE FORM

What is SmartMusic?

SmartMusic is award-winning interactive music software that provides the ideal practice environment. With a subscription to SmartMusic, students have unlimited access to the world's largest accompaniment library for all ages and skill levels, which includes thousands of pieces of music.

How does SmartMusic work?

Students open an assignment from their teachers, which contains customized instructions for playing a particular piece of music.

- As the music appears on the screen, they play along with background accompaniment.
- Following each performance, SmartMusic provides an immediate assessment, displaying the notes that students performed correctly in green and the notes they performed incorrectly in red.
- Students record and listen to each performance to hear how they really sound and how their part fits within the whole.
- When they are satisfied with their performance, they send a recording to their teacher who can assess, score, and build a portfolio to track their progress over time.

What do you need to do?

SmartMusic subscriptions are purchased by the Band Booster Club. They are paid for in advance and are not refundable.

- All Students will receive an installation instruction sheet.
- Students **MUST** activate the subscription on their home computer **NO LATER THAN** September 21st. If this is not completed, the subscription expires and you are responsible to purchase another copy.
- Subscriptions for existing accounts will expire September 1st, so 7th and 8th grade students must reactivate using the Installation Code.
- The software requires a microphone, which can be purchased through the band program. These microphones are specifically designed to use with instruments, and provide the best results with SmartMusic. If you own an ipad, the ipad does not need an external microphone. There is a built-in mic. Laptops with built in mics do not always work well. The microphone picks up sound better, as it clips right to the instrument.

Please complete the form below for students that need a microphone.

Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Grade & Class: ☐ 6 Woodwinds (6WW) ☐ 6 Brass (6B)

****Students DO NOT need a smart music microphone if they plan to use an ipad for smart music assignments. The ipad has a built in microphone. Do not return this form if you are using an ipad for smart music. ****



PRIVATE LESSONS ACADEMY AT CARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

As a convenience to our parents, there will be a supervised weekly private lessons program located at Cario Middle School. The Lessons Academy will offer Charleston's finest teachers in one location to provide our students the opportunity to excel in music, while making getting to those lessons more convenient for our band parents! ***No need to drive across town in traffic! Lessons without the stress and lost time.***

The private lessons staff consists of Charleston's finest teachers, symphony members and professional players. Each teacher has been approved by the band staff due to their track record of providing high quality lessons for the Cario community. In a recent study, over 80% of the students selected for All-State Band were enrolled in weekly private lesson instruction.

Lessons are on Wednesdays starting at 4 pm with the last lesson at 7:30 pm (lessons are 30 minutes). We will have two sessions, each lasting 15 weeks. Registration for Fall Lessons Academy begins August 22nd. There are limited spots available for each teacher, and the instructors will establish the rate for each lesson.

If you are interested in reserving a spot at Cario Middle School Lessons Academy for your student, please fill out and return the registration form and fee in the band packet or directly to Mr. Scott.

<p>Fall Session: 9/11/2019 ~ 1/15/2020 Registration starts on Thursday, August 22, 2019 Registration Fee: \$50 paid at time of registration. Make checks payable to: Cario Band Booster <i>Note: Registration Fee refund deadline – 9/11/19</i> No lessons on 11/27, 12/18</p>	<p>Spring Session: 1/22/2020 ~ 5/13/2020 Registration starts on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 Registration Fee: \$50 paid at time of registration. Make checks payable to: Cario Band Booster <i>Note: Registration Fee refund deadline – 1/22/20</i> No lessons on 3/25, 4/8, 5/6</p>
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Select your preferred time slots in order, keeping in mind that it is impossible to schedule everyone at 4 pm. There will be situations where beginners will need earlier times due to supervision issues, etc. We will do our best to meet everyone's needs, but we need everyone to be as flexible as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott at director@cariobands.org

Please complete and return the registration form starting August 22, 2019 ~ Fall Session Only!

Fall Session: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 ~ Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Student Last Name:		First Name						
Class	<input type="checkbox"/> 6 th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 7 th Grade	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 th Grade					
Instrument:		Name of Instructor (if already in lessons)						
Parent Name:				Phone Number:				
Email Address								
Preferred Time (PM) ~ Rank by preference (1~8)	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30

Date Received: _____ Payment Received: _____



Join Cario Band Booster's for the Annual

New Family Welcome Breakfast

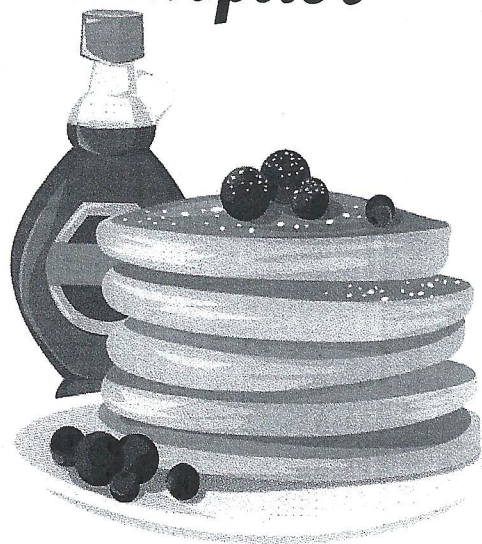
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1875 US-17
Mount Pleasant

Saturday, September 28th

7:00am - 9:00am

Please RSVP By Thursday, September 12th



Meet Experienced Band Students / Meet the Booster Board / Talk to 8th

Grade Band members/ Ask Questions / Enjoy HOT Pancakes

Student Last Name:

Student First Name:

Class ☐ 6 Woodwinds ☐ 6 Brass ☐ 7 Woodwinds ☐ 7 Brass ☐ 8th Grade

Let us know what time you will be arriving and how many family members will be joining us

___ 7:00am-7:30am

___ 7:30am-8:00am

___ 8:00am-8:30am

___ 8:30am-9:00am

Number of Guest ___

Number of Guest ___

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Number of Guest ___

To RSVP:

~Complete the form and place it in the Welcome Breakfast Bin in the band room

~Email RSVP to events@cariobands.org