

HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
WINTER PERCUSSION PREPARATORY PROGRAM 2010

TO: All percussion students interested in participating in the high school marching band for 2010-1011

FROM: D. Rohrer, Band Director

DATE: January 12, 2010

This winter we will again have a Marching Band Percussion Preparatory Program, a program to prepare our drum line for the 2010 competitive fall season. This program is open to present 9th through 11th grade members of the marching band, incoming 8th grade middle school percussionists who want to be part of next year's marching band percussion section (next year's 9th grade), and any other high school students interested in being a member of next year's high school marching band percussion section, including mallet players.

This past band season the high school marching band included several 8th grade members who were very successful in this activity. For this reason, we are inviting present 7th grade percussionists who would like to be considered for membership in next year's high school marching band program to participate in this winter program.

For present 7th and 8th grade students and any new high school members, this program will serve to introduce you to the technical requirements of our competitive drum line and to help you understand what our marching band program is all about. This will enable you to meet our staff and other student members of our drum line. It will also enable our staff to place you on the appropriate instrument for next fall.

For veteran drum line members, this program will enable you to continue to improve your technical skills, improve your musicianship level, move to another instrument if interested, and to meet new members of next year's section.

This preparatory program will begin on Monday evening **February 1** and will rehearse from 6:PM to 8:30PM in the McGowan High School Band Room. The band room is located directly behind the auditorium. Enter the building using the outside doors behind the auditorium. It is strongly encouraged that all eligible students participate in this program. It proved quite beneficial to new members last year and certainly helped the overall level of excellence in our drum line this past fall! For new students, this will help with bridging the gap between middle school and high school. For veteran members, this will help us get a start on next year. This program will assist everyone to "function as a percussion team" for next fall! Carlisle continues to have a reputation for having an excellent percussion program. **We want to continue this tradition** and we want you to be part of it!

On the back of this sheet you will find the schedule of practices, the first one beginning **Monday February 1**. So that we can be prepared for you at our first rehearsal, please let your band director or me know that you plan to attend by January 25.

If you have any questions, please call me at 240-6800, extension 26008 or email at rohrerd@carliseschools.org. I hope you can participate in this special program!

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SCHEDULE

The following is the Monday night rehearsal schedule for this percussion program. *Attendance and home practice*, which equates to - commitment and dedication – are necessary elements to achieve **excellence** and **success**.

If school is closed or is dismissed early on a Monday because of inclement weather, we will not rehearse.

February:

Monday	February 1	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	February 8	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	February 15	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	February 22	6pm-8:30pm

March:

Monday	March 1	NO REHEARSAL
Monday	March 8	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	March 15	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	March 22	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	March 29	6pm-8:30pm

April:

Monday	April 5	NO REHEARSAL
Monday	April 12	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	April 19	6pm-8:30pm
Monday	April 26	6pm-8:30pm

May:

Monday	May 3	6:pm-8:30pm
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*Note: the winter percussion group may be performing at our annual Indoor Friends and Family Night with our indoor guard. The date of this special performance has not been established, but would probably be sometime in late April.