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Dear **Returning Member Families,**

Welcome back to another season with the Carlsbad High School Marching Lancers!

My name is Mrs. Sarah Zotian, or "Ms. Z." While this is my first season with the Marching Lancers, I know many of you are returning with valuable experience, traditions, and memories that make this program so special. I recently moved here from Augusta County, Virginia, where I taught marching band, jazz band, concert band, elementary general music, and just about everything in between. I couldn't be more excited to begin this journey with all of you.

As returning members, you are the heart of this program and I look forward to listening to all your amazing stories. This season, you'll play an important role in welcoming new members, modeling what it's like to be a Marching Lancer, and creating a positive environment for all. At the same time, every season is a fresh start. Together, we'll continue to build a culture rooted in high expectations, respect, accountability, and continuous growth. Change can be hard, and I vow to always be a good listener to you and learn what made your Marching Band experience so special.

This is a student-centered program. Every decision we make is intended to support your growth as a musician, performer, leader, and *person*. We will challenge you because growth requires challenge, and we'll provide the support you need to meet those challenges.

My other hope is that this program continues to be your *home* and your *safe space* (parents, that includes you, too!). On the days when you're struggling, feeling off balance, or overwhelmed with homework, I hope you know your marching band family is here for you. That sense of community is something truly special, and it's something we will continue to build together.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me through the BAND app or by email at **sarah.zotian@carlsbadusd.net**. I'm looking forward to an amazing season with all of you!

Best,

Mrs.Sarah Zotian
Band Director- Carlsbad High Schoo

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From the Boosters:

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR WITH THE MARCHING LANCERS Whether you are a returning band family or joining us for the first time, we hope you will consider getting involved as we support our students throughout this exciting season. As we welcome a new band director and begin a new chapter together, we look forward to watching our students grow, succeed, and create lasting memories. With our show *SPIN*, this year is sure to be full of energy, excitement, and plenty of opportunities to strengthen our Band Family.

One thing we all have in common is **PRIDE** in the accomplishments of our students. They will work hard, experience incredible teamwork and camaraderie, and most of all have a lot of fun. You'll never forget the first time you see the band marching in uniform. Let's all work together to support them:

- **Volunteer and join us!** We are a welcoming and fun group. It is a great way to be involved. We are always looking for new talent.
- **Make a donation to the band.** The school district pays the salary for one director and provides buses. The rest is up to us. The benefit your student receives from her/his involvement in this organization is well worth your investment!
- **Let us hear your new ideas** - About anything!

Summer registration will take place on **August 12th 6pm (New Members) and 7pm (Returners).** We will use this time to go over any necessary paperwork, have a brief welcome meeting, and confirm enrollment in the BAND APP.

The mission of the band boosters is "to assist in the support of the CHS band program". That boils down to lots of effort and fundraising. If you ever need financial assistance for any item during the year for band/guard, please contact Mrs.Z or a booster board member. We will help you in any way we can.
We look forward to getting together at the potluck, on the last day of band camp. It's a great time to meet other band families, get a sneak preview of this year's show, and cheer on our students & staff for their hard work thus far!

For all the up to date info check out our website: **www.carlsbadlancerbands.com**

-Chris Duvall
President, CHS Band Booster President

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Pizza Dinner Information

On the Friday nights when the band plays at home football games, the students in band are **not allowed** to leave campus for dinner. The pre-football game dinner break will be roughly from 6:00-6:30 at CHS. You can pack dinner for your student, or bring them dinner. This also is included for Preview Show day.

Option #1 Your student packs their own dinner.

Option #2 Get 2 large slices of pizza (2 cheese, 2 pepperoni, or 1 of each) a drink, and a dessert for $7.50 per game ($45 total for season)

At Registration Night you can order pizza through the online store
(You may pay with credit card/check/cash at the end of the evening).

Contact Jen Mendez- jmendez72@gmail.com if you would like to help out.
She will be at the potluck to answer questions about Pizza Nights as well.

HOME FOOTBALL GAMES 2026 & Preview Show*

August 21
September 4
September 11
September 26 (Preview Day)
October 9
October 16

October 27

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Tax Deductible Donation Information

July ___, 2026

Dear Band and Guard Parents:

As we start our exciting fall marching season every donation to the CHS Band Boosters is critical to support the high quality band program that your student enjoys. The CHS Band Boosters is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

The CHS Band Boosters must raise over $115,000 for expenses NOT COVERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. This includes, but is not limited to: band camp, music coaches, color guard coach, marching coach, drill writer, festival entrance fees, instrument repairs, flags, color guard uniforms, pep band t-shirts, and yes, even sheet music.

Though voluntary, we encourage each family to set a goal of raising $700 per student so all students can continue to enjoy this award winning program. Whether you would like to solicit cash donations, use gift cards, or sell things, we encourage families to participate in any and all fundraisers.

The boosters have set up payment options in the Charms store to assist those who wish to donate to the band:

Solo Donation - $700 at registration

Duet Donation - $350 at registration and $350 in November.

Quartet Donation – $175 at registration and $175 each in September, October and November.

Monthly Donation- $70 at registration and $70 each month Sept-June

Custom Donation- You choose the amount you wish to give and when you give it.

If you have questions, please contact Chris Duvall at carlsbadbands.president@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.

Chris Duvall President CHS Band Boosters

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Potluck and Preview Show Information

Friday August 14th @ 5:45pm

CHS Quad (Bring your own lawn Chairs)

Come join us at 5:45pm for Dinner followed by a short Booster Meeting and the Preview Performance of our Marching Show "SPIN"! You will get a chance to meet our new *Band Director*, Mrs.Sarah Zotian, *the Marching Staff,* our *Booster Board,* and other *Band Families*.

You will get the chance to….

- Turn in any remaining paperwork
- Order Spirit Wear
- Enjoy dinner and fellowship with our Band Family!
- Ask Questions!

What Do I Bring?

Senior & Junior. Families please bring a main dish for 12+
Sophomore Families please bring 2 dozen items for dessert
Freshman Families please bring a side dish or salad for 12 or more

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Band Camp Reminders

Aug 3- Aug 7 & August 10-14
8:45am- 3:45pm

These 2 weeks of Band Camp set the foundation for our entire season. We cover a lot in a short amount of time, so please make **every effort** to be at **every rehearsal**

- LUNCH
- WATER
- INSTRUMENT & PENCIL
- 3 IN BINDER (W/SHEET PROTECTORS)
- DOT BOOK+LAYNARD (ASK SECITON LEADER)
- FOCUS + FUN!

QUESTIONS? EMAIL SARAH.ZOTIAN@CARLSBADUSD.NET

OR

MESSAGE ON BANDAPP!

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Drill Masters information

To complete our uniform provided by the school district, each student needs a pair of BLACK Drillmasters. Drillmasters have a custom rolled heel to assist in smooth marching across the field.

Returning students: may wear their pair from last season, or purchase a new pair ($50).

New members: need to purchase a new pair ($50), or we have a small amount of used shoes we can loan out.

If you are unable to purchase these shoes, please contact Mrs.Z so that appropriate arrangements can be made to assist in the purchasing of the shoes or finding a pair of used drillmasters. You *will* be able to make this purchase during our registration the second week of band camp August 12th.

***Students will be able to try on sample shoes during uniform fitting the first week of band camp to ensure the correct size is purchased.**

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Volunteer Interest Form

In order for students to achieve their potential, we need your help. Please volunteer for something. We need everyone to help so we can make this another successful year for the CHS Band and Guard!

FIELD SHOWS: It takes a village to get over 80 band and guard members on the field. Show your support, meet the kids your child spends so much time with, meet other parents. We'll show you what to do. You can sign up to help at one show or all of them. We will make an official sign up Genius once we receive forms and those that fill this out will have early access to the sign up genius for the season.

____Chaperone – Ride the bus with students to and from a field show. We need at least 4 parents per event.

____Equipment volunteer– We need at least 4 per show to help with loading/unloading equipment.

____Uniform helper – Assist with uniform distribution and collection at field shows; we need at least 2 per show.

____Truck Driver- Help tow the large trailer or UHAUL to competitions.

BEHIND THE SCENES:

____Refreshments – Donate a home baked or store bought good or water for the refreshment table at concerts.

____Hospitality Committee – Help with pizza dinners, year-end banquet, and/or band camp potluck.

____Transportation Committee – loading and transport of equipment to and from offsite performances.

____ I am available to help unload equipment when the trailer returns to CHS.

____Uniform Committee – Help with uniform fittings and maintenance

____Sewing– Help with band or drumline uniforms (mainly hemming pants) or sewing flags for Color/Winter Guard.

____Fundraiser Helper – Assist with various fundraising programs

____Booster Board Member – Meetings once a month and involvement in many areas of the booster program

____Prop and set design and construction.

er talents you may have _____

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Registration Information

Wednesday, August 12th 7pm Rm 1704

(Current Freshman plus any upperclassmen new to the CHS Band Program)

We are excited to welcome you back to the CHS Band. In addition, we are also excited to welcome Mrs.Z to our program! She is so excited to work with our band community. This session will include a brief welcome meeting and then transition into signing the necessary paperwork the district needs from us, double check/update our contact info pages, and order any items needed (see list below).

The CHS Bands uses our band website www.carlsbadlancerbands.com as our one stop shop for everything we need during the year for our students. This is something we will go over in our welcome meeting along with our communication platform the BANDAPP.

In an effort to save paper and postage, We will upload the "Returning Member Packet" on the website at carlsbadlancerbands.com *Please take time to review this information BEFORE the meeting once it is posted.*

Thank you so much for taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend this important evening. If you choose to purchase any items that evening (pizza/drillmaster/donations) bring a credit card/checkbook/cash as we're now equipped to take all means of payment.

Best,

If you have any questions, please contact

Chris Duvall (President) - carlsbadhsbands.president@gmail.com
Jenn Price (Communications) - carlsbadhsbands.vicepres@gmail.com
Jamie Burkhalter (New Parent Liaison)-carlsbadhsbands.secretary@gmail.com

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Registration Form

To be filled out on Registration Night 8/12

Name: _____

Student Cell Phone: _____

Student Email (you check!): _____

Do you need new drill masters? yes no

Size?

Do you want Friday Night Pizza? yes no

If yes: 2 cheese 2 pepperoni 1 of each

Are we missing any of the following from you? (highlighted if missing)

Code of Conduct(going over on 8/27) Medical Form

g Mrs.Z should know?

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Code of Conduct Form

This form will be posted soon and will be reviewed as a full band on Thursday 8/27 @ 6pm

Please refer to previous years form on our website.

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Booster Involvement

WE NEED YOU!

Available Booster Positions and Descriptions are below:

☐ Volunteer Coordinator

Oversees the official Sign Up Genius to ensure we have enough parent volunteers for the listed positions as well as confirms chaperones are available for all away trips and if there is none available than attend the field trip.

☐ Transportation Coordinator

Oversees the logistical and transportation needs of the Marching Lancers primarily on Travel days. Can consistently be available to help pull the trailer or drive the Box Truck. Will work with the Front Ensemble section leader on how to load the trailer.

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BAND APP

Join BANDAPP!

This is how Mrs.Z and boosters will communicate and share important information and reminders throughout the season.

- **Step 1:** Download BANDAPP on your device/computer
- **Step 2:** Create you AND your students profile

- **Step 3:** Join

"Carlsbad Lancer Bands Parent Group"
"26/27 Lancer Bands" (see below)

Parent Group

"Carlsbad Lancer Bands Parent Group"

JOIN HERE (CLICK)

Full Band

"26/27 Lancer Bands"

JOIN HERE (CLICK)