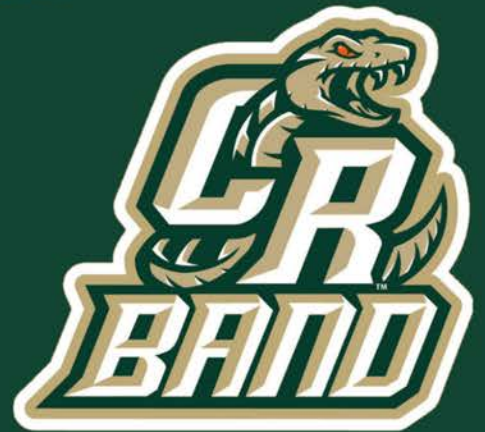


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2023-2024



CATAWBA RIDGE BAND PARENT RESOURCE GUIDE

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DIRECTORS MESSAGE



Patrick Butler
Director of Bands

Welcome parents and especially our new parents joining the high school band program! We are thrilled to have you become a part of one of the most active and exhilarating programs here at Catawba Ridge High School. As we embark on this musical journey together, it's important to recognize that YOU the parents help mold the future of our band program at CRHS.

We wholeheartedly encourage you and your family to get involved in the band activities. While it may require some extra effort, the rewards are truly remarkable. Our vision is to establish ourselves as a premier band program in every area we participate in, and to achieve that, we are committed to innovation, education, and engagement at the highest level.

So, let's come together, embrace the challenges, and enjoy the incredibly rewarding journey ahead. We can't wait to create beautiful music and lasting memories with all of you!

BAND LEADERSHIP

Director of Bands: **Patrick Butler**
Associate Director of Bands: **David Shives**
Percussion Director: **Chris Smith**
Color Guard Director: **Matthew McCurley**
Battery Coordinator: **Bradley Wilson**
Battery Instructor: **Cameron Adams**
Battery Instructor: **Alex Nees**
Battery Instructor: **Josh Stowe**
Front Ensemble Coordinator: **Lauren Ogle**
Front Ensemble Instructor: **Alexa Schroder**

Color Guard Instructor: **Jenna Nun**
Color Guard Instructor: **Jerimey Kirby**
Visual Caption Head: **Scot Mitchell**
Band Instructor: **Melissa Burroughs**
High Brass Instructor: **Keenan Harmon**
Low Brass Instructor: **Nathan Hudson**
Woodwind Instructor: **Jordan Laird**
Clarinet Instructor: **Connie Akers**
Electronics Coordinator: **Tyler Tickle**



BAND BOOSTER BOARD

The booster club exists to support the band organization by assisting the band staff to perform to the best of their abilities, and to give the students the best possible experience in our award winning program.

Every parent/guardian with a student in the band is a member of the CR Band Booster Club. Every April, the Band Boosters elect Board Officers.



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Camille Heisler
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Gisela Marty-Muniz
Caryn Rich
David Salisbury
Jeff Schroder

Lewis Tackett
Jay Wolf

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

It takes many volunteers and committees to make the band a success. Below is the contact list of committee chairs/contacts.

Communications: Melissa Reinhardt | communications@crhs.band

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Charms: Emily Ogden | charms@crhs.band

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Uniforms: Jodie Glenn | uniforms@crhs.band

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Mattress Sale: Torie Combs | mattress@crhs.band

Chaperones: Citadel Garcia | chaperones@crhs.band

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General Inquiries: info@crhs.band



PAYMENT & FEES

Background

In a typical year, the cost for students to participate in the CRHS Band is approximately \$1,800 per student. The school district provides some funding, but it is essential for the band to raise additional monies to achieve a high level of success.

The school district imposes a \$100.00 activity fee to cover transportation costs for the band. That is NOT included in the band fees as it does not go to the band program. You pay this online directly to the school.



Questions & Answers

What are the band fees for 2023-2024?

Marching Band Fees for the fall of 2023 are \$850 per student (optional indoor groups are separate). Fee payment schedule is as follows:

- \$100 Deposit due March 29th, 2023
- \$200 Due July 8th, 2023
- \$200 Due August 8th, 2023
- \$200 Due September 8th, 2023
- \$150 Due October 8th, 2023

There is a multiple student discount of \$50 per student if you have more than one child in the band. There is a discount of \$50 if the full payment of \$800 is made before July 8th, 2023.

What do the band fees I pay to the booster club cover?

Student meals, medical supplies, music, drill, props, flags, equipment transportation, specialty instruction, contest registration, uniform maintenance, administration, etc.

How do I pay these fees?

Payments may be made through the Paypal link on the main page of the website. Checks may be mailed to PO Box 1114, Fort Mill, SC 29716. Checks need to be made out to FMDBBC with CR Band in the memo. Please email charms@crhs.band to apply Charms points to payments.

What additional items will I need to purchase?

If your student does not already have them (or has outgrown them), they will need to purchase marching shoes, gloves, and other section specific items. Black calf-length socks, black compression shorts, and a one gallon water jug are also needed. Color guard members additionally need to provide warm-up, duffel, dance shoes, gloves, tights.

ABOUT CHARMS

Charms is a website where you will find your student's band account, point balance, the calendar to sign up for stadium events, and receive messages from the band director and booster club. Go to www.charmsoffice.com to log on and get started. The link is also on the main page of crhs.band website.

New to Charms?

To Access Charms for the First Time:

- Go to the Charms website (<https://www.charmsoffice.com/>).
- Click Login in the upper right corner.
- Choose the Parent/Students/Members tab
- The School Code is crhsband
- Click "Enter Charms"
- The "Initial Student Area Password" is the first three letters of the first name and the first three letters of the last name.
 - Example: John Smith's Student Area Password would be JohSmi. The capital letters are required.
- The system will prompt you to change the password.

If you have logged in previously and know your password, go to the crhs.band website and click on the Charms logo on the right hand side to take you to the login screen

If at any time you get locked out of the system or forget your new password, please send Emily an email so that it can be reset. Emily's email is charms@crhs.band.

To make a payment:

There are two ways to pay your band fees:

01

Write a check to FMDBBC and mail it to:

FMDBBC

PO Box 1114

Fort Mill, SC 29716

Please include your student's name

02

Pay online through the band website:

- Go to <https://crhs.band>
- Scroll down the screen and you will see a section titled "PAY FEES WITH PAYPAL"
- Click on the drop down arrow and choose the type of payment you are making (ex. Marching Band Fees, Instrument Rental Fee, Accessories, etc).
- Type your child's name in the box called "Student Name"
- Click the yellow "Buy Now" button and follow the PayPal steps. A fee does apply.

**If you would like Charms points applied to your band fees, email Emily at charms@crhs.band.

Feel free to email questions to charms@crhs.band and/or president@crhs.band.

ADDITIONAL FEES

This is a list of addition items you may need to purchase throughout the marching band season. We wanted to list them here to give you advanced notice (prices are estimates and subject to change).

- District Transportation Fee (this fee can be paid on the CRHS or Middle School site and goes directly to the Fort Mill School District) **\$100**
 - *This fee is placed on any student in an activity that uses school buses for transportation.*
- Band Shoes (excludes Color Guard), **\$50**
- Gloves (depends on instrument; suggest 2-3 pairs), **\$5/pair**
- Duffle Bag. Used to hold shoes/gloves/extras, **\$60**
- Instrument Rental Fee, if your child uses a Catawba Ridge Instrument
- Black Socks, black bike/compression shorts for under the uniform (This depends on the uniform for each season, so wait until you receive direction from Mr. Butler or Mr. Shives. This does not apply to Color Guard).

Additional Costs to Color Guard Only:

- Make up (prices vary)
- Jacket, **\$60**
- Tights, **\$30**
- Dance Shoes, **\$40**

Optional items that are offered during the year:

- Holiday ornament (goes with Marching Show theme), **\$15**
- If the band wins the State Championship:
 - State Championship ring, **\$300**
 - Band Picture

Other fees:

The above fees are for Marching Band. If your child continues into Concert Band there are additional fees (prices are estimates and subject to change).

Concert Band Attire:

- Tuxedo, **\$80-150**
- Concert Dress, **\$65**
- Fee for Regional Band Audition, **\$15**

During the winter months, the band offers Indoor Percussion, Indoor Guard, and every other year, Indoor Winds. These fees can range between **\$700-\$1,000**.

*There is financial aid available based on need. Please see Mr. Butler to discuss privately.

BAND CAMP

Supplies:

These items will need to be purchased on your own. The week prior to band camp, students should be hydrating.

- 1 Gallon water jug
- Fanny Pack (not Guard)
- Dot Book
- Hat
- Fresh pair of socks
- Lanyard
- Sunscreen
- Bug Spray
- Hoodie (cooler indoors)
- Band-aids
- Deodorant

Volunteers are needed during the week to make camp a success.

- **Hospitality** makes and serves lunch and dinner. 8-10 people are needed for each meal prep/service.
- **Pit Crew** works on final construction of props.
- **Chaperone/Nurses Station** a couple of volunteers are needed to help if students feel ill, need sunscreen or need to go back into the school.
- **Uniforms** a couple of people are needed to help fit students into uniforms. No sewing skills needed.



IMPORTANT TERMS

TERM	DEFINITION
Air Grams	Some competitions sell "Air Grams" They are messages you want read aloud while the band takes the field. Fun and optional. Usually \$1
Band/Marching Band	Includes: Color guard, percussion, woodwinds and brass
Band Blast	Weekly email sent out from Mr. Butler. Contains schedule for the week and important updates. Is usually emailed
Band Booster	All parents/guardians with a student in band are a band booster member
Band Booster Board	Members of the booster club that are elected to board positions
BandBEAT	Band competition that is sponsored by Crown but Hosted by CRHS Band. Many volunteers are needed for the day to be a success.
Battery	The percussion section that marches
Bibs (Bibbers)	Uniform overall pants
BOA (Bands of America)	Music for All's Band of America marching band championship competitions are premier events. www.musicforall.org
Brass	Wind players that need valve oil. Often divided into high and low brass. (baritone, mellophone, tuba, trumpet)
Call Time	The time band members are to report to the band room. *In band, on time is late!
Chaperones	Adult that accompanies the band during any activity (Games, competitions, trips).
Charms	Website that keeps track of your student's fees and points credit.
CPA	Concert Performance Assessment.
Color Guard	Section that enhances the performance with dance, flags, rifles.
Community Show	The band puts on a free show at the end of the season. Includes senior night (recognition)
Corporate Sponsor	A local business that has made a sizable donation. They in turn receive shout outs from the band (banners, signs)
Crown	Drum and Bugle Corp out of Fort Mill. They Sponsor BandBeat
CWEA	Carolina Winter Ensemble Association. The group that sponsors competitions for Winter Guard, Indoor Percussion and Indoor Winds.

IMPORTANT **TERMS** CONT.

TERM	DEFINITION
Dot Book	Book containing locations (dots) on the field the marcher must hit to create the show.
Front Ensemble/Pit	The non marching percussion
Hospitality	Group of parent volunteers that feed the band
Indoor Percussion	Competitive indoor group. Occurs after Marching Band Season. Additional auditions and fees applicable.
Pit Crew	Group of parent volunteers that makes, transports and takes on the field props and percussion equipment
Plume	Feather worn on the shako
Practice Field/Band Field	Field off the student parking lot, front of school
SCBDA	South Carolina Band Directors Association. Organization that oversees the State Band Competitions, CPA and All State band assessment
Section	Group of the same instrument
Sectionals	Practice for a specific group
Section T Shirt	Sections design/make own shirts. Purchase is optional
Secure Volunteer	A certification that the district mandates all volunteers have before working with students.
Shako	Hat worn with Uniform
Show Reveal	In the spring, usually at the band banquet, the show theme is presented.
Show Shirt	Spirit Wear that represents the theme for the season's show.
Trunk or Treat	After band practice, near 10/31, families decorate their trunks and band members go trick or treating from trunk to trunk. Siblings welcome
Winds	Anyone who moves air through their instruments
Winter Guard	Competitive indoor guard program, occurs January-April. Additional auditions and fees applicable.
Woodwinds	Group of instruments that need reeds as well as flutes

EVENTS SCHEDULE

JULY 2023

18th, 20th (T,Th) – Guard Rehearsals 4PM–6:30PM (If In Town)
25th, 27th (T, Th) – Guard Rehearsals 4PM–6:30PM (If In Town), (M–Th) Percussion Technique Camp 5PM–9PM
31st (M) – Guard Camp 9AM–4PM, Winds Technique Camp 9AM–5PM, Percussion Technique Camp 5PM–9PM

AUGUST 2023

1st–4th (T–F) – Guard Camp 9AM–4PM, (T–F) Winds Technique Camp 9AM–5PM, (M–Th) Percussion Technique Camp 5PM–9PM
7th–11th (M–F) – Band Camp 9AM–9PM
14th, 15th, 17th (M, T, Th) – Rehearsal 6PM–9PM
18th (Fri.) – Football Game
21st, 22nd, 24th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
25th (Fri.) – Football Game
26th (Sat.) – Camp 9AM–5PM
28th, 29th, 31st (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM

SEPTEMBER 2023

4th, 5th, 7th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
9th (Sat.) – Camp 9AM–5PM
11th, 12th, 14th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
16th (Sat.) – Nation Ford Exhibition Preview
18th, 19th, 21st (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
23rd (Sat.) – Olde English Festival of Bands
25th, 26th, 28th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
29th (Fri.) – Football Game
30th (Sat.) – Camp Day/Mattress Fundraiser 9AM–5PM

OCTOBER 2023

2nd, 3rd, 5th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
7th (Sat.) – BandBeat Competition: [CLICK HERE!](#)
9th, 10th, 12th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
14th (Sat.) – Carolina Regional @ Coastal Carolina University
16th, 17th, 19th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
20th (Fri.) – Football Game
21st (Sat.) – Upper State Championships @ Boiling Springs High School
23rd, 24th, 26th (M, T, Th) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM
27th (Fri.) – Football Game
28th (Sat.) – SCBDA 2A/4A State Champs @ Spring Valley High School
30th, 31st (M–T) – After School Practice 4PM–7PM

NOVEMBER 2023

3rd–5th (Fri.–Sun.) – Southeastern Regional Championships @ Troy University, AL

DECEMBER 2023

2nd (Sat.) – Fort Mill Christmas Parade
28th–31st – London New Year's Parade Trip

JANUARY 2024

1st–4th – London New Year's Parade Trip



FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

The band will perform at all Home Varsity Football games. They will play the National Anthem, from the field, before the game. The band then plays pep toons, in the stands during the game. The band will perform their show during half time.

****The band may perform their show during pregame on Homecoming and Athletic's Senior night***

The band typically has the 3rd quarter off to visit the concession stand, use the restrooms and visit with friends. They need to be back in the stands before the end of the 3rd quarter.

****Spectators need to purchase a ticket to the game to watch the band. The fees go to the school for upkeep of the fields. All tickets are need to be purchased on the gofan app.***

FUTURE COMPETITIONS

Competition Information:

- Exact call times for the band are generally posted in the Band Blast.
- Every competition operates differently. For example, some only take credit cards and some have a clear bag policy.
- The Board President will try to relay as much of this information to parents as it becomes available.
- Almost all competitions sell a commemorative shirt. Many will also sell Air Gram and programs.

The Fans:

The fans have a code of conduct and are expected to:

- Cheer on all bands. Every performer on the field works hard
- Refrain from negative comments
- Do not get up and move around while a band is performing
- Silence cell phones
- Be a positive representative of the Catawba Ridge Program

After the Competition:

After the competition it has become tradition to cheer the band, as they arrive at CRHS by setting off car horns and lights. Feel free to make signs and bring noise makers. We want to show the kids we are proud of them.



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Below are some of our fundraisers. This list is not all inclusive or final.

01

BandBEAT

Marching Band Competition the CR Band Hosts. We are responsible for running concession stands, parking and guiding bands around the CR campus.

02

Band Store

Getting your official band gear, as well as Catawba Ridge Face Masks and Buffs helps the band also! Order online at store.crhs.band Questions? bandstore@crhs.band

03

Community Blood Drive

Several Times a year, the band hosts the "Big Red Bus" at Catawba Ridge High School to help with this important role of donating blood in our community. Questions? info@crhs.band

04

Corporate Sponsors

Building a partnership with local businesses.
sponsorship@crhs.band

05

Golf Tournament

Run at the Fort Mill Golf Course, typically the second Monday in May. We are always looking for hole sponsors and teams.
golf@crhs.band

06

Indoor Competition

We currently host 2 indoor competitions. We are responsible for concessions, parking, guiding groups around campus and hospitality.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS CONT.

Below are some of our fundraisers. This list is not all inclusive or final.

07

Mattress Sale

Every Fall, the band hosts it's annual Mattress Sale in the Band Room. Great deals can be had every year! Next year's sale will be September 24th, 2022. Questions? mattress@crhs.band

08

Panther Stadium

Throughout the year, the band helps with a concession stand at the Panthers Stadium (Bank of America Stadium) for NFL Games, College Football Games, Soccer Games, and Concerts. More information is on our Stadium Page.

Questions? stadium@crhs.band

09

Spirit Night

Every month the band will host a restaurant (or ice cream) night somewhere in the Fort Mill Area. Eating out that night helps the band! Questions? spiritnight@crhs.band



YEARLY TRADITIONS

Catawba Ridge High School opened in 2019. The band lost the 2020 marching season, due to covid, therefore traditions are still developing.



Senior Visors

During band camp, the directors will give visors out to the seniors. It is a badge of honor as well as an easy way to recognize seniors on the field.



Secret Pal

This is Optional. Students that want to participate list some of their favorite things (candy, soda). The students then draw names. They will get their pal with small gifts before each competition, but their pal can not know who they are. The last (slightly larger gift) is presented in person on the day of States.



Senior Supper

Tradition started by Hospitality. It is a special dinner for just the seniors, on the night of the last home football game.



End of Year Banquet

Usually held in May, the banquet features awards presented by the Directors. The show reveal is also held at this time. Dress ranges from Business casual to semi formal.



Community Performance

Held at the CRHS football Stadium, usually sometime the end of October. Marching band seniors are recognized and the band performs their show.