

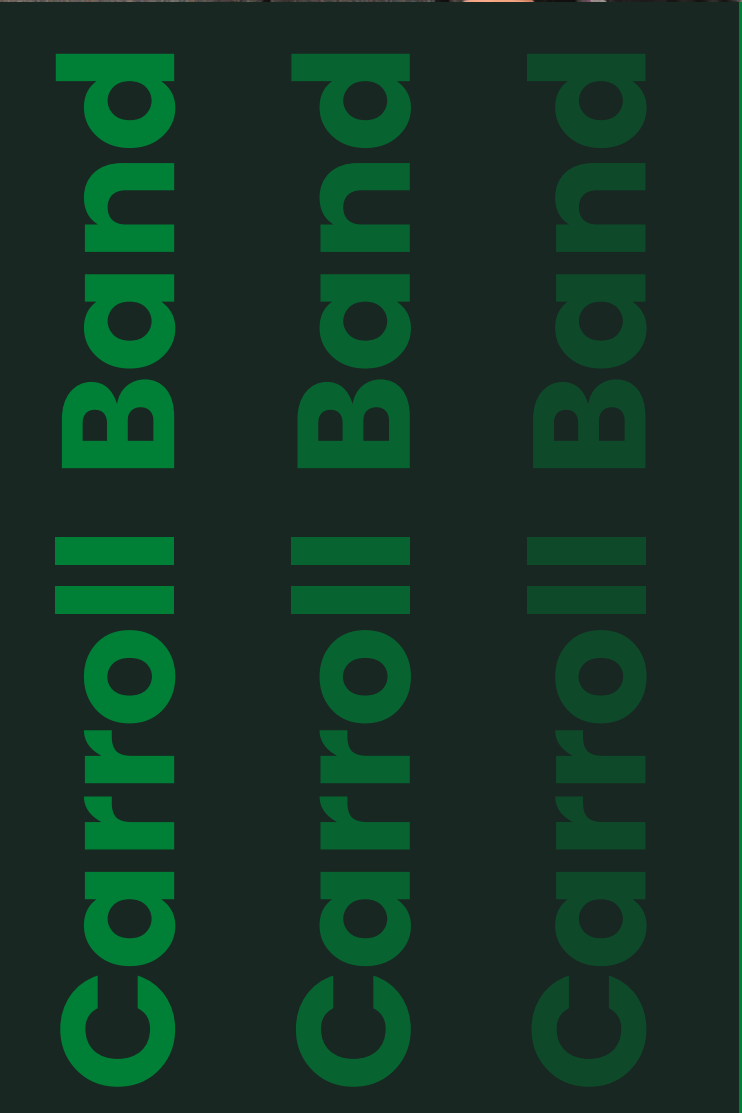
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**BAND IS *THE* THING TO DO. SIGN-UPS FOR 6TH
GRADE WILL BE HAPPENING SOON!!**



Dear 5th Grade Families,

In 6th grade your child has the opportunity to be part of the largest organization at DIS and one of the most well-known organization in CISD – the Carroll Dragon Band. We wanted to share a little about the program with you before sign-ups begin in a few weeks. No prior musical experience is needed to join! Everybody is welcome.

DIS BAND VIDEO!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the process to sign up for band at DIS?

Sign-ups will begin in a few weeks. Please watch out for the Mail Call, email, and messages from your child's homeroom teacher!

How are band classes structured at DIS?

Band meets one period every day during school. 6th grade band students are taught in instrument-specific classes to learn and develop fundamental skills needed to continue in the 7th/8th grade bands. Even though we begin the instrumental journey at DIS, we hope that all students continue into the Carroll Middle School (and eventually Carroll High School!) Band!

Is there an audition to join beginning band?

Not at all! No prior musical study is required to join band in 6th grade.

If my child does not join band in 6th grade, can she/he join at a later time?

Unfortunately, no. Sixth grade is the only window of opportunity to join the band program. Bands in grades 7-12 require having previous experience and beginner-level classes are not offered at those grade levels. That is why we HIGHLY recommend that anyone who is interested give it a try in 6th grade so the opportunity does not pass you by!

Do students have to carry their instruments around the school?

No. There are lockers provided in the DIS band room where instruments can be stored during the school day. Students can store their instruments before school and pick them up at the end of the day. We keep all instruments at school for the first few weeks, and then students will take instruments home at the end of the day.

Does the district offer private music lessons?

Yes. We have an OUTSTANDING group of professional musicians that provide tutoring before/after school or during band classes. There is a weekly fee for these lessons (\$24), and they will provide additional support for your student's musical development. Private lessons are highly recommended for all band students to gain the most improvement and quality participation from the band program.

Will the instrument I am renting for my beginning band student last him/her through high school?

Typically, the rental instruments are recommended for use during the middle school years. Most students require a step-up model once they have played for a few years.

Will my child have rehearsals outside of the regular school day?

In 6th grade, we only have three rehearsals outside of the school day over the course of the entire year. These are after school and will take place prior to full band performances in order to prepare. (Winter Concert in December, Spring Concert in May, and Spring Festival in May)

What will be the impact of my child getting braces?

Many children will require braces sometime between 6th and 8th grade. There are techniques that can be used to balance the braces and the embouchure for all instruments. Orthodontists provide a variety of devices to cushion the teeth and lips while playing. There is a brief adjustment period, but otherwise students usually adapt to having braces.

FLUTE OBOE BASSOON CLARINET SAXOPHONE FRENCH HORN TROMBONE



DO YOU LIKE TO...

-HAVE FUN?

-LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

-GO ON FIELD TRIPS?

-MAKE TONS OF FRIENDS?



Band is the place for you.

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