

October 7, 2019

Directors,

Hello and welcome to Carthage High School for the 3A UIL Area C Marching Band Contest on Saturday, October 26, 2019. On behalf of Carthage ISD, the band staff, and the band boosters, congratulations on your UIL Region Contest superior performance that qualified your band for this next round of competition. We are excited to have all of these great bands in our town and on our campus as we do our best to give you and your students the greatest experience possible.

Bulldog Stadium seats approximately 6,500, with 4,000 seats on the home side. The stadium, opened in 2008, sits behind Carthage High School, and is framed by beautiful pine trees behind the visitor's bleachers. It's a great place for a marching band event!

The physical address for Carthage High School is 1600 W. Panola St., Carthage, TX, 75633. Refer to the attached maps for specific information pertaining to bus entrance/parking and spectator entrance/parking. There is a \$5 spectator entry fee. Please share this as well as any other relevant information with parents who will travel to Carthage to support your band.

The Carthage Band Boosters will run a full concession stand all day. For your convenience, pre-orders are available for two types of meals:

-Chicken Express (3 tenders, chips, roll) for \$6 or with a soda/water for \$7

-Little Ceasar's Pizza for \$1 per slice or \$8 per whole pizza, add a drink for \$1 per drink

If you are interested in pre-ordering, please contact our Booster President, Mrs. Terri Sparks (aka Sparkles), by phone at 903-754-0379 or by email at <u>tsparks@carthageisd.org</u>. The Boosters will gladly deliver your order to your buses for your convenience.

Additionally, the Carthage Band Boosters will sell the official UIL Area patches at a booth between the stadium's main gates and the concession stand. The price per patch is \$8. You may pre-order in bulk by contacting Mrs. Sparks (info in pervious paragraph) or make bulk purchases and/or individual purchases at the booth throughout the day.

Again, we look forward to seeing you in Carthage on October 26. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Nicholas Durham Director of Band

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Overview Map



1. Enter CHS campus at guard shack entrance. This entrance will be for buses and equipment trucks only.

2. Spectator parking is access from two entrance off W. Panola Drive. One entrance is marked at "Buses" (for school purposes, not this contest) and the other is marked as Championship Spur. Please share this information with your students' parents who plan to attend this contest. Cars that attempt to enter campus where the buses enter will have to back up and move down the road.

2. Park in the first (and largest) lot on your right after entering campus. Please be sure your student do not play their instruments at bus parking. This includes percussion.

3. The concession stand has large and air conditioned restrooms that will serve well for changing areas.

4. Warm-up areas will be in front of the high school. Please be sure your band faces away from the stadium while warming up. You have a 30 minute in your warm up area. Part of those 30 minutes is getting your band in position to warm up and exiting the warm up area.

5. Equipment trucks needing close access to the stadium may use the parking lot in front of the field house at the northwest corner of the stadium. After your band's performance, please move your truck so other bands may make use of that space.

Flow Map



A monitor will greet you at your bus. They will be happy to take anything that you need to turn in to the contest office to the press box for you. They will guide your band from your bus, to warm up, to the field, and back to your buses. If you need anything at all, please ask these kids. They will have immediate access to all Carthage Band Staff members.

There will be a water station set up near the field entrance for your band.

Feel free to use the elevator under the press box for press box access to the contest office. Please reference all rules pertaining to taking contest sheets and video recordings prior to the end of the Prelims.