## **SEPTEMBER 2016 BAND NEWS**

Welcome back to the fantastic Carter Middle School Band program for the 2016-2017 season! My name is Mr. Anthony Case and I am the director of bands here at Carter Middle School. I am looking forward to continuing the high quality of musicianship and success that the Carter Bands are known for. There are many great opportunities and events that are going to be happening within the next few months.

Seventh and Eighth grade students have the opportunity to participate at MSBOA District XVI Solo and Ensemble Festival on January 28, 2017. I highly recommend that all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in this festival through performing a solo and/or being a part of an ensemble. Participation forms with the cost associated will be passed out the week of September 26 and the participation form with money will be due on Friday, October 21, 2016.

The Carter Band Program will be having their annual Savory Cookie Dough Fundraiser this year. **Order forms** will be passed out on the week of September 26, 2016 and the **Order Forms with Money** are **due Friday, October 21, 2016**. The product pick up place and time will be at **Carter Middle School, Thursday, November 17, 2016**. Please consider taking part and ordering from this great fundraiser as it helps out this fantastic band program and aids in simplifying the holiday cookie making process.

Later on in the month of October, the Carter Bands will have their annual Night of Fright Pizza
Fundraiser Concert on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Carter Middle School. Ticket order forms, donation requests and volunteer times will be sent home in late September. Please schedule this onto the calendar and keep this evening open to hear great music, spend time with family and friends, and eat tasty pizza.

Members of the Symphonic Band (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night with the Cousino H.S. Patriot Marching Band) have a performance with the Cousino High School Patriot Marching Band. There is a <u>rehearsal on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 3:45-5:00pm at Cousino High School.</u> Then, the <u>performance is on Friday, October 21, 2016</u> with a call time of <u>6:00pm in the Cousino High School Band Room.</u>

In addition, the Carter Bands will be hard at work preparing for the 2016 <u>Winter Concert</u> which will be held at the <u>Performing Arts Center</u> (12901 15 Mile Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48312) on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>December 6, 2016</u> at <u>7:00p.m.</u> All bands (Jazz, Cadet, Concert and Symphonic Bands) will be performing at this concert.

Please take time to visit the Carter Bands website for information, band calendar and constant updates at <a href="http://carterbands.weebly.com/">http://carterbands.weebly.com/</a>.

Go Cougar Bands!

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