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## Carroll's Unified Flag Football team competes Saturday for State Championship title in Indianapolis

This IHSAA-sanctioned competition is part of the Unified Sports Program

**Fort Wayne, Ind. (Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020)** –Carroll High School's Unified Flag Football team is leaving the student parking lot at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday with high spirits as they head south to Westfield for the Indiana High School Athletic Association State Finals on Saturday, Oct. 17.

"We started our preseason Aug. 3, and we have been working hard every day with this goal in mind," said Alan Bodenstein, head coach for Unified Flag Football, Carroll High School. "We also want to make this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity as memorable as possible. So, we are asking the NACS community to help. We would love to have a parking lot full of cars honking their horns as we pull out."

In addition, Bodenstein encourages area businesses to use their marquees or put out a sign wishing the kids good luck.

"We will have at least one sheriff and possibly more escorting the bus to I-69 on Saturday," said Bodenstein. "We appreciate all the support!"

As is typical when Carroll teams qualify for state contests, oftentimes parents and community members of NACS will line-up along Carroll Road from Carroll High School, down to Lima Road to I-69, to cheer on the buses transporting students and coaches as they travel to their season finale.

Details about the co-ed athletic event, which is part of Champions Together, may be found at: <a href="https://www.ihsaa.org/Sports/Coed/Unified-Flag-Football/2020-21/State-Tournament#40522393-state-finals.">https://www.ihsaa.org/Sports/Coed/Unified-Flag-Football/2020-21/State-Tournament#40522393-state-finals.</a> The game will be broadcast live via webstream beginning at noon at IHSAAtv.org.

In 2018, Carroll's team was beat by Noblesville High School in the Regional Semifinals, and in 2019, they were defeated by McCutcheon High School in the Regional Semifinals.

More information about Carroll High School may be found at <a href="www.ch.nacs.k12.in.us">www.ch.nacs.k12.in.us</a>, and information about NACS may be found online at <a href="nacs.k12.in.us">nacs.k12.in.us</a>.

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