



News and Notes



So Very Much Work...

This past week was certainly an adventure. We didn't have a football game, nor did we have a performance; but the work continues behind the scenes...

Even as I write this, it occurs to me that nobody could possibly fathom the number of moving parts or the value each and every volunteer brings to the table. We've had Board members with personal struggles, job struggles and even band struggles. We've addressed banking situations, props situations, concessions situations and even relationship challenges. All the while, we work to keep the main thing the main thing. What is that?

The main thing is our students. The main thing is the goal of providing an enriching music education experience that's fun, family-friendly

and eventually self-sustaining. As everybody knows from their own families, the tide ebbs and flows. We ride the highs and celebrate them. Then, we hold on tight through the challenges. Like it or not, we are a family; and we are all in this together.

Thank you to the village that rose up like crazy last week so that today, we sigh, catch our breaths, and get ready for our rivalry football game this Friday night on the big stage at NMSU, as we debut many of our props and begin to see the full show take shape! #hawkyeah



Countless hours of prop building...

Parent Meeting This Tuesday

Our monthly parent meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 pm in the Band Room. We will talk about the calendar of events, share special announcements, recognize volunteers, etc.

We will also take "Band Swag" pre-orders, payments on account, poster sales, etc. These meetings are intended

to provide a "1-Stop Shop" for taking care of all of your band business, as well as providing a consistent, concise method of communication for all band families. This is a great time to ask questions and get involved.

See you Tuesday!



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Special points of interest:

- Popsockets are for sale in the Library and Band Room for \$5! Tell your friends!
- Please enable "PUSH" notifications on the BAND app, in case we have urgent needs for help.
- Band Swag available for pre-order



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/17	Parent Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
9/17	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
9/18	Brass Gym	Band Room	3:45-4:45 pm
9/19	Craft Fair Committee Mtg	Band Room	6:30 pm
9/19	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
9/20	CHS Football vs. Onate	NMSU	5:00 pm everyone
9/21	La Gran Fiesta Parade	TBD	TBD
9/24	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
9/25	Brass Gym	Band Room	3:45-4:45 pm
9/26	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
9/28	NMSU Football Concessions	NMSU	TBD
9/29	Drumline Performance	SNM State Fair	Noon - 1:00 pm
10/2	Marching MPA	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/4	CHS Football vs. LCHS	Field of Dreams (home)	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
10/5	NMSU Football Concessions	NMSU	TBD
10/5	Honor Flight	Memorial Medical Ctr.	7:15 pm
10/7	Board Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
10/8	Las Cruces Marching Exhibition	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/11	CHS Football vs. Mayfield	Field of Dreams (away)	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
10/15	Parent Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
10/15	Disney Payment	Band Room Box	n/a
10/18	CHS Football vs. Hobbs Middle School Night	Field of Dreams	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
10/26	Pageant of Bands	Wilson Stadium - Abq	TBD
10/31	CHS Football vs. Gadsden	Field of Dreams	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 everyone else
11/2	Tournament of Bands	NMSU	TBD
11/9	Veteran's Parade	TBD	TBD
11/15-11/16	Holiday Craft Faire	CHS Aux Gym	All day, both days

Note: The most up-to-date calendar can always be found on the BAND app.

It's a Bird! It's a Plane! No! It's a Tower!

Centennial High School opened in August 2012. The Marching Band program started then, as well. Since then, year after year, band parents have been trying to balance the immediate needs of the band with the long-term planning necessary for sustainability.

Since 2012, the CHS Band Parent Association has been paying for a scissor lift every marching season. The cost ranged from \$4000-\$6000 per year. If you've been to any of the other high schools,

you've seen that they all have permanent towers dedicated to the Band. So, about a year ago, we began working with Administrators at Las Cruces Public Schools to add a tower at CHS. This was an important step in bringing our program to a more comparable level with others in town. It has taken a long time, a ton of patience and an exceptional administrator to make the dream a reality. Last week, Mr. Ramos and Mr. Kaltenbach were able to climb into the brand new tower and teach

marching the way it should be done.

All credit goes to Dr. Steven Sanchez with the Department of Instruction at LCPS. Without him, this most certainly would not have happened. So, if you see him, take a minute and say thank you. Administrators rarely hear from parents when something wonderful has happened. And this is something wonderful!

Yankee Candle Fundraiser Kicks Off

Last year, the Band was able to earn more than \$2000 from the sale of Yankee Candle products! So, we are proud to announce our continued partnership with them this school year. The catalogs are in and will be handed out at the parent meeting. The sale is also online and can be easily shared via social media so that friends and family can order and have their products delivered straight to them.

I've seen the catalog and there is so much more for sale than candles. And, what a perfect opportunity to begin that holiday shopping!

I do understand that it seems like something is always for sale. We simply ask your indulgence as we attempt to plan for the short-term and long-term needs of the band—all at the same time.

We will have more details about this fundraiser available at the parent meeting. Questions, for now, should be directed to Kim Vallejos.



2019 Yankee Candle Sale

Due to Banking Issue Disney Deadline Extended to This Friday, 9/20/19

Wells Fargo Bank would like to apologize to every single CHS Band family for the error they made regarding our accounts. (OK, so they didn't say this, but they should have.)

In any case, because of this, we have extended the deadline to pay the \$100 deposit for the trip to Disneyland. Payments may be made via cash or check in an envelope or by credit card. HOWEVER, the only way we can accept credit card payments, for now, is through the

"donate" button on our website at centennialband.net. When you click that button, you will have an opportunity to make the payment and enter your student's name. Next to the name, please add "Disney" so that it gets applied the way you intend.

In the meantime, Jeni or Tammy can answer questions about the bank, if you have them.



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▶ **Stronger Together.
With Pride.
#HawkYeah**

We're on the web!
www.centennialband.net

For the latest and most up-to-date information, join us on the **BAND app**. You can find it in the App Store and Android platforms. You can also search, "**Band.us/@chsband**". We ask that you have this app on your mobile device (and enable "push" notifications) for ease of communication at football games, competitions and other events.

Our website is: **centennialband.net**

Finally, check us out on **Facebook**
"**@CentennialHighSchoolBand**".

Did You Know....? Band Parent Association Officers and Band Instructors

These are your Band Parent Board Officers and Band Instructors for the 2019-2020 School year and their "affiliated" sections:

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