



News and Notes



Already Looking Towards Next Year....

What a crazy headline! But, alas, it's true....

We, your Board, are already looking towards the next school year and next marching season. One reason for the early planning is 8th Grade Open Houses which typically take place in late January or early February. This is an evening set aside for incoming Freshmen to walk around the CHS campus and meet with students, teachers from the wide variety of programs offered at the high school level. We always host a table for our band/guard programs.

While we don't have a date, yet; we know it's on the horizon. In an effort to

distribute the most accurate information possible, we start looking at anything we may want to modify for next year. For example, I'd like to revise some of our paperwork forms to streamline information gathering and clarify any "rules/policies" that have become unclear or outdated. Additionally, I'd like to get the uniform inventory moved into our CHARMS office system, as well as provide parents with ongoing access to all their information housed in CHARMS.

I know there are other things that may need to be tweaked; and I just can't possibly think of them all.

So, if you have ideas or suggestions for improving our processes, please send me (or any Board member) an email or text. All suggestions are welcome, even if not all can be implemented.

Along these lines, we are also looking for additional volunteers willing to learn and then serve in a leadership capacity. There are a variety of opportunities available and any of us are available to chat about it. Please just reach out. We are working to address short-term and immediate needs, as well as keep on eye on the long-term well-being of the Band Programs. We welcome your insights!

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Thank You's

- Our Band Directors for giving of your time, talent and energy to our students!
- Deb Hewus for managing student accounts so adeptly and with great humor!
- To all the parents who reach out with words of support and encouragement to me and our Board. It means more than we could ever express.

Golf Committee Meets Tuesday

Planning is well underway for the 2nd Annual Holes for Hawks Golf Tournament. The Tournament will take place on Saturday, March 7 at Sonoma Ranch Golf Course. But the committee needs your help!

We will meet this Tuesday, January 14 at 6:00 pm in the Band Room.

You don't have to know anything about golf to be a huge asset to the group. We need help with publicity, signing teams up, soliciting sponsors and donations, etc. We will also be needing help with logistics the day of the Tournament.

This is a unique golf experience, because we incorporate the band in some fun and silly ways.

Last year was a learning year from us and the committee has some improvements in mind.

Please come join us on Tuesday. This is the primary fundraiser for the Spring and we need all hands on deck! See you there!



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
1/13	CHS Band Board Meeting	tba	6:30 pm
1/14	Golf Tournament Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
1/15	Disney Payment	n/a	n/a
1/20	No School - MLK Jr. Day	n/a	n/a
1/17	Boys' basketball vs. MHS	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
1/21	Girls' basketball vs. Deming	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
1/28	Parent Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
1/28	Girls' basketball vs. Gadsden	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
1/31	Girls' basketball vs. OHS	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
2/1	Band Fees Must be Paid to go to Disney	Band Room	n/a
2/4	Girls' basketball vs. Alamogordo	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
2/7	Boys' basketball vs. LCHS	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
2/7 - 2/9	Southwest Honor Band	NMSU	tba
2/10	CHS Band Board Meeting	tba	6:30 pm
2/14	Boys' basketball vs. Deming	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
2/14	Final Disney Payment Due	n/a	n/a
2/17	No School - President's Day	n/a	n/a
2/18	Parent Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
2/21	Boys' basketball vs. Gadsden	CHS	Call Time: 5:30 pm
2/25	Pre-MPA concert	tba	tba
3/6	Middle School MPA	Ocate PAC	tba
3/7	High School Band MPA	Ocate PAC	tba
3/7	Holes for Hawks Golf Tournament	Sonoma Ranch GC	tba
3/9	CHS Band Board Meeting	tba	6:30 pm
3/17	Parent Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm
3/20-3/25	Disney Trip	Band Room	tba
4/13	CHS Band Board Meeting	Tba	6:30 pm
4/21	Parent Meeting	Band Room	6:30 pm

The Countdown to Disney Begins!

How exciting!!!! The trip to Disney will be here before we know it. Our Directors are making final arrangements with vendors and following all LCPS procedures.

As the details fall into place and final numbers are totaled, there has been a slight change to the cost. As you remember, the original cost of \$760/student and \$860/chaperone was based on an estimated number of participants. We are slightly below that estimated number, so costs will in-

crease to \$799/student and \$896/chaperone. We did share this change during the November parent meeting and in the presentation posted on the website after that meeting. This change will be reflected in your next monthly statement from Deb, our amazing Accounts Guru! The only charge that changed per person is for the bus.

Finally, please remember that all band fees must be paid by 2/1/20 and all Disney fees by 2/14/20 in

order to participate in this fantastic experience.

It's going to be an amazing trip and we are so excited to be able to do this together. If you have questions or concerns about any facet of the trip, please reach out to Mr. Kaltenbach.



Basketball, Banquet, Band Board, Oh My!

1. The basketball games are now on the calendar. Call time is 5:30. Games begin at 7:00. Please remember we have no way to know when they will end. In fact, sometimes we don't even know when they will start, if the JV games go into overtime. We will do our best to keep you informed as you plan drop off and pick up of your student.

2. We will begin planning our year end banquet very soon. If you are interested in helping, please let

Jeni know as soon as possible.

3. Also, elections for Band Board officers for the 2020-2021 school year will take place in April. If you are interested in serving on the Board, feel free to send Jeni an email to that effect, indicating the position which interests you.

4. Finally, even though it just started, this semester is going to fly by! Before we know it, we will be talking about our banquet, graduation and summer band camp.

It has been an honor to get this far with all of you. 2019 was a banner year for our band but we eagerly anticipate new adventures in 2020!



CHS Questions and Answers...



This is a new section that may appear, from time to time. If you have something to ask or answer, please let me know.

Q: Is it true LCPS is going to an "extended calendar" next year?

A: This is not necessarily true. However, there is a survey available on the homepage of

the lcps website where you can share your opinion on the proposed calendar. You can also watch a video explaining the proposal. The proposed change includes an additional 10 school days for secondary students and 25 additional days for elementary students. We have been assured that a decision has not been made yet. Only the School Board

can do that, so there's time to share your thoughts. The website is www.lcps.net.

Q: Is the internet completely restored, yet?

A: Not yet. While every school building has access to hard-wired internet, we don't really know when wi-fi will be restored. Also, not every computer has internet access, but a ton of progress has been made since this first began.

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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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