



News and Notes



New Mexico Public Education Goes Remote

It has been a while, since the last Band Newsletter. The primary reason for this, is that things continue to change so rapidly that we didn't want to be sharing information that was out-of-date, inaccurate or otherwise misleading. We now have some guidance and some news for you.

As you all know, the entire State of New Mexico is under a "Stay at Home" order from the Governor. In an effort to "flatten the curve" we've all been advised to remain in our homes, practice social distancing, etc. So, all schools will be physically closed for the remainder of the school year. HOWEVER,

education will continue. Teachers are receiving guidance from administrators on how to do this every single day. Some teachers will use Canvas, others Google Classroom and/or Zoom. **It is absolutely imperative that your students check their LCPS email multiple times per day.** This is the official way they will be receiving information from teachers. If students have trouble accessing that email, you should reach out to the teacher who has been contacting you weekly. Virtual learning will begin on Monday, April 6.

LCPS is also distributing about 12,000 meals per day.

The current list of meal sites can be found at lcps.net. Then click the Coronavirus button for "More" and then click the "Meals" button.

If you know of someone (parent, student, etc.) who is experiencing particular difficulties, you can refer them to the crisis line at 1-855-nmcrisis. Otherwise, you can reach out to me and I will do my best to provide the appropriate support/referrals. This is a very stressful time and it is so important for us to take care of each other - from a safe distance, of course.

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Dear High School Seniors of 2020,

You were born when the world was grieving over 9/11.

And you are graduating as the world grieves a pandemic.

Although your two biggest launches into freedom (birth and graduation) have taken place in the midst of tragedies...

Just know that the world is an amazing, loving, beautiful place. And it is waiting for you with open arms.

We grieve with you

That your senior year is ending this way.

But we can't wait to see how you overcome and soar.

YOU WERE MADE FOR THIS!

(Jennifer Allwood)

CHS Band Meeting Tuesday via Zoom

Mr. K. has posted a Zoom meeting invitation on the Band App. Please take some time today to set up a Zoom account and to try to become familiar with the basic operations of the app.

We will be having a Zoom meeting tomorrow (Wednesday, April 1) at 1:00 pm. We are asking that each family join the meeting using only one

device. We need to have space in the meeting for all band students. The Band Directors will be discussing how band classes will function, review the syllabus for the remainder of the school year, walk us all through the programs they will be using (Smart Music and Canvas) and answering questions related to Band.

Once the meeting is over, the recorded presentation will be available on the Band app.

Remember, all of this information will be coordinated by the teachers through student LCPS email accounts. Start getting used to checking those accounts frequently.

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
3/17	Parent Meeting	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
3/19	Symphony Orchestra MPA	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
3/20-3/25	Disney Trip	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
4/13	CHS Band Board Meeting	Zoom	6:00 pm
4/21	Parent Meeting w/Board Elections	Zoom	6:00 pm
4/23-4/24	Onate Jazz Fest	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
4/28	Section Leader/Drum Major Auditions	Zoom	TBA
5/2	Solo & Ensemble	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
5/5	Freshman Orientation Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
5/9	Band Year End Banquet	CANCELLED FOR NOW	CANCELLED FOR NOW
5/11	CHS Band Board Meeting	Zoom	6:00 pm
5/12	End of Year Concert	CANCELLED	CANCELLED
5/22	CHS Graduation	UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN
TBD	Percussion/Color Guard Camp	CHS	TBA
TBD	Rookie Camp	CHS	7:00 - 11:30 am
TBD	Percussion/Color Guard Camp	CHS	TBA
7/22-8/2	Full Band Camp (weekdays only)	CHS	7:00 - 11:30 am & 1:00 - 5:30 pm
Summer	Section Car Washes	TBD	TBA
Summer	Band Board Retreat	TBD	TBA
Summer	Student Leadership Retreat	TBD	TBA

Note: Per general guidance from LCPS, all activities have been cancelled. As time goes on and we get additional information, it will be shared here and on the Band App.

Disney Refunds Update

Ever since the trip was officially cancelled, we have been working with vendors to obtain refunds. Here is the status, as we understand it right now:

All Aboard America: They have agreed to refund 70% of money paid to them. We have asked them for 100%, in light of the extenuating circumstances. This is a negotiation in progress and all parties have been very friendly.

Subway: This money has been re-

funded.

Hotel: This money had never been paid and is therefore 100% refundable.

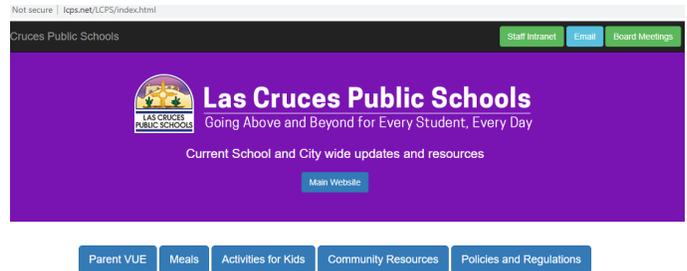
Disney: We have to send our paper tickets back to them and then they will process the refund in full. We weren't able to access the tickets (stored in the Band room) until yesterday. They will be returned asap for a full refund.

Universal: They have agreed to refund the money in full. We are waiting for that to be processed.

Once all of this is back in our account, we will begin issuing refund checks. We will only be writing one check per family. Please email Jeni to let her know who your check should be made out to. Also, include your mailing address. You will receive notice when we begin to issue these checks.

Online Resources

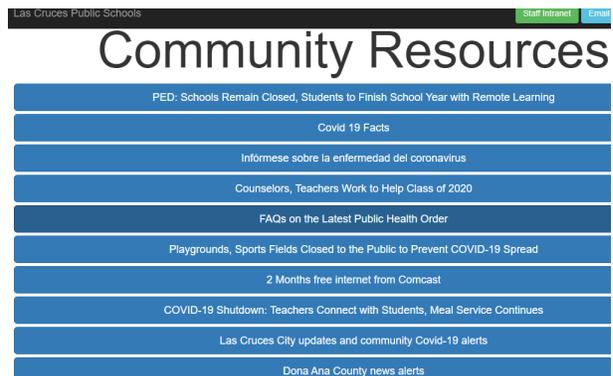
There are so many resources available online. I included some of them on an additional page in the last issue of the newsletter. You can find old editions on the Band App and on our website at centennialband.net. Additionally, LCPS has published a list of a variety of resources. Simply go to lcps.net to review them. The following are snapshots of the LCPS pages with resources.



Meals

Meal Distribution will be Monday Through Friday, and throughout Spring Break

Additional Sites Added to School Meal Distribution



CHS Band Parent Association

P.O. Box 16481
Las Cruces NM 88004

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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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