



News and Notes



Once a Hawk...

As the 2020-2021 school year FINALLY winds down, it's natural to look back... And, there's a lot to look back on. If you joined us for our virtual banquet last night, then you saw the wonderful video put together by Veronica Guerrero. As all those memories of marching band came back, I was profoundly moved by one idea: It Was a Great Year!!!!

Our kids have made new friends, learned a lot of new music; and, in general, made a joyful noise wherever they went. There were so many smiles and goofiness and hard work, too. And I'd like to think that we grew together as a family. At last year's banquet, I talked about the amazing people I've met here. I

now count my fellow band parents as some of my closest, must trusted friends. And I wouldn't have wanted to share this year (with all the ups and downs) with anyone else. Thank you!

And, we celebrate with our Seniors! There are 18 of you and we are so proud that YOU represent US. Congratulations! Go do amazing things with your lives....

There's no doubt this year has been a challenge, too. We've negotiated computer malware, banking fiascos, the trip that would have been and a virus that nobody has ever seen before. It would be easy to look back with sadness and look forward with trepidation. But, that's not who we are. We are the CHS Hawk

Band Fam; and we rise and fall together.

Today, together, we also grieve the loss of Mr. Jed Hendee. Mr. Hendee was loved by this entire community and our collective hearts ache for our principal, Mrs. Hendee. But, we know that the sun will rise tomorrow and that good days are ahead. After all, we are definitely stronger together and it has been a great year to be a Hawk. So, when the days are hard and the future is uncertain, please remember that there are at least 100 of us ready to help lift you up, no matter what; because once a Hawk, always a Hawk!

#hawkyeah

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Thank you, Carlos Peay!

Carlos is our outgoing Vice-President. For 3 years, he has done every job imaginable out of love for his children and this band program. Carlos has worked concessions, driven trucks, built props, lugged those props all over the state, attended every single band performance and helped build a bridge between parents and Directors that would not have been possible otherwise. I wish we could give Carlos the send-off he deserves or at least a picnic (a tradition he started) to say thank you. Just know we love you, Carlos; and we are so grateful!

Adopt a Senior

Thank you to all the families who have generously "adopted" our Seniors. It is a kind, loving thing that you have offered.

Seniors, you should be hearing from your adoptees in a variety of ways and we hope this is just a token of the love you feel from the Band. We love you!



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | TIME |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| 5/22 | CHS Graduation | Field of Dreams | Drive Through |
| TBD | Rookie Camp | CHS | TBA |
| 7/20-7/24 | Percussion/Color Guard Camp | CHS | 7:00-11:30 am & 1:00-5:30 pm |
| 7/27-8/7 | Full Band Camp (weekdays only) | CHS | 7:00-1:30 am & 1:00-5:30 pm |
| Summer | Section Car Washes | TBD | TBA |
| Summer | Band Board Retreat | TBD | TBA |
| Summer | Student Leadership Retreat | TBD | TBA |
| 8/1 | Band Family Style Picnic | TBD | TBD |
| 8/12 | First Day of School | N/A | N/A |

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.

Last week, the Governor of New Mexico began easing some of the restrictions around the State. We are hopeful that this process will continue and we will be able to resume our scheduled summer activities soon. Until then, though; please stay safe and healthy. Get outside to get some sun and fresh air. Start getting into shape for Marching Season; and let's go be great!



Final News and Notes for 2020-2021

Just some final tidbits, as we wrap-up 2020-2021.

- The Freshman Meeting was held last Monday. The power point was posted on the Band App. Please encourage any Freshmen you know to join the Band App and/or reach out to the Directors and/or Board Members with any questions or concerns.
- Our next parent meeting will take place in July. Hopefully, this will be right before Band Camp starts and we will be able to meet in person.
- This is the last newsletter of the 2020-2021 school year. Newsletters will resume in June.
- At the end of May, we will be cleaning up the Band App.

Graduating Seniors will be moved off and incoming Freshmen will be added, as they request.

- We will also be cleaning up Student Accounts at the end of May. Past due amounts will roll over to next year.
- The newly elected Board begins work in June, as well. We hope to work with the Directors on a master calendar, budget, etc. in order to present all of that at the July Parent Meeting.
- So, work continues as we look towards the Fall. As it does, please know that this is my last year as President and it would be in the best interest of the Band if

someone would be willing to work along side to learn the job this year. Please let me know if you are interested.

- Finally, we are starting to form working committees for next year. Please consider how you'd like to help.
- Concessions, Hospitality, Trucks, Props, Pit, Craft Fair, Golf Tournament are just some of the Committees that need helpers.
- I'm sure I forgot something, so please reach out with any ideas you may have.
- Have a great summer!



Thank You!

Usually, I would share this at the Banquet; but this is the best we can do this year.

Thank you to our Band Directors. Mr. Ramos and Mr. K, your passion for music shows; and it's contagious. Thank you for the countless hours you've spent with our students. Thank you for the personal sacrifices you've made for our Band. Thank you for your friendship, your company, your encouragement and your patience. I don't know how you do it. I know I'm not always easy to work with and I know next to nothing about music; but you still let me hang around. Thank you! And, somehow, in the course of this crazy school year, Mr. K managed to earn his Master's Degree! Congratulations, Mr. K!

And I just want to leave you with a bit of food for thought. There are about 110 students/adults associated with the CHS Band program. Every single one of us carries a burden that the rest cannot fathom. Statistically, as a group, we are dealing with depression, suicide, poverty, hunger, divorce, domestic violence and a myriad of other struggles. And yet, here we are! We are strong and present just trying to do our best each day. We are family.

Being a part of this band has reminded me that, if someone is "mean" or "rude" or "not quite themselves", it may not have anything to do with me. I can reach out in kindness when I'd rather walk away. Offer patience when I'd rather snap back. Be a friend when I'd really rather not. It's been a tough year and we can either be better for it or let it get the better of us. Thank you for an amazing year, everyone! Let's do it again!

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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

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