



News and Notes



It's Summer!!!

We don't usually think of summer as the time of new beginnings, but that's exactly what summer means to marching band! It's time to start planning for next year...

What's the Show?

When is Band Camp?

What Does Band Cost?

Etc.....

There are so many questions and we will try to provide answers as best we can. But, first.....

Welcome CHS Hawk Band Fam members of the Class of 2024! We are so happy you are here and we can't wait to get to know you! And welcome to our new parents! We are super excited to work along side you to support the Band Pro-

grams at Centennial High School. It's true that we work hard but it's also true that we have so much fun together that we honestly look forward to things like: concessions, building props, driving trucks, etc. We can't wait for you to join us.

My name is Jeni Raess and I am currently the CHS Band Parent Association President. Once things get going, I will send a newsletter like this one every week (usually on Sunday). The rest of the Leadership Team is listed on the last page of every newsletter, along with contact information. Please reach out with questions or concerns anytime.

And, finally, we want you to know how much we have missed our students and

parents over the last 3 months. The world has changed so much and we can't wait to get back together, make some music, make some friends and make some memories.

2020-2021 is going to be a great year to be a Hawk! And we will make it amazing because we are always #strongertogether.

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Mr. Ramos and Mr. K. celebrate the win at 2019 PoB

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 Marching Season!



Can't wait to see what this year brings!!!!



Join Us on the BAND APP

There are many, many moving parts in band. In an effort to streamline communication, the CHS Band uses the BAND App. The app is available for all platforms and web-based, as well. You can find us at: <https://band.us/band/75507871>. Then click "join this band". We will add you as quickly as possible. From there, we strongly encourage you to enable push notifications. Things can change quickly and enabling

notifications will help ensure you are alerted to any changes. Weekly newsletters are posted there and the calendar is regularly updated there, as well. We will also be creating separate chat rooms for Student Leaders (always with staff monitoring) on the app, as well. If you have any questions or concerns about this,

please reach out to Mr. K. His contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
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.

The Governor of New Mexico has begun to ease 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!



Band Fees for 2020-2021

If you are new to Marching Band, we are sincerely glad you are here. And, as much as we hate to bombard you with the business of money, it is a fact of life that band costs a lot of money. The CHS Band Parent Association Board has drafted a budget under the assumption that all activities will resume in the Fall, similar to past marching seasons. We will present this budget at the July and/or August parent meetings. But, you should know the following, at a minimum:

- Our proposed operating expenses total about \$101,000.
- Our anticipated income is about \$66,100.
- These figures account for the student fees, etc., that everyone is expected to pay.
- In the past, LCPS has provided about \$6000 of support.

As we learn more about what we will and will not be allowed to do, this budget may change—drastically. In the meantime, a breakdown of Band Fees and Color Guard Fees for the 2020-2021 School Year has been attached to the email with this newsletter. Forms will also be posted on the Band App.

We typically accept payments in a variety of ways. When school or Band Camp start, you can make a payment with cash or check using the envelope system outside the band office door, in the band room. Simply fill out the envelope, place your payment inside and seal. Then, put the envelope in the locked box next to the envelopes. You can also pay, via the "Donate" button at

the bottom of our homepage at www.centennialband.net. If you choose to do this, please be sure to fill out the "note" section with your student's name and the items you are paying for. Also, when we meet in person, we are able to accept payments in all forms.

Eventually, we will also be sending out information about our information management system—Charms Office. We will give you instructions for how to login and manage your own demographic information, view the current status of your student's account and also make a payment there. This should simplify the process for everyone and we look forward to hearing your feedback about that system.

We Need You!

So, as we begin to plan for Marching Season, we begin to rely more and more on our volunteers. There are so many ways to help the Band, spend time with our kids, and get to know the other parents. Here are just a few:

- We need volunteers to help build the props for our Marching Show.
- Have you always wanted to drive a big truck? We need you to help us drive props and instruments to performances.
- A few parents always work to feed and water the band at each event. You can help plan the menu, and then watch how happy the kids are when they get FOOD! :O)
- Our marching uniforms require some management. Are you able to help plume the kids? Hand out gauntlets and inserts? Want to learn what gauntlets and inserts are?
- One of our primary fundraisers is staffing

the concessions stands at CHS Football Games. This is a lot of work, but sooo much fun! Can you help?

- We also host a Craft Faire and Enchilada Supper in November. This takes a huge team of volunteers. Can we count on you?
- In the Spring, we host our Annual Golf Tournament and need another slew of helpers. How about spending some fun in the sun with the Band?
- Finally, we are always hoping to bring more parents into leadership roles. Would you like to learn how the Board functions? Have some great ideas for improvements? We'd love to visit with you! Please reach out any-



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With Pride.
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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 2020-2021 School year and their "affiliated" sections:

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