



# News and Notes



## Welcome to September

While it may not be the same as we expected or wanted, the new month absolutely brings an opportunity for new beginnings. Usually, we save this sort of talk for the beginning of the New Year, but in 2020, it seems fitting to start again each month.

How are you feeling? How is school going? Is everyone practicing their music? Are you figuring out a way to create social interactions?

How about you, Class of 2021? You are Seniors!!!! This is your year! The adults around you want, more than anything, to make this an amazing year for you. Take those Senior pictures! Plan

those graduation parties and look forward to a time when things are better...

In the meantime, your band family is here. We need each other. Did you hear about the Friday night lights in Las Cruces? Every Friday night LCPS will turn on the lights at Field of Dreams and the Soccer Complex in honor of all the students who have lost their fall sports/activities. This means you, Band! These lights are for you. Should we all drive over there some Friday night and sit in the parking lot together?

Let's get involved in Band in any way we can. I implore

you to serve on a committee, share your ideas, lead an endeavor. Do it for our kids. They deserve our best effort this year more than any other. The reality is that this is up to us adults.

Enjoy your Labor Day break and then let's get busy with Golf Committee and Craft Fair Committee. Let's do something that will bring us together and remind us of the amazing community we have because of music education.

### LABOR DAY



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*"If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week."* — Charles Darwin

*"Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without."* — Confucius

*"Music is ... A higher revelation than all Wisdom & Philosophy"* — Ludwig van Beethoven

*"A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life, in order that worldly cares may not obliterate the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul."* — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

## Holes for Hawks Needs You

We will have a meeting for all people interested (even a little) in working on our Golf Tournament. This meeting will take place this Thursday, via Zoom, at 6:30 pm. Here's the invitation:

Jennifer Raess is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://lcps.zoom.us/>

j/93231380821?  
pwd=QIN6SE5oRjNPRllh  
QWJCUVNYZDRIQT09

Meeting ID: 932 3138 0821

Passcode: 919582

This will be a brainstorming and preliminary planning meeting.

I look forward to seeing many of you there.



# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/10	Golf Committee Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
9/14	Band Board Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
9/22	Band Parent Meeting via Zoom	Zoom	6:30 pm
9/25-11/16	Tournament of Bands	Virtual	<a href="https://nmtob.nmsu.edu">https://nmtob.nmsu.edu</a>
11/4	All State Auditions	Band Room (individually)	TBA
11/14	Solo & Ensemble	TBA	TBA
2/22/20	Football Can Begin	n/a	n/a

## What Interests You

As a result of the survey on the Band App, it has become clear that we have a handful of people willing to volunteer and help. We are so grateful for you! Thank you!

It's also clear that nobody is willing, at least at this point, to head up the Golf Tournament. So, as mentioned in a previous article, we will meet on Thursday and work out some of the logistics.

On the other hand, people are wondering about the Spirit Activities on that same survey. We'd like to be sure that we aren't neglecting our primary responsibility as a Booster Club. It isn't fundraising, though that is clearly important and demands a lot of time and effort. Our primary goal is to support our kids and the Directors. So, we'd like to have at least one spirit activity going on each month. Maybe we send cards to each of our kids. Maybe we celebrate each class—like seniors, juniors, sophomores and fresh-

men. Maybe we secretly adopt a Band Student and personally reach out on a regular basis. I'm sure you all of tons of wonderful ideas and we'd love to hear about them.

It's amazing how doing something like this can change a student's perspective on this crazy, disappointing school year.



# Summary of Band Fees 20-21

This article will remain in every newsletter until we return to campus in some format.

DO NOT pay any Band fees, at this time. Things continue to change rapidly and we will update you when fees become due.

The following is a list of fees that may be incurred this school year, for Band.

1. **Class Fee.** Charged at \$25/9 weeks and only when students are actually physically attending class.
2. **2020-2021 T-shirt.** This will cost \$10 and is being designed by our band students. You will be charged, once a design has been chosen and shirts are ready to be ordered.
3. You may order additional T-shirts for \$20 each. Again,

we will let you know when you can place those orders.

4. **Concert Shirt.** This is a new charge for the current school year; and the Directors spoke about it during the parent meeting. Once, we enter concert season, students will be required to purchase a shirt for \$20. We will bring someone in to measure and size students.



The shirts will then belong to the student and must be worn for each concert.

5. Also for concert season, students will be issued a concert jacket. These jackets belong to CHS and must also be worn to each concert. We will charge a \$10 cleaning fee for each jacket.
6. Additional optional charges may arise for things like All State, Solo & Ensemble, etc. We will send you detailed information about these opportunities, as they become available to us.

Thank you so much for patience and flexibility.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** How do I know how my student is doing in Band class on Canvas/SmartMusic?

**A:** First, there are training videos for parents in the use of Canvas on the homepage of the Las Cruces Public Schools website. You can find that at [www.lcps.net](http://www.lcps.net). If you need additional information, then please reach out to Mr. Ramos and Ms. Padilla via email. The addresses are always on the last page of the newsletter.

**Q:** Where can I pay my fees? (Yes, I am still getting this question.)

**A:** Please DO NOT pay any band fees, at this time, unless you'd like to make a donation. :0)

**Q:** How do I get on the Band App?

**A:** Go to this website: <https://band.us/band/75507871> And then click "Join this Band".

**Q:** How can I help?

**A:** Join us for the Golf Tournament Meeting. Vol-

unteer to run a fundraiser or Spirit activity, create an opportunity that you would enjoy... There are as many ways to support the band as there are parents and students in the band.

**Q:** When will students be able to get their Band t-shirts?

**A:** This will happen as soon as a design has been chosen and a vendor selected. We will keep you posted.



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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 2020-2021 School year and their "affiliated" sections:

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