



# News and Notes



## As the Leaves Change

I read somewhere, that Fall is a time when the leaves show us just how beautiful it can be to let everything go. That's a nice sentiment and seems to be perfect for 2020. This is a great time to let the discouragement of the last 6 months "fall" away. Let's look forward with optimism, energy and enthusiasm. We are the models for our kids and we owe them to teach them that "this, too, shall pass." Life goes on and we can be bigger and better than we were before because of the lessons we've learned.

Sure, they can't march right now. But, they can make music! They can learn new skills, practice for All-State,

compete in the revamped Tournament of Bands and put some effort into making new friends in the Band. In fact, we can do that as adults, too. Come to one of the Zoom meetings, email or text the parent of another student in your section. Arrange a practice session with other kids (on Zoom, if that's more comfortable.) Ask the Directors for specific suggestions or names of other kids to contact.

Reach out to the musicians in the community for some private lessons. Try playing some new pieces.... Go out on a limb and play for the family.

You could also head out to Field of Dreams on a Friday night and reminisce and dream about football games when the lights come on for 21 minutes to honor the seniors of all Fall Sports/Activities.

There is so much we can do to make this better for our kids. Some days we have to "fake it 'til we make it"; but we can do this! We're a family and our kids deserve it.



## Golf Tournament Deferred

We met this past week to talk about plans for the Golf Tournament. I was so disappointed that only one parent participated. On the other hand, it was easier to decide to defer the Golf Tournament to next semester. Perhaps, by then, more parents will be interested and motivated to help. If not, we will have no choice but to give up this fundraiser and the \$6000-\$10,000 it generates.

I get the feeling that everyone is tired, disoriented and frustrated by the state of the world these days. I can only hope that, with time, and some positive change and encouragement, we will rise out of our funk and be ready to go in the Spring.



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"Music is to the soul what words are to the mind." — Modest Mouse

"Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies." — Edward Bulwer-Lytton

"Music touches us emotionally, where words alone can't." — Johnny Depp

"Virtually every writer I know would rather be a musician." — Kurt Vonnegut

"A painter paints pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence." — Leopold Stokowski

# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
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

## Parent Meeting Coming Soon

We will have our monthly parent meeting on Tuesday, September 22 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Here is the link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/91866006182?pwd=aG1nZ3V6NWw5KzZGVhYzGp6cVRBdz09>

Meeting ID: 918 6600 6182

Passcode: 479820

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/91866006182?pwd=aG1nZ3V6NWw5KzZGVhYzGp6cVRBdz09>

If you have specific questions or concerns about anything in Band, please send me an email and I will be sure to answer them at that meeting. Of course, we will also address any questions that come up during

the meeting, as well.

The Directors will provide updates, we will talk about the calendar, fundraisers, volunteer opportunities and any changes we may learn about between now and then. We'd also like to begin a Spirit Program to support our Band students during this most unusual school year. We need you! You matter and your opinions are valued!

See you there!



# 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.

## #Hawk Yeah 2020-2021

I'd like to begin a new section in the newsletter. Since we don't have all the details of a marching season this Fall, let's get to know our kids! I will begin next week, by profiling one or two Seniors in our Band. Then, we will move to juniors, sophomores and freshmen. This is certainly not a requirement, but may be a fun way to begin to get to know each other a little bit better.

Question, though: do any of our students read this newsletter? Maybe they will, if they know they're going to be in it.

So, I may be reaching out to you to interview your student. Of course, if they'd prefer not to participate, I understand. But my hope is that they all are willing to share a few interesting facts and a photo with the rest of us.

If there is a need to answer Frequently Asked Questions, then I will alternate that column with this one.

I'm looking forward to learning about our kids!



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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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