



# News and Notes

## Parent Meetings as Community Building...

This Tuesday, **October 20** will mark the 4th Parent meeting of the 2020-2021 school year. It's also the 6th Parent Meeting, overall, during this pandemic. While we know that meeting via Zoom is not a good way to build community, we also know it is the only tool we have right now. Did you know that a typical Parent Meeting in October would see at least 60 parents in attendance? Last month, we had about 20 in our Zoom.

Please, please, please consider joining us this week. Not because there will be tons of new information, but because it's the only option we have to get to know each other,

for building a sense of community that will be crucial when this pandemic finally passes.

Over the past few years, I have learned so much about marching band. For example, I honestly had no idea how hard the parents work year-round. We work to fund-raise, to provide a high quality experience and grow a sense of family and community—a place where our students feel safe, welcome and appropriately challenged.

We are the ones who create spirit in the Band, support our Directors and cheer the loudest from the stands. I have also made friends among band parents who I

hope will be in my life long after my son graduates. I'm sorry we don't have an opportunity to build inside jokes and crazy stories this year. But, soon.... Hopefully.

In the meantime, we hope to see you Tuesday night at 6:30 via zoom. This is the link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/86233449953?pwd=aVZJTjEicHdNaXZsbGd0NkZGd3VNQTO9>

Meeting ID: 862 3344 9953

Passcode:  
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## Drive Thru Goodies for You!

We cordially invite you to participate in our drive-by celebration of Bandtober! This is traditionally a time when we have no time. We are usually spending every Friday night, most Saturdays and countless practice hours together. We are missing you!

So, please join us on **October 28 from 4:30-6:30 pm**. We will be set up (socially distanced) in the parking lot adjacent to the band room at CHS! As you drive through, one of us will hand you a bag of goodies for your stu-

dent. We have special treats for Freshmen and upperclassmen will be receiving their Band Letters from last year.

We can't wait to see you!!! We only wish we could all hang out and catch up. Alas, one day soon... hopefully.

I made a handy calendar for all of you involved in band. Happy Bandtober!



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"Beethoven tells you what it's like to be Beethoven and Mozart tells you what it's like to be human. Bach tells you what it's like to be the universe." — Douglas Adams

"The music is not in the notes, but in the silence between." — Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

"Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence." — Robert Fripp

"Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife." — Kahlil Gibran

# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/25-11/16	Tournament of Bands	Virtual	<a href="https://nmtob.nmsu.edu">https://nmtob.nmsu.edu</a>
10/20	Band Parent Meeting	<a href="https://lcpz.zoom.us/j/86233449953?pwd=aVZJTjEFeHdnaXZsbGd0NkZGd3VNQT09">https://lcpz.zoom.us/j/86233449953?pwd=aVZJTjEFeHdnaXZsbGd0NkZGd3VNQT09</a>	6:30 pm
10/28	Drive Thru Bandtober Goodie Grab	CHS Band Room Parking Lot	4:30-6:30 pm
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

## Tournament of Bands Continues

As you probably know, our band students have been participating in the virtual edition of the New Mexico State University Tournament of Bands. Obviously, this is usually a marching competition; but is a solo competition this year. The first edition of the leaderboard is now posted on their website. You can find it here: <https://nmtob.nmsu.edu/leaderboard/>. Centennial is doing very well, indeed! Students who earn a "1" automatically earn a spot in the Southwest Honor Band, as well. Congratulations!!! Let's keep it going!



# All State Fees Now Due

The All State Auditions are approaching fast and many CHS Band students are participating. If your student has signed up, Ms. Padilla has officially registered them and the fee(s) are now due.

The fee for All State Band Audition is \$17 per instrument. The fee for All State Jazz Band Audition is \$20 per instrument.

If you don't know if your student signed up for an audition, please let one of the Directors know or reach out to Jeni or Deb. We all have the list of students who have been registered and therefore owe money on their band account now.

**You can make a payment by logging into your account on Charms.** Go to CharmsOffice.com. In the top right corner, click "Login" then "Parents/

Students/Helpers". The school code is CHSBandLasCruces. Your initial password is your student's LCPS ID number. You will immediately be prompted to set up your own password. Once you've been able to login, click the "Finances" button. Scroll down to "Make a Miscellaneous Payment". Complete the payment process. In the note include "2020 Allstate Fee").

That's it! Then, you will also have your Charms account set up and you are able to modify demographic information and monitor the account at your convenience. If you have any trouble with Charms, please let Jeni or Deb know. Contact information is on the last page of every newsletter.



## Community Resources - Because It Matters

The following is a brief compilation of resources I've used over the last 7 months with students and families I work with.

**New Mexico Crisis and Access Line** CALL 1-855-NMCRISIS (662-7474)

**KidTalk** offers someone to talk to and provides a safe place to reach out where someone will listen and offer non-judgmental, unconditional support. Volunteers are on call and waiting to help. Monday-Thursday: 3pm-10pm Friday: 3pm-Midnight Sunday: 10am-10pm KID TALK Warmline TEXT 636-3636 CALL 1-575-636-3636 EMAIL kidtalk@lapinon.org

If you or someone you know is experiencing any painful emotion, a mental health or substance use concern or just looking to talk to someone about recovery and resiliency. **NM Peer to Peer Warmline** TEXT 1-855-466-7100 between 6pm-11pm CALL 855-466-7100

**YourLifeYourVoice.org** is a website full of resources for teens facing a number of tough situations. CALL 1-800-448-3000 or TEXT VOICE to 20121, 24/7.

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline** CALL 1-800-237-TALK (8255) is a suicide crisis prevention resource with phone and e-counselors available 24/7.

**La Casa Domestic Violence Hotline** CALL 1-800-376-2272 To reach the shelter, call 575-526-9513 Crisis Shelter provides an immediate sanctuary if you are forced to leave your home because you fear for your life.

**La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery & Crisis Hotline** CALL 575-526-3437 or 888-594-7273 A full-service sexual assault response agency in Southern New Mexico providing comprehensive sexual assault recovery services for sexual abuse victim and their families.

**SAMHSA's National Helpline** CALL 1-800-662-HELP (4357) Free, 24-hour-a-day, 356-day-a-year Information service for mental and/or substance use disorders. Referrals to local treatment facilities, support groups and community-based organizations.

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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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