



News and Notes

Happy December!

Welcome to December! Seems like this year has lasted forever... It's getting to the point where it's hard to remember the details of getting up every morning to get kids ready for school and hustling off to work... I guess we're still doing those things, they just look vastly different.

As we enter the Holiday season, there are still a few Band activities on the calendar. The Band will putting on a Winter Concert this Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. In the past, this has been our biggest concert of the year. In fact, there may be some video of past Winter con-

certs on our Facebook page, if you decide to look for them.

Then, of course, we have our longest break of the school year, beginning near the end of this month. It is our hope that this will be the last major holiday we all celebrate under a pandemic. Perhaps the new year will bring new triumphs over COVID, a lessening of the need for restrictions and a return to some sense of normalcy.

We wish you all peace and joy and health and happiness... A bunch of things we probably took for granted before 2020.

We love our Band family and we can't wait to all be back together!



Winter Concert this Thursday

Please plan to join us this Thursday at 6:30 pm on Zoom for our annual Winter Concert! Of course, it will look a little different this year; but our students and directors have worked hard to bring this concert to fruition.

Please check out the Band App this week for

a link to the concert and a flyer with more details! There is no better way to get into the Holiday Spirit than listening to our kids perform.

See you there!



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"Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common."
—Sarah Dessen

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

"It is always fatal to have music or poetry interrupted." — George Eliot

"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary." — Martin Luther

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
12/7	Band Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom
12/10	Winter Concert	Zoom (invite on Band App)	6:30 pm
12/18	Winter Grab Bag Drive Thru	TBA	4:00-6:00 pm
12/18-1/6	Winter Break	N/A	N/A
2/22/20	Football Can Begin	n/a	n/a

Tournament of Bands Results

The Centennial Band did an amazing job at the virtual edition of the NMSU Tournament of Bands! The link to the announcements video was posted on the Band App and here are the results for CHS:

Top Tuba Performer: Wendell Oderkirk
Top French Horn Performer: Derek Gonzales
Top Double Reed Performer: Ai Khuyen Prasad
Top Colorguard Performer: Jadalynn Young

Top Saxophone Performer: Mary Parr
Top Clarinet Performer: Noah Raess
Top Flute Performer: Mary Schneider
Top Euphonium Performer: Own Ramsey

Top TOB School: Centennial High School



T-Shirts Coming Soon

It's been a long time since we talked about our Band T-shirts. Usually these are designed around our marching show. Obviously, we'd like to commemorate this year and we have students still working to blend all of the designs submitted for consideration. We hope to have a final design approved by the Directors this week.

Once that's done, we will post it on the Band App. At that point \$10 will become due for every student. Additional shirts will be available for order for friends, family, etc. The cost of those additional shirts will be \$20 each. Please look for information about ordering additional shirts in your email and on the Band App this week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Jeni.

Once these fees have been charged, you will be able to pay for them on our Charms Office platform. Shirts will need to be paid for prior to delivery. Again, If you have any questions about Charms, please let Jeni know.



Let's Meet the Class of 2021!

Avery Johnson is a Senior at Centennial High School. This is his 4th year in band; and he plays trumpet. Avery has been Section Leader and is now one of the Drum Majors.

Favorite Color: "Red"

Spirit Animal: "A Duck"

Favorite Composer: John Mackey

Favorite Marching Show: X Marks the Spot

Favorite Band Memory: "Playing hide-and-go-seek with the Directors and a pole we found in the Band Room."

Words of Wisdom: "Have hope. Don't be a pessimist."

Plans After High School: "Attend NMSU and pursue a degree in Computer Science."

Hope for 2021: "I have no hopes. I'm a pessimist. I'm drained."



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▶ **Stronger Together.
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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