



News and Notes

Happy December!

Welcome to the last week of School before Winter Break! This week, our students will be taking finals and otherwise wrapping up the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

It's easy to reflect on this year and simply be glad that it's ending. However, I've recently been reminded that there has been a lot of good to come out of all this craziness. Perhaps we appreciate family more. Holidays, birthdays and other special occasions just don't seem the same without friends and family. I think many of us have struggled to find our purpose over the last 9 months, because our primary

identity (student, teacher, etc.) has been so drastically altered. I believe this is one of the reasons our kids have struggled so much. What is their purpose? What gives them a sense of accomplishment? I want to thank our Directors for continuing to create opportunities for our kids to embrace their role as musicians and students. CHS Band has excelled—even in the face of COVID-19.

It was easy, before, to just try to make it through Bandtober without wanting to hurt anyone. Now, I can't wait for the opportunity to work side-by-side with my band family.

So, what have you learned about yourself and your family? What's been the good, the bad and the ugly? What will you never take for granted again?

I miss band more than I thought possible and I pray each and every one of you stays healthy and enjoys a peaceful, joyful Winter Break!

Jeni



Winter Concert this Thursday

The Winter Concert has been moved from last Thursday to this coming 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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"No matter how corrupt, greedy, and heartless our government, our corporations, our media, and our religious & charitable institutions may become, the music will still be wonderful." — Kurt Vonnegut

"Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music." — George Eliot

"Life is like a beautiful melody, only the lyrics are messed up." — Hans Christian Andersen

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
12/14	Band Board Meeting	6:30 pm	Zoom
12/17	Winter Concert	Zoom (invite on Band App)	6:30 pm
12/18	Winter Grab Bag Drive Thru	5195 Imperial Drive (Raess home)	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



All State Audition Results

Many CHS Band Students continue to find their purpose and joy in music. The results for the New Mexico State All State Audition (for Centennial) are below:

Sebastian Alvarez, All-State Concert Band-Tuba

Kai Baird-Hewus, All-State Concert Band-Horn (Horn 2)

Jordan Gladstone, All-State Symphonic Band-Flute (Flute 2)

Derek Gonzalez, All-State Symphonic Band-Horn (Horn 4)

Cody Gustafson, All-State Concert Band-Trombone (Trombone 1)

Avery Johnson, All-State Concert Band-Trumpet (Trumpet 1)

Evan Kleczka, All-State Concert Band-Trumpet (Trumpet 2)

Wendell Oderkirk, All-State Concert Band-Tuba

Mary Schneider, Symphony Orchestra Winds-Flute (Flute 1)

Mary Parr, All-State Jazz Band 3 (Tenor Sax 2)



Golf Tournament Committee

The 3rd Annual Holes for Hawks Golf Tournament is still scheduled for this coming Spring. It takes many volunteers to make this a success. Please be alert to information sent via email and posted on

the Band App about opportunities to help.

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

We hope to hold our first meeting right after the Break.



Christmas Carol Fun Activity

Can you identify these Christmastime songs?

1. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds.
3. Nocturnal time span of unbroken quietness.
4. An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere.
5. Embellish the interior passageways.
6. Exalted heavenly beings to whom mankind harkened.
7. Twelve o'clock on a clement night witnessed its arrival.
8. The Christmas preceding all others.
9. Small municipality in Judea southeast of Jerusalem.
10. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.
11. Omnipotent supreme being who elicits respite to ecstatic distinguished males.
12. Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minute frozen crystals
13. Expectation of arrival to populated area by mythical, masculine perennial gift-giver.
14. Natal celebration devoid of color, rather albino, as a hallucinatory phenomenon for me.
15. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity.
16. Geographic state of fantasy during the season of Mother Nature's dormancy.
17. The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of Far Eastern heads of state.
18. Tintinnabulation of vacillating pendulums in inverted, metallic resonant cups.
19. In a distant location the existence of an improvised children's slumber furniture.
20. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.



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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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