



News and Notes

Finish Strong

There are only a few short weeks left in this school year. To say it has been "historic" or "unprecedented" sounds cliché, at this point. Those words don't even begin to capture the variety of ups and downs we've all experienced.

But, congratulations! You made it! We made it! There is a distinct light at the end of the tunnel and I don't think it's an oncoming train, this time. Dona Ana County is in the green and we are starting to march steadily forward!

Our band calendar is full of dates and we are so excited to get back to our typical summer activities. And we are thrilled that our seniors will get a more traditional

graduation! Enjoy these last few weeks... #HawkYeah



Summer Band Camp

As the school year ends, we eagerly anticipate summer band camp. For those of you joining us, please remember the following:

- Bring LOTS of water - more than you think you'll need.
- Wear lots of sunscreen - more than you think you'll need.
- Consider wearing a hat.
- Wear good, supportive shoes: not flip flops.
- Please avoid heavy clothing, like hoodies.

If you need help or don't understand something, please ask.

Be patient. Marching technique is a lot harder than it sounds.

Bring a mask. Wash your hands. Stay home if you

don't feel well.

Please see the schedule of camp dates/times on page 2. See you there!



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Thank you to:
Christal Swenson
Deb Hewus
Kim Vallejos
Selina Cardoza

Your service to our band is so appreciated. Even more than that, your friendship, love and support mean everything.

We are so happy that Christal, Deb and Selina will still be around next year. We need the wisdom of their experience.

And, congratulations to Kim as Kianna graduates! We will miss you.

Coming Attractions

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
5/4/21	Color Guard Interest Meeting (bring a parent)	Band Room	6:00 pm
5/6/21	End of Year Concert (audience bring a chair and masks)	CHS Outside	6:30 pm (call time 5:30 pm)
5/10/21	Band Board Meeting (Transitional Meeting)	Zoom	6:30 pm
5/11/21	Drum Line and Pit Auditions	Band Room	3:30 pm
5/15/21	CHS Prom	TBA	TBA
5/18/21	Drum Major Auditions	Band Room	3:30 pm
5/21/21	Section Leader Auditions	Band Room	3:30 pm
5/22/21	CHS Graduation (band NOT performing live)	Field of Dreams	6:00 pm
5/27/21	Officers Camp	Band Room	3:30 - 5:30 pm
5/28/21	Officers Camp Continues	Band Room	3:30 - 5:30 pm
6/1/21	Band Camp (Incoming Fresh/Soph Only)	Band Room	8:00 am - noon
6/2/21	Band Camp (Vets only)	Band Room	8:00 am - noon
6/3/21	Band Camp (Incoming Fresh/Soph Only)	Band Room	8:00 am - noon
6/4/21	Band Camp (EVERYONE including Guard and Percussion)	Band Room	8:00 am - noon
6/5/21	Band Camp (EVERYONE including Guard and Percussion)	Band Room	8:00 am - noon
6/15/21	Percussion and Guard Sectionals	Band Room	3:30-5:30 pm
6/22/21	Percussion and Guard Sectionals	Band Room	3:30-5:30 pm
6/29/21	Percussion and Guard Sectionals	Band Room	3:30-5:30 pm
7/8-10/21	Percussion and Guard Camp	Band Room	8:00 am - noon
7/12-16/21	Full Band Camp	Band Room	7:30 am - noon & 1:30 - 5:30 pm
7/17/21	Band Family Picnic	TBA	TBA
7/19-23/21	Full Band Camp	TBA	7:30 am - noon & 1:30 - 5:30 pm
7/23/21	Hawks at Sunset	CHS	TBA

NOTE: We will also be adding dates for an Incoming Freshmen Meeting and Car Washes, sponsored by each section, throughout the summer, as local regulations allow.

Summer Fundraising

COVID has changed almost everything and that includes our ability to fundraise for our Band Program. However, we will have plenty of opportunity to make up for lost time this summer.

As in previous years, each section will be responsible for hosting one car wash. We will provide the supplies and can assist with a location, if necessary. Newly elected section leaders should work with an adult from their section to schedule volunteers, pick-up supplies, etc. The Board will help with flyers for social media, collecting money at the car washes, etc. More details will be available after section leaders have audi-

tioned.

We are also looking to host our first 5K fun run. We need help for this, especially from anyone who's ever worked this type of event. PLEASE contact Julie Gustafson at 575-644-4651 if you are willing and able to share your knowledge.

We will be hosting Spirt Nights at Papa John's at the corner of Solano and Missouri, as well as Chick-fil-A on Lohman and possible Sonic on Foothills Drive.

We need every single person to share news of these events with friends, family and on social media. Once we get through the

summer, we will begin to plan the Craft Fair. There's a lot of parts that are beginning to move again and we will be needing your help.



End of Year Concert

We are so excited to be able to enjoy our first live concert of the year! The traditional "End of Year" concert will take place on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm. The concert will be played outside under the CHS Admin building, on the courtyard, just outside the band room. We are asking that each audience member bring a chair and come listen to our amazing students celebrate their perseverance. Donation baskets will be available. COVID safe practices will be enforced, including social distancing and masks. Call time for the band is 5:30 pm. Students should wear jeans and their Band t-shirt. **Seniors should wear jeans, their band t-shirt and their graduation gowns (no caps).** Questions about this concert? Please reach out to one of the Directors.



Taking Flight in 2021

The marching show has been chosen for next year. You can listen to it here: <https://fanninmusic.com/?s=Flight&submit=Search>...

We are already in the planning stages for props. We will need parent volunteers to assist with design and building of props throughout the summer. This effort will be led by Deb Hewus and Chris Swenson. You can look forward to a few Saturday

mornings filled with coffee, donuts and hands-on work that directly benefits our students. This is always a super-fun committee, so please let us know how you would like to help. Once marching season begins, we will need another group of parents to assist with getting these props on and off the field for each performance. This is part of what marching season is all about. We have a great time, working hard for and with our kiddos. Please get involved with us. You will not regret it.

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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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