



News and Notes



Patience and Flexibility...

As we rapidly approach the beginning of the school year, it seems that new information comes to light every single day. Your leadership team (headed by our Directors) is working very hard to keep on top of all of the developments.

You've probably already heard that the NM Department of Public Education (PED) has determined that school will start in a hybrid model. The link to that publication is here:

https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/20NMPED_ReentryGuide_Hybrid.pdf. Importantly, this is a not a decision made by

LCPS. Additionally, our local District has been working on a detailed plan for school re-entry. As that information becomes public (approved by the Board), you will be able to find it here:

<http://www.lcps.net/returnplan/>. That plan will address the schedule, personal protective equipment and so many other issues. Finally, with respect to specific recommendations for band and other music activities, one can assume that decisions will be guided by the New Mexico Activities Association. Please see their guidance here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FtKA3aPSBcYOQKy4EmnHTayIEI9SoZJo/view>. The information about music programs can be found on the last page.

So, with all of this in mind, we have begun to make some preliminary decisions and plans for the 2020-2021 school year. However, please understand that patience and flexibility will be essential. Things can change with a single executive order and/or Board Vote, etc. The details, as we understand them right now, are in this newsletter. These are difficult times, but our strength is in our relationships and our support of each other. We are a family. #HawkYeah20

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Welcome to the Year of Change!



Marching Season 2020-2021

We may as well start by restating the obvious: the answer to many questions is still, "I don't know." We are doing the best we can with what we know.

1. CHS Marching Band, as well as the other programs in LCPS, will NOT be participating in any competitions this school year. The Zia Marching Festival has already been cancelled and our ability

to travel is limited.

2. The Directors will be working to design a small, easy marching show full of uplifting, fun music! The goal will be to provide a safe music experience for our students and encourage any audiences with the joy that only music can provide.

3. We do not know if we will be allowed to march/perform in the Fall. It is possible that we could march in the Spring, but nobody has this answer right now.

4. We will do our best to get all details to you, as we receive the appropriate guidance.

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
7/13	CHS Band Board Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
7/21	Band Parent Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
8/12	First Day of School	Hybrid	N/A

Band App More Important Than Ever...

The Centennial High School Band, and the CHS Band Parent Association use the Band App to facilitate communication with parents and students. All newsletters are shared there and important announcements are posted frequently. The app is available on the apple and android platforms. To join our specific Band, go to: <https://band.us/band/75507871>. Then click, "join band."

Some things to remember:

1. We are currently performing annual maintenance on the App. We are removing graduated seniors and their families. We may also remove anyone whose name we do not recognize and people who are not returning to our Band.
2. When you join, you must use your actual name.

Additionally, please list your role appropriately. For example, "Jeni Raess, Noah's mom". This is important for us to be able to maintain the safety of the app for all involved.

3. Consider enabling Push Notifications, so that you are aware when new content is posted.
4. From time to time, we may turn off commenting. However, the contact information for the Directors and Board members is on the last page of every newsletter and you are always welcome to reach out that way.

Questions and/or concerns about the App should be directed to Mr. Kaltenbach, as he is the most



Important Changes to Band Budget/Student Fees

In light of all of the changes, the Board and Directors have worked together to modify the budget for the 2020-2021 school year. This budget will be presented to you, the Parents, at our Zoom meeting scheduled for 7/21/20 at 6:30 pm. However, I want to highlight some of the changes immediately.

1. We have decreased our proposed expenditures from about \$101,000 to about \$27,400.00. Clearly, this is a huge change. It reflects drastic cuts in expenses and projected cuts to our ability to fundraise.
2. In light of this, there have also been adjustments to student fees. The class fee of \$50/semester (\$100 total) remains. We have cut the concession start-up fee of \$25, the meal fee of \$20, etc.



We are working to produce new forms for you and they will be posted on the Band App as soon as they are ready.

3. In light of these changes, we are making an odd request. Please do NOT pay your fees right now. We need to provide clarification to you, so

that you know what you are paying for first.

4. As far as we know, right now, instruments will still be available for rental. Details to come, as they are available to us.
5. It is possible that students will not march in formal uniforms, but in some sort of show shirt and bottoms. Again, we are working on this; but details are not available yet.
6. If you have already paid your fees in full, based on the forms originally published, please reach out via email to Jeni and we will arrange a refund for you, for everything except the class fee.

Band is Family

Band is long hours in the hot sun
Band is the cool air on your face coming in for lunch
Band is laughter at jokes no one else would get
Band is joy, and that means family

Band is the feeling of bliss coming off the field
Band is the pounding of Dr. Beat in your eardrums
Band is music, and music is love
Band is love, and that means family.

Band is pushups on the scorching asphalt
Band is going on when you think you can't
Band is shouting out, "Number one, sir!"
Band is never stopping believing, and that means family

Band is the deep breath and go
Band is the reset just one more time
Band is waking up with your friends to see the perfect sunrise
Band is life, because Band is family

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A Few Words

This has been a difficult newsletter to write. There is so much new information and it's easy to become discouraged. But, we have the opportunity to do something amazingly wonderful this year! We have the ability to share the joy of music, for music's sake! Our kids have the chance to show the world the power of music, the power of working and staying together under adversity and the power of perseverance. This experience has the potential to be a defining one for our kids. Will we embrace it with joy or approach it in fear, anger and trepidation? The choice is ours! We own this moment, no matter what is going on in the world around us.

So, let's remember why we're all here in the first place. We LOVE music. It makes us happy; and, what in the world could be more important right now than the ability and the desire to make others happy?

We are a band fam and we will have our ups and downs. We will disagree, from time to time, but we have to keep the main thing the main thing. No matter what this year actually ends up looking like, we are here together and we get to choose how to move through it.

And there's no group I'd rather go through it with more, than you.... Let's do this.

Jeni

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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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