



News and Notes



Good-bye, Mr. K!

As many of you know, from the Band App, our own Mr. Kaltenbach has been offered and accepted a new position in Albuquerque. He and his lovely wife will be moving in about 2 weeks. We are going to miss everything about him.

Mr. K. joined our Hawk Band fam in October, 2018, as the first full-time Assistant Director Centennial had ever had. He jumped in with both feet. Since then, he has taught us so much more than music. Did you know he learned to play the pit instruments last summer, so he could turn around a teach a group of Freshmen how to do it? Did you know that game nights were his idea? He wanted to spend time with

his students separate from the classroom routine. He figured out a way to project video games, sell snacks and truly get to know our kids. Mr. K has a cat, that is truly like his child. This may explain the portrait of said cat that hangs over his desk in the band office. (Thanks to Marisa Peay.)

In the time he's been with us, he's also earned his Master's Degree, helped teach AP Music Theory and lead the guitar class—another instrument he learned how to play so he could teach it.

I truly believe Mr. K. could learn to teach anything. I also believe he's come to teaching for all the right reasons. Students know the

he cares about them. They know he expects a lot from them, and they work to rise to that standard. In the last 2 years, Mr. K has become our friend, our mentor and our inspiration.

We love you, Mr. K! And, remember: Once a Hawk, Always a Hawk!

Additional information will be available in the email accompanying this newsletter. Also, please be sure your students check in with their section leaders in the next few days.



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PARENT MEETING

- TUESDAY, JULY 21
- 6:30 PM
- ZOOM!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/98706161241?pwd=aDkxZThqeEVHcW1LNghqQXVjdVJNUT09>

Meeting ID: 987 0616 1241

Password: 844892



Fall 2020 Marching Season Cancelled

We recently received notice from Mrs. Hendee and Mr. Flores (Coordinator for Fine Arts) that the Fall Marching Season and associated activities have been cancelled. The letter was posted on the Band App, our Facebook Page, our website and attached to the email with this newsletter.

It is possible that there will be some sort of marching season later in the school

year. We will definitely let you know, as soon as that information is shared with us.

In the meantime, it is important that students continue to practice. They should be working on the All State etudes, which were also posted on the Band App some

time ago. If you need help locating this music, please reach out to your Section Leader or one of the Drum Majors.

During our Parent Meeting on 7/21/20 we will share plans for Band classes.

Please don't quit playing! The band will be back performing together at some point!



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 have removed recent graduates 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.
5. If you are already on the Band App, please adjust your name so that we can clearly tell who you are. We will begin removing names we don't recognize at the end of the month.



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.

Just Food for Thought

The following is a Facebook post by author, Carrie Carriello. I have followed her, professionally, for her support of families raising children with Autism. Obviously, she is talking about her own school district, but I think it applies everywhere.

"Man-oh-my, if there's anything I would not want on my plate this summer, it's trying to decide what to do about school in the fall.

I mean, how hard is that? Balancing safety and academic demands—making sure kindergarteners and teenagers don't touch everything with their gross, sticky fingers and breathe all over the desks.

As the battle wages on, I have decided one thing.

I have decided, no matter what the outcome, I stand with our administration.

I stand with the fearless leaders of our district who meet day after day in socially distanced conference rooms, trying to creatively plan a school year where our kids can succeed.

They are doing this, you know. They are doing this while I sit on my couch, eat my popcorn, and watch Hamilton 9,72 times.

People like Michael Fournier, Sheila Rose Whitman, Nancy Murray Woodmansee, Ann Haswell Noyes, Kimberley Ballard Blaine, Kristen Cushman, and countless others are on task forces and reading lots of e-mails and worrying about masks.

I stand with every teacher, paraprofessional, cafeteria worker, custodian, bus driver, principal, and support person who is braving this new reality.

Come the end of August, we will buy new school clothes to match our masks, or we will improve our WiFi.

I will add money to the lunch accounts, or get sandwich fixin's with soft, squishy bread and the good cheese.

I vow not to complain, or sneer, or insist I have a better idea. Because I don't. Which is most exactly why I am on my couch watching Disney+ and not in a meeting trying to determine the logistics of a bunch of kids eating pizza in the school cafeteria.

Will you join me, and extend your unwavering support to the conference room/Zoom/laptop heroes of our modern times?

Thanks. I love you lots.

[#IstandwithBedford](#)



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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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