



# News and Notes



## Parent Meeting Tuesday

Each month, we hold a parent meeting for all band parents. Usually, this takes place on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 in the Band Room. And - usually - our July meeting is a big one! It's the first time our freshmen parents get to meet the other parents and it usually takes place during band camp. Of course, nothing is usual in 2020. But, we still want to work on building relationship in our band family and we still want to provide opportunities to exchange information. So, we will be having our first parent meeting of 2020-2021 this coming Tuesday (7/21) at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

We will be sharing information about our budget and plans for the year, as we currently understand them. Additionally, we will provide revised forms and a revised fee schedule. We will also talk about potential fundraisers for the year and answer any questions you may have, to the best of our ability.

Clearly, Zoom is not the best way to get to know each other, but it's the best we've got for now.

So, please join us; and, since band camp is not going on, we'd encourage band students to attend this meeting, as well!

"See" you then!

### Zoom Invitation:

Topic: CHS Band Parent Meeting

Time: Jul 21, 2020 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/98706161241?pwd=aDkxZThqeEVHcW1LNhQxXVjdVJNUT09>

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## Band App Maintenance Ongoing

As Mr. K hands of administration duties for the Band App, we are continuing to clean up various features.

1. All old chat rooms have been deleted and current ones added.
2. Class of 2020 seniors and parents have been removed.
3. People with names we don't recognize have been removed.

Please understand, we do this maintenance to protect the safety and integrity of our Band. We ask the following:

1. If you were removed, but you are a current student/parent, please request to rejoin with your full name and a role (ex: "Noah's mom).

2. If you are on the App, please correct your role ASAP. We are unable to do this for you.
3. Please enable "push" notifications, so you are aware when changes occur.
4. Questions? Please let us know.



# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
7/21	Band Parent Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
8/10	Band Board Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
8/12	First Day of School	All Online	N/A
8/18	Band Parent Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
9/1	Fall Band Fees Due	n/a	n/a
2/22/20	Football Can Begin	n/a	n/a

## Learning to Go with the Flow

If there's anything 2020 has taught us, I would imagine it's that everything can and will change... Since our last newsletter, major plans have changed again.

1. LCPS will now begin classes all online. You can find details on the LCPS website. All teachers will be using Canvas. The Virtual Learning Academy is separate from this, but related. If you are unsure about this, please take some time to look around at [www.lcps.net](http://www.lcps.net). Questions should be directed to building administrators.
2. The entire athletics calendar has been revised by the New Mexico Activities Association. Details can be found on their website at [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org). Football has been moved to the spring, with a start date of February 22. This gives us an idea about when we MAY be able to

begin performing on the field and/or as a pep band in the stands.

3. CHS is in the process of hiring a new Assistant Band Director. Once this process is complete, we will share that information and introductions with you.

This is a crazy time and more than 50% of adults report negative effects on their mental health. If you or someone you know is struggling, please reach out for help. You're not alone and we can point you in the right direction of some amazing resources.

Stay tuned for further changes.....



# 2020-2021 Student Fees

During the parent meeting, we will review the revised student forms as well as the revised fee schedule. The new forms have also been sent out via email with this newsletter. Additionally, the forms will be posted on the Band App.

Student fees will now include only the following:

- Class Fee of \$100
- T-shirt fee of \$10
- Instrument rental fee of \$40 per semester per instrument (if applicable)
- Equipment use fee of \$40 per instrument (percussion and Color Guard only)

Once our t-shirts have been designed, they will also be for sale to parents and others for \$20 each.

We will talk about how to pay fees during the parent meeting.

Please complete the student forms and send them to Jeni as soon as possible. This is especially important for Freshman, as we work to get you all entered into our system in Charms.

Once all students are entered, we will send out an email to let you know how to access your student account online. There, you will be able to modify demographic information and pay for fees with a credit/debit card. You will receive a monthly statement of your account, beginning in September. This will also be sent via email, so please be sure you provide an accurate email address on all forms.

We will be happy to answer questions and address concerns during the parent meeting. If you are unable to attend, please reach out to Mr. Ramos for questions about class, grades, etc. and to any member of the Board for other issues. All contact information is always on the last page of every newsletter.



## We Need You!

Even though our budget has been drastically modified, we have an opportunity for something amazing this year. We have the chance to continue to fundraise and create a cushion for future CHS Band Classes. We are still a relatively young band and we haven't been able to do this in the past. So, we need your help!

1. We'd like to take our annual Craft Fair online. Do you know how to do this? Do you know someone who does? This is usually a huge fundraiser for us and our vendors, customers, etc. are counting on us.
2. Times are tough for the businesses around us, but we are always open to corporate sponsorships. If you own a business and are interested or know someone who does, please let Jeni know. A sponsorship packet can be sent via email anytime.
3. We'd love to have a committee of volunteers to look at our revised calendar and plan for fundraising events. This doesn't mean any one per-

son would lead every fundraiser. This is a planning and delegating activity. Are you interested? Please let us know.

4. Are you creative? Have new ideas for fundraising? We really want to hear from you....

When and if our kids get to perform at football games, we will be looking for a team of people to help. This is what it's all about and it is so much fun. So, while this isn't going on in the Fall, it may in the Spring. So keep it in my mind and we will keep you posted.



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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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