



News and Notes



Parent Meeting Wrap-Up

Our first parent meeting of the 2020-2021 school year took place last Tuesday evening. Thank you to the 50+ families who logged into the Zoom meeting with us! That power point presentation is now posted on the Band App and on our website at www.centennialband.net. Feel free to take a look at that and reach out with any questions or concerns you may have.

Highlights of the meeting include the passing of a revised budget, based on projected activities in the age of COVID-19. Details of that budget are available upon request via email to chsbandlascruces@gmail.com.

Mr. Ramos also provided a

brief overview of plans for the band classes when the new school year officially begins. Students are asked to take a look at Smart Music and familiarize themselves with that platform. Additionally, all LCPS classes will be using Canvas and all students should already have access through their LCPS email address.

We also reviewed ideas for fundraisers and the opportunity we have to create a financial cushion for future Band groups at CHS. We can do this by continuing to raise money, even though we are budgeted to spend very little this year. Perhaps this is the silver lining to Covid-19 for the CHS Band Program.

Finally, we asked that all students complete the paperwork sent out via email last week and posted on the Band App. We, especially, need this information for incoming Freshmen. Once we have it, we can add new students to Charms and parents will be able to review their demographics and financial statement at any time. The details for how to do this will be forthcoming, and are in the parent meeting presentation. If you need any of this information, please let us know.

Have a great week, Hawk Band Family!



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"Talking about our problems is our greatest addiction. Break the habit. Talk about your joys."

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"Train your mind to see the good in everything. Positivity is a choice. The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts."

Unknown

"I want to be like a sunflower, so that even on the darkest days I will stand tall and find the sunlight."

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Join the Parade!

Mr. K and his wife only have a few more days in Las Cruces, before they move on to their newest adventure. While we'd much rather have a great big party, that's just not possible. So, we are doing the next best thing. On Monday, July 27, we will have a good-bye parade! You are all invited to participate.

Meet at Highland Elementary School at 6:45 pm. Noah Raess will lead the parade,

beginning at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to bring a small gift—or not! You can decorate your car—or not. I know Mr. K will be thrilled just to see everyone one more time. The Section Leaders have this information and a flyer was posted on the Band App, as well. See you all then!



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
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

Fundraising in 2020-2021

During the Board meeting and the Parent meeting, we talked about fundraising ideas, given the current health/social climate. Ideas include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Poster project with parents purchasing personal ads for their students and/or attempting to sell ads to local businesses. We do not expect local businesses to be able to do this under current circumstances.
2. Goat Milk Soap Sale with delivery direct to customers and/or a drive through pick-up once all orders are delivered. This is a successful sale for us in the past and people are in need of soap now more than ever.
3. Snapshare fundraiser, similar to that of the CHS Football program recently.
4. We'd love to continue our Golf Tournament, but there are some new logistics to this now and we need someone willing to guide this effort. PLEASE, please consider helping with this.
5. Finally, we cannot afford to lose momentum with our Craft Faire. This usually takes place in November and we are looking for help/guidance with moving this to an online event. Last year, we earned about \$12,000; but we need some expertise with this new modality. Can you or someone you know at least answer some questions for us? Please let Jeni know.



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Work Hard. Get Dirty. Use Good Soap.

2020-2021 Student Fees

During the parent meeting, we reviewed the revised student forms as well as the revised fee schedule. The new forms have also been sent out via email with previous newsletters. 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 need 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. 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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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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