



News and Notes



Welcome, Ms. Padilla!

The CHS Band is thrilled to announce our new Assistant Director, Karen Padilla!

Hello everyone! My name is Ms. Karen Padilla, and I will be your new Assistant Band Director at Centennial HS. I was born and raised in Las Cruces, NM and attended Las Cruces High School. I completed my Bachelor of Music Education at New Mexico State University in 2008. Shortly after finishing my degree, I began teaching middle school band in El Paso, TX at Socorro MS, where I spent a wonderful four years. After Socorro MS, I had the opportunity to open a brand-new middle school named S.S.G Manuel Puentes. The four years I spent at Puentes MS were an incredible opportunity to start new traditions

and build a band program. In 2017, I decided that I wanted to pursue my Master's degree in Instrumental Conducting at NMSU. During that time, I had the distinct pleasure and honor of teaching the Pride drumline, directing the Roadrunner basketball band, and conducting the Wind Ensemble. After graduating in May of 2019, I continued my public-school teaching at Chaparral MS in Alamogordo, NM.

In my free time, I love spending time with my dog Rocky (I'll introduce him in zoom!), hiking, hanging out with my friends, watching Netflix, and drumming/playing my marimba.

I am so excited to start my 10th year of teaching, with you all, as a Centennial Hawk!

I can't wait to meet and get to know each and every one of you in person (Zoom for now). My first goal is to work hard with Mr. Ramos and add to your already amazing band program!

Musically yours,

Ms. Karen Padilla

Welcome

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"Music can change the world."
Beethoven

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."
Plato

"Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit and never dies."
Edward Buller-Lyton

"Music washes away from the soul, the dust of everyday life."
Berthold Auerbach

School Starts Next Week

It seems like so long ago that we went home on a Friday thinking we'd have just a lengthened Spring Break. Our Disney trip was cancelled but we were all still optimistic. I don't think everything that's happened was even on the radar. Now, it's been about 5 months since we were last altogether. Has the time flown by or has it been an eternity? Hard to say....

As school begins again, please take some time to think about how you will bring your best self to the school year. Not just band, but every class. It seems like absolutely everything is different, so this is the perfect time to set new goals, start over again, be a different/better version of yourself if you want to. This year is

likely to bring challenges and wonderful things that are completely unexpected. One thing I know for sure is that we got this—together.

Tech/textbook/schedule pick-ups are this week at CHS. Don't forget!

#Strongertogether
#Hawkyeah

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.



GOAT MILK STUFF
Work Hard. Get Dirty. Use Good Soap.

Band Fee Structure Changes—Again

So, we will continue to be grateful for your patience and flexibility—even though we know how hard it is for things to keep changing.

Here's the latest about band fees.

We will NOT be charging a class fee while we are still on remote learning. Once, we move into a hybrid (yellow) or normal (green) schedule, then the class fee will be reinstated. This fee, which totals \$100 is usually charged at \$50 per semester. However, this year we will charge it by the 9-weeks. So, the LCPS Superintendent has determined that we will be in Red (all remote) for the entire first 9 weeks. Therefore, no class fee will be charged for that same time period. If we come back for the 2nd 9 weeks, then we will charge the remaining quarters at \$25/each.

The bottom line is that, for now, the class fee has been reduced by \$25 for the current school year. The fee will be reinstated when we return and the total amount due adjusted accordingly. So, please don't worry about paying and fees until the students return to campus is some way.

Clearly, this will also have an impact on our budget and the Board will work with the Directors to make further cuts. Have you thought about how you can help with fundraising?

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.



We Need You!

Even though our budget has been drastically modified, and will be again, 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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