



# News and Notes



## Let the School Year Begin!

Five months ago, we left school on a Friday afternoon. If we're honest, some of us were kind of excited to have 3 whole weeks off from school. On the other hand, our Disney trip had been cancelled and terms like "pandemic" and "quarantine" were just becoming part of our vocabulary. Fast forward 5 whole months, about 150 days. Everything seems different and very few of us thought we'd still be having these challenges as a new school year begins. But here we are.

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! Everything seems different and yet some things are still the same. School is beginning on

time and teachers are furiously preparing. Notebooks, pens, pencils and crayons are all on sale. But there is no denying that things are just not the same.

As students begin class on Thursday, please know there will be a learning curve. For them, for staff, for parents, for everyone.... We don't know what the next 5 months will bring; but rest assured, our Band Family will be here. We're trying hard to adapt and make plans every time something changes. I've had numerous emails asking similar questions and I haven't been able to reply to them all. So, this week, we will bring back our "Frequently Asked Questions" section of

the newsletter. I just hope we can provide real answers sometimes, and not just the familiar refrain of, "I don't know." We're doing our best and we appreciate your patience.

Have a great first day of class to all of our Hawk Band Fam! We wish you nothing but the best!

- WELCOME -  
BACK TO SCHOOL

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"Without music, life would be a mistake."  
Friedrich Nietzsche

"Music is like a dream. One that I cannot hear."  
Beethoven

"How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter, our fears, our highest aspirations?"  
Jane Swan

"If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my day-dreams in music. I see my life in terms of music."  
Albert Einstein

## Fundraisers Galore!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has sent me information about fundraisers. You've seen things on social media, looked for them on the internet and taken the time to compile it and email it to me. I am super grateful!

Now, it's time for the next step. As many of you know, this will be my last year with the CHS Band. My son is a senior and we will both be

moving on - whether we want to or not. I need someone to begin to learn how to coordinate these projects and activities. The band needs someone to be willing to learn some of the jobs of the President. It is not in the band's best interest to have to learn everything from scratch next year. Plus, I just can't do it all...

So, if you are interested in getting your feet wet, just to learn a bit more about how all this happens, please let me know. We can Zoom and work together on any project you choose, because we are #strongertogether.



# 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

## Parent Meeting 8/18

In a typical year, we would be gearing up for football season. We'd be asking for volunteers for concessions, pit, building props, hospitality, driving trucks, etc. Our parent meetings, during the fall, are usually the largest of the year with so many parents eager to know all that is going on and to be a part of the fun. Like so many other things, though, that has changed this year.

Our parent meetings are still so important, as it is one of the ways we get to hear directly from you, even if it is via Zoom. We get to hear your questions, do our best to answer them, and tell you all about the latest version of our plans for the current school year.

So, our volunteer needs are different and our answers are more vague; but we still need you and we still value the chance to "see" you and hear from you. So, please plan to join us each month for our regular-

ly scheduled parent meetings. This month, the meeting will take place on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm, via Zoom. The link to join that meeting is: Jennifer Raess is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CHS Band Parent Meeting

Time: Aug 18, 2020 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/93538146841?pwd=UnowdIFURW13UGNYVkcUHBBNnlhdz09>

Meeting ID: 935 3814 6841

Passcode: 183025



# 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 any 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.



## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who do we turn our completed forms in to?

A: Those completed forms can be emailed to me (Jeni) at [chsbandlascruces@gmail.com](mailto:chsbandlascruces@gmail.com).

Q: I can't seem to edit the forms that were published on the Band App. Do I have to print them, fill them out, and then scan/send them back?

A: That is certainly one way to do it. Many of those forms were created in Microsoft Publisher; and you should be able to open them that way. If not, then I'm afraid you will have to print, complete, scan and send back. You can also send them via regular mail to CHS Band, P.O. Box 16481, LC NM 88004.

Q: Once, I send my forms, can I make payments through the Charms system?

A: First, please see the article above about fees. Second, once fees have been charged to an account, you will be able to pay them via Charms, if I've received your paperwork.

Q: When will we be able to rent instruments/guard equipment?

A: Mr. Ramos and Ms. Padilla are still working on a schedule for this. It will be posted on the Band App and created as an event, as soon as we know. However, please be aware that you will not be able to pick up equipment without paying the rental fee of \$40 per semester per instrument/equipment. When you go to pick these things up, please bring the \$40 fee (check and/or cash only). You should place the payment in one of the envelopes that will be available to you there. Complete the front of the envelope and drop it in the box. Mr. Ramos and Ms. Padilla can guide you. Under the current budget conditions, we cannot release instruments, equipment without payment.

Q: What will be our first fundraiser? And when?

A: I don't know..... Working on it. Need a leader.



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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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