



News and Notes



Parent Meeting Tuesday!

It seems like there's always something to say. But lately, there's nobody to say it to... or at least it's the same people in my house to say it to. One of the things we miss most, during this pandemic, is an opportunity to get together and just talk. Well, it's hard to do; but we will try it again this Tuesday night. Please join us for our monthly parent meeting on 8/18 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Here's the link to the meeting:

Jennifer Raess is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CHS Band Parent Meeting

Time: Aug 18, 2020 06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lcps.zoom.us/j/93538146841?pwd=UnowdlFURW13UGNYVkrUHBBNlhhdz09>

Meeting ID: 935 3814 6841

Passcode: 183025

Of course, a lot has changed again, since our last meeting and we want to be sure everyone gets the same information. We look forward to talking with you, answering questions and looking forward to a time when we can all actually be together again.

Items on the agenda include: Introduction of the new Assistant Director, Update on Fees and Forms, Updated Calendar of Events with ex-

planations, update on fundraising opportunities, etc.

This really is the very best way to get all of the latest information and to be able to ask any questions. Until then, have a great week, Hawks!

#HawkYeah



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Opportunities Abound!

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.



"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music." — Billy Joel

"Music is the shorthand of emotion." — Leo Tolstoy

"Without music, life would be a blank to me." — Jane Austen

"If music be the food of love, play on, Give me excess of it; that surfeiting, The appetite may sicken, and so die." — William Shakespeare

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/18	Band Parent Meeting	Zoom	6:30 pm
8/19	Instrument/Equipment Rental Pick Up	CHS Band Room (outside)	5:00 - 7:00 pm via signup
9/25-11/16	Tournament of Bands	Virtual	https://nmtob.nmsu.edu
11/4	All State Auditions	Band Room (individually)	TBA
11/14	Solo & Ensemble	TBA	TBA
2/22/20	Football Can Begin	n/a	n/a

Golf Tournament/Craft Fair

We usually hold our annual Holiday Craft Faire in November. And, we usually host our Golf Tournament (Holes for Hawks) in March. How do you feel about switching these around? How about deferring the Craft Fair until "Christmas in July 2021"? How about a virtual Craft Fair? When could we have the Golf Tournament this Fall? Where?

These are just some of the questions that your Band Board has been wrestling with. Together, these fundraisers earned almost \$20,000 last year. We can't afford to lose momentum, even if the earnings aren't quite the same. It is more work than the Board can do alone, though. Specifically, we need someone to be willing to be the point person for the Golf Tournament. Julie Gustafson and Trish Cullen have been planning the Craft Fair for some time and are looking at various options.

However, both events need committee members. Is that you? Are you creative? Have experience? Want to learn? Want to just meet more band parents? These committees will welcome you with open arms!

Please reach out and let us know how you'd like to help. Even though, we don't seem as active as usual, it will do us all good to have a project to work on to feel kinda normal. And, it all benefits our students in the Band Program.



Please Do NOT Pay Band Fees!

I've never written a headline asking parents NOT to pay their band fees, so this is a first for me. But, please, do NOT pay any band fees at this time.

1. We are not charging any class fee as long as the District is in a "red" (all online) model. That means there will be no class fee for the first 9 weeks of the current school year. When, and if, students return to campus (even in hybrid) then a class fee will be re-instated, at the rate of \$25 per 9 weeks.
2. We are NOT charging for shoes, gloves or uniform maintenance, because we do not intend to purchase or check out those items this school year. If the band is able to march in the Spring, they will likely do it in their

Band t-shirt and jeans. If this changes (and who knows?), then we will let you know and reinstate those fees.

3. At this time we are NOT charging for the concession start-up fee. We don't know whether we will be able to host concessions at football games, yet. If we are, we will reinstate the fee.
4. We do intend to order t-shirts for the band. Students will be asked to submit their designs and once one is chosen, we will have them made and sell them. At that time, students will be charged \$10 and extra shirts can be ordered for \$20 each.

Hopefully, this helps to clarify some of the fees and forms. We've gone through so many versions (with each change) that it has been difficult to keep up. We will also talk about this at the Parent Meeting.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will we get band shoes, uniforms and gloves?

A: At this time, we have no plans to order shoes or gloves. We also do not plan to issue band uniforms. We will let you know if this changes.

Q: I still haven't completed the band forms. Do you still need them?

A: It is not necessary for you to rush to complete and return the forms. We have a class list and we were able to add new students to Charms with that information.

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

A: There are no band fees due right now. Please do not make any payments. When fees become due, you will be able to pay via the Charms system.

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

A: Mr. Ramos and Ms. Padilla will be distributing instruments/equipment this Thursday from 5-7 pm. You can sign up for a slot on the Band App.

Cost is \$40/item/semester.

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

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

Q: Do we have a parent meeting every month?

A: Yes. Except December and May.

Q: What if I don't receive this newsletter via email and I'd like to?

A: Send an email with this request, your student's name and your email address to: CHSBandLasCruces@gmail.com.

Q: I have a question? Where do I send it to get it answered?

A: Email it to CHSBandLasCruces@gmail.com. If you have the question, odds are someone else does, too.



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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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