



# News and Notes



## Parent Meeting Wrap-Up!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our monthly parent meeting last Tuesday. Usually, these meetings are a time to visit, get to know each other, ask a lot of questions and learn a lot about how the Band program functions. A lot is lost when we meet via Zoom; but it was really good to see you all!

The presentation from the meeting has been posted on the Band App and on our website at [www.centennialband.net](http://www.centennialband.net). Just click on the parent tab and then on Parent Meeting Presentations. That's also where you will find the newsletter each week and every newsletter for the last 12 months. It's interesting to

look at everything that was going on last August, compared to now. Perhaps things will get back to normal soon.

Until then, please take a look at the presentation and let us know if you have any questions. We specifically talked about Smart Music, events on the calendar, student fees (including a concert shirt and cleaning fee), the Golf Tournament, etc.

As we look forward, we hope to have some more typical activities. Until then, please get involved somehow. Offer to serve on the Golf Tournament Committee, the Craft Fair Committee or create a band activity and lead that up.

By now, we usually have

started to gel as a community around our students. This year, we are going to have to work more intentionally at that. And, that is where you come in. Your Board can't create that climate on their own and neither can the Directors. The parents can, though... And we are eager to support your efforts in any way we can.

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## Holes for Hawks Needs You

Two years ago a Band Parent dreamt up a wonderful idea. What if the Band hosts a Golf Tournament Fundraiser? But, this wouldn't be any normal golf tournament. We'd have our band participate on some of the holes. We'd offer a car for a hole-in-one; and we'd show our community the value of music education while enjoying a beautiful day in our sunny city.

Carlos Peay had a vision and

he knew he wanted to leave something to benefit the band long-term. That first year, we learned a lot about how to do things and we made some improvements last year. The feedback from the golfers was great! And they loved having the band kids out there!

But, even Carlos needs a break. He has taken

scrupulous notes and offered support and encouragement, but we need a new leader for this event. No golf experience is necessary. Please, help us continue with this fundraiser that has the potential to serve our band well long after we are all gone.

Let Jeni know if you'd like to help or lead this effort this year.

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness." — Maya Angelou

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music." — Aldous Huxley

"The most exciting rhythms seem unexpected and complex, the most beautiful melodies simple and inevitable." — W.H. Auden

"We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams." — Arthur O'Shaughnessy

# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/22	Band Parent Meeting via Zoomo	Zoom	6:30 pm
9/25-11/16	Tournament of Bands	Virtual	<a href="https://nmtob.nmsu.edu">https://nmtob.nmsu.edu</a>
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

## Time to Work...

As we all learn new ways of working, going to school and just being in the community, the Booster Club is also learning new ways to provide for the needs of our kids.

It's difficult to motivate people, when we can't even actually meet in person. But, rest assured, just because we can't meet, doesn't mean our program doesn't need your support.

In the next few days, I will be putting a series of polls up on the Band App. They are for ADULTS ONLY. (I don't think the kids read the newsletter, anyway. :0)) I will be asking about various committees and ways we can support our students through this most challenging time in all of our lives.

We will be planning activities to build team spirit, to lift each other up and to provide for the monetary needs of our band program. Because, it is a matter

of time before things get back to some semblance of normal, everyone can help in some way. So, please be on the look out for those polls. Follow the directions carefully, so we can get accurate information; and let's start being the most supportive community possible for music education at Centennial High School.



# Summary of Band Fees 20-21

First, please DO NOT pay any Band fees, at this time. Things continue to change rapidly and we will update you when fees become due.

The following is a list of fees that may be incurred this school year, for Band.

1. **Class Fee.** Charged at \$25/9 weeks and only when students are actually physically attending class.
2. **2020-2021 T-shirt.** This will cost \$10 and is being designed by our band students. You will be charged, once a design has been chosen and shirts are ready to be ordered.
3. You may order additional T-shirts for \$20 each. Again, we will let you know when you can place those orders.
4. **Concert Shirt.** This is a new

charge for the current school year; and the Directors spoke about it during the parent meeting. Once, we enter concert season, students will be required to purchase a shirt for \$20. We will bring someone in to measure and size students. The shirts will then belong to the student and must be worn for each concert.



5. Also for concert season, students will be issued a concert jacket. These jackets

belong to CHS and must also be worn to each concert. We will charge a \$10 cleaning fee for each jacket.

6. Additional optional charges may arise for things like All State, Solo & Ensemble, etc. We will send you detailed information about these opportunities, as they become available to us.

Thank you so much for patience and flexibility as things continue to change every single week. I apologize for constant new forms and fees. It just seems the way of the world, right now.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** My student was counting on making friends during band camp and by being on campus. How can I help them?

**A:** The CHS Band has student leaders in every single section. Each section leader has their own way of communicating with the students in their group. This is a great way for kids to begin to feel a connection to band and identify with others playing the same instrument, especially as class gets underway. If you don't know who these leaders are, please send Jeni or the Directors an email and we will connect you.

**Q:** What is Tournament of Bands going to be like, this year?

**A:** First, it is going to be completely virtual. There will be clinics, judges, etc. Please check out <https://nmtob.nmsu.edu> for the most accurate information. FYI, per the Directors, students will be required to participate in the event, just as if the entire band were performing at the regular ToB.

**Q:** Where can I get the music for the All State Auditions?

**A:** The Directors have access to that music. It was also posted on the Band APP back in April. You should be able to search the app for those files. If you can't find it, let one of us know and we will get it to you and/or re-post it.

**Q:** I heard the kids are designing this year's t-shirt. Is that right?

**A:** Not just this year. For the past few years, we have had a design competition for the students to create our show shirt. This year is no different. We hope to see many creative designs to commemorate this most unusual year. For more information, please reach out to the Directors.



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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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