



News and Notes

Labor Day...

Most of us definitely look forward to a 3-day weekend. But have you ever looked forward to a Saturday WITHOUT an football game? After working so hard the last two weeks, our Band Fam will get this weekend off.

Thank you to all the parents who have taken over jobs like Concessions, Hospitality, Pit, Trucks, etc. These past two weeks were the warm-up. It's time to rest up and then dive right back in....

The good news is that the remaining football games are in the evening and the heat shouldn't be as big a factor. Gradually, the band will start performing more and more of their show and things will really come together. There's nothing

like that first time you see your student in their full band uniform. And, you wouldn't be the first parent to struggle to identify their kiddo, once they're all on the field in the same uniforms.... Most of us have taken pictures of the wrong student during a performance. :O) That's ok! Find the right parent, and you can probably trade photos!

It's not too late to start planning for the next game, though. Sign up for concessions now! Contact information is on the lastpage of every newsletter. Liz and Brandi are working so hard! Let's support them and decrease their stress by having the stands fully staffed way in advance.

Also, it's never too early to let Veronica know you are willing to drive a truck. Soon, we will need 2 trucks for every event. Her contact information is on the last page, too.

It's been an amazing start to this marching season; and we are so grateful for your ongoing support...

#HawkYeah,
#StrongerTogether



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"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent." – Victor Hugo

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

"If I had my life to live over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every week." – Charles Darwin



5K Update

Our first 5K event is scheduled for Saturday, September 18. However, registrations are very slow to come in. Please share the word about this event—especially to all the runners in your life.

The next meeting for the planning committee takes place tonight at 6:00 in the band room. This committee has worked hard to bring us a brand new fundraising op-

portunity, but they can't do it alone.

Please let Julie know how you can help. Her contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.

If we don't get enough participation or volunteers, we will have to consider cancelling this event.



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/30	Rock the Hawks 5K Meeting	Band Room	6:00 pm
8/31	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
9/1	All Band Fees Due	n/a	n/a
9/6	NO SCHOOL—LABOR DAY	n/a	n/a
9/7	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
9/10	CHS Football vs. Mayfield	Field of Dreams Home Side	Call Time: 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm
9/13	CHS Band Board Meeting	TBA	6:30 pm
9/18	5K Rock with the Hawks	CHS	TBA
9/21	Band Parent Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
9/21	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
9/28	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
10/1	CHS Football vs. Organ Mountain	Field of Dreams Visitor Side	Call Time 5:00 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/5	LCPS Marching Exhibition	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/11	CHS Band Board Meeting	TBD	6:30 pm
10/12	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
10/13	Marching MPA	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/15	CHS Football vs. LCHS	Field of Dreams Home Side	Call Time 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/16	Pageant of Bands	Rio Rancho High School	TBA
10/19	CHS Band Parent Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
10/22	CHS Football vs. Hobbs Middle School Night	Field of Dreams	Call Time 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/30	Tournament of Bands	NMSU	TBD
11/12-13	Craft Fair	CHS Aux Gym	All Day Both Days

The most up-to-date calendar will generally be found on the BAND app. Please be sure you are on the app and that you enable "push" notifications, so that you are aware of changes as they are made.

This and That...

1. All Band fees are due this Wednesday, September 1. We are having issues with Venmo, so please consider making payments via the "Donate" tab on our website at www.centennialband.net. If you do that, please indicate your student's name and what you're paying for in the "notes" section. You can also pay via RevTrack on Charms, but I'm getting reports that that isn't an easy process either. I am sincerely sorry for that, and I am working on it. You can always pay via cash or check in a labeled envelope dropped into the locked mailbox outside the band office. Finally, if you prefer to pay by credit card, you can call or text Jeni and I can take that
2. The show shirts have been ordered. There will be a few extras available for sale, but not very many. Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered. We expect them to be in late this week. We will then publicize plans to distribute them.
3. Marching shoes have been ordered for the students who need them. The cost is \$40. This must be paid before students receive their shoes. You can see the charge under miscellaneous charges in Charms. Questions? Please ask Lily or Jeni.
4. The online Merch Sale has concluded via Sports Accessories. They are now working on the orders. However, they have let me know that they are understaffed and unable to give a good estimate of delivery date. I will keep you posted about this, as well.



Fundraising Updates

We have a few fundraisers going on right now and we want to share the progress with you.

1. SNAP raise has been truly unbelievable. As of 12:01 pm Monday, we have raised \$25,488! That's \$10,000 over our original goal! This has easily become our easiest and most successful fundraiser ever. Thank you to those who have participated, to every single donor and to our Coordinator Julie Gustafson! This project concludes at the end of the day today.
2. Julie is also heading up efforts for our First Annual 5K (Rock the Hawks), which will take place on September 18. Their next meeting is tonight at 6:00 pm in the Band Room.
3. Amazon Smile is ongoing and we've been receiving quarterly checks of about \$50 each. It's not much, but maybe it will pick up as Holiday shopping looms.
4. The concessions team has successfully handled 2 games already! They have generated about \$6000 over those two games! We need about 20 volunteers



per game.

5. Planning is also about to begin in earnest for our Annual Band Poster. Every student will be expected to sell one ad for \$100. Would you like to head up this project? Please let Jeni know at 575-312-7394. Details will be shared soon.
6. Also, our Annual Craft Fair is right around the corner. Julie is also heading this effort, but someone must step in to learn the ropes, as Julie's son is a senior this year. The entire Las Cruces community looks forward to this event each year. We will need lots of help but it's also tons of fun.

In addition to the fundraising, it is the job of the booster club to cheer, encourage and support our students and directors. The best way to do that is to attend the football games and performances. We can't wait to see you all!

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With Pride.
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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 2021-2022 School year and their "affiliated" sections:

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