



News and Notes

It's All About the Relationships!

A few years ago, Mr. Ramos and I sat down and had a serious conversation about the Band Programs at CHS. As he is the Head Director, I tried to do a lot of listening. We decided that the most important part of high school band is the relationships that are built. We wanted students to know that they are welcome in Band, all the time. And, we wanted parents to know that Band was a safe place for their kids and a wonderful opportunity to get involved in high school life. It was something of a vision statement, though I guess we never wrote anything down. Over the past few years, when we've encountered challenges (whether they be financial or otherwise), we've tried

to make choices based on the foundational priority of positive relationships. It hasn't always been easy, but we've kept the lines of communication open and we've learned to work as a team. The success of the band inevitably followed. Volunteerism flourished and everyone seemed to feel some ownership in the program. It has been spectacular! And CHS has become known around town for the amazing relationships created between faculty and families, students and teachers, etc.

Then came COVID and we seem to have lost some momentum. We haven't given up on our priorities, but it feels a little like we're starting over again. I know the Director's agree

that winning isn't everything. Growth, progress, joy, hard work and determination all play a part in success. But the most important thing? That remains... The CHS Band Program is a safe place for students to be themselves, develop a love of music and work towards common goals. The winning will take care of itself.



Football Schedule Change

Due to a lack of referees around the State, the CHS vs. LCHS football game has been moved from Friday, October 15 to Thursday, October 14. The times all remain the same, but the date has changed.

Because it is a Thursday night game, volunteers can be hard to come by. Please, please keep this in mind and offer to help wherever you can. We need truck drivers,

concessions workers, pit/props movers, hospitality, etc.

Also, please take note of the week of October 11. The schedule is brutal that week and we will rely on our Band Family more than ever.



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"My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary." — Martin Luther

"Life seems to go on without effort when I am filled with music." — George Eliot

"You have to, take a deep breath. and allow the music to flow through you. Revel in it, allow yourself to awe. When you play allow the music to break your heart with its beauty." — Kelly White

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
10/4	CHS Band Board Meeting	TBD	6:30 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
10/12	Band Parent Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
10/13	Marching MPA	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/14	Fall Break Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	9:00 - 11:00 am
10/14	CHS Football vs. LCHS	Field of Dreams Home Side	Call Time 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/15	Fall Break Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	9:00 - 10:30 am
10/16	Pageant of Bands	Rio Rancho High School	TBA
10/19	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
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
10/26	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
10/30	Tournament of Bands	NMSU	TBD
11/01	All State Band and Jazz Auditions	CHS	TBD
11/07	Daylight Savings Time Ends	n/a	n/a
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.



Where Will You Help?



We don't have snow, but we **NEED** you to drive a truck for the band. Call Veronica at 575-202-6225.



Call Brandie at 520-909-7512 or Liz at 575-650-4213 to help them help the band.



Call Julie to let her know you will help with the craft fair. 575-644-4651

Questions?

There are many working parts to the chaos of marching season. Just in case you have questions, we want to remind you who to contact for various questions or concerns.

1. For anything related to band class, grades, attendance, schedule, etc., you should reach out directly to Mr. Ramos and Ms. Padilla. You can call Centennial at 527-9330 or email them at pramos@lcps.net and kpadilla1@lcps.net.
2. For questions about Band Fees, what your student owes or why, please contact Lilly Herrera at 575-644-8661. You can also reach out to Lilly to help with Pit/Props at performances and competitions.
3. To assist with driving trucks,



reach out to Veronica Guerrero at 575-202-6225. We need your help with this desperately.

4. To help with concessions, talk with Brandie White at 520-909-7512 or Liz Medina at 575-650-4213.
5. To help with hospitality at Pageant of Bands or Tournament of Bands, contact Katie Day at 575-202-2179.
6. For questions related to fundraisers (SNAP, 5K, Craft Fair), reach out to Julie Gustafson at 575-644-4651.
7. For issues related to access to Charms, communication, the booster club in general, please contact Jeni Raess at 575-312-7394.
8. Other questions? The Directors or Jeni can point you in the right direction.

Communication is key as we delve into Bandtober. Ask questions when you have them. We're here to help.

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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 2021-2022 School year and their "affiliated" sections:

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