



News and Notes



You Are Our Village

As summer creeps along and the heat takes its hold on all of us, anticipation of the upcoming Marching Season mounts. It may be difficult to discern right now, but Marching Band is a huge endeavor! And, it may be tempting to think that the "other" parents will take care of that or LCPS should pay for this, the reality is quite different. Marching Band is a program that serves about 100 students at any given time and the reality is that music programs are sorely underfunded across the Nation. Additionally, you are the "other" parent. We need you - we can't have a marching season without you.

As things return to normal and our State officially

opens up on July 1, we implore you to consider the following:

1. Where will you volunteer? Can you work the car wash for your child's section? Will you help with concessions, the 5K, the Craft Fair? Who will fund the band if these events can't take place for lack of volunteers?
2. Please pay your band fees. We will review the budget in detail at our July parent meeting on the 13th at 6:30 in the band room. In the meantime, please know expenses are mounting already for the Show. Consider logging into Charms (details below) and paying your fees early.

Finally, please know that we are so excited you are here! We can't wait to get to know you all better and we eagerly await a time when we get to work together - all of us - to support an amazing program for our students!

Questions? Please reach out to the Directors or someone on the Board. All contact information is on the last page of every newsletter.



Charms Now Available

Many of you have already received information about the upcoming Band Season. This packet includes a medical release, which must be submitted the first day of Band Camp. Additionally, there is information about fees, volunteer opportunities, traveling and photo release. If you haven't received these forms yet, they will be posted in the Band App and available hard copy any time you happen to be in

the band room. We will also have them available at the July parent meeting.

We will be using the Charms Office site to manage student accounts again this year. The instructions for logging on the first time will be attached to the email with this newsletter. If you try to logon and no account is found, I have-

n't set your account up yet, because I don't have your information packet. Returning students should be in Charms, only new/transfer students must wait until I have information. Please contact Jeni with any questions.



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Thank you to the Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone sections! You each earned about \$650 at your car washes! That's an average of about \$200 per hour! We are grateful for your hard work and willingness to work for the benefit of the entire band!

Please remember, the Section Leaders are trying to set these car washes up. It is expected that members of the section, and their parents, participate in the car wash. These "little" fundraisers are the beginning of team-building, leadership training and memory making.

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
6/21/21	Optional Music Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	9:00 - 10:00 am
6/24/21	LCPS Retirement Performance	LCPS Admin Building	4:00 - 5:00 pm
6/26/21	Low Brass Car Wash	TBA	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
6/28/21	5K Planning Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:00 pm
7/8/21	Percussion Color Guard Camp	CHS Band Room/Marching Field	8:00 - noon
7/9/21	Percussion/Color Guard Camp	CHS Band Room/Marching Field	8:00 - noon
7/10/21	Percussion/Color Guard Camp	CHS Band Room/Marching Field	8:00 - noon
7/10/21	Guard/Horns Car Wash	TBA	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
7/12-7/12/21	Full Band Camp	CHS Band Room/Marching Field	8:00-11:30/1:00-5:30
7/13/21	July Parent Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
7/17/21	Band Family Picnic	TBA	TBA
7/19-7/23/21	Full Band Camp	CHS Band Room/Marching Field	8:00-11:30/1:00-5:30
7/23/21	Hawks at Sunset	Outside CHS Band Room	7:00 pm
7/24/21	Trumpets Car Wash	TBA	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
8/21/21	CHS Football vs. Cleveland	Field of Dreams	Call Time: 11:30 am Game at 1:00 pm
8/28/21	CHS Football vs. West Mesa	Field of Dreams	Call Time: 11:30 am Game at 1:00 pm
9/1/21	All Band Fees Due	n/a	n/a
9/10/21	CHS Football vs. Mayfield	Field of Dreams Home Side	Call Time: 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/1/21	CHS Football vs. Organ Mountain	Aggie Memorial Stadium Visitor Side	Call Time 5:00 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/16/21	CHS Football vs. LCHS	Field of Dreams Home Side	Call Time 11:30 am Game at 1:00 pm
10/22/21	CHS Football vs. Hobbs	Field of Dreams	Call Time 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm

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.



What Are Your Gifts and Talents?

When your student is involved in High School Band, it's almost impossible not get involved. But, what does that actually look like? That's the beauty of it! It can look like whatever you'd like! We have so many needs that, no matter what you like to do, there's a place for you to help. Are you good with computers? Do you like to design websites? We have a need for that! (Contact Jeni)

Do you prefer to work with your hands and enjoy creating things from scratch? We NEED you to help us with props! (Contact Mr. Ramos)

Do you dig planning meals and handling logistics? Guess what! We need that, too! (Contact Jeni or Veronica)

How about sewing, making sure

the band looks their best and noticing the details that could make all the difference? We need these gifts, too. (Contact Jeni)

Do you prefer to see the marching show from the field, as opposed to the bleachers? Help us with pit and props during performances. (Contact Jeni or Veronica)

Do you enjoy working with lots of others? Don't want to do something on your own? Concessions is perfect! (Contact Jeni or Veronica)

The point is that all of these jobs, and many more, MUST be done and they can't possibly be done by 5 or 10 people. We will need 50-60 volunteers on a regular basis to support our kids in Marching Band. There can be no

assuming that the "other" parents will take care of it. We, honestly, need everyone.

This summer, we expect students and parents to participate in at least one car wash. Yes, it's hot and yes it's work; but it's also where memories begin. By the time next summer comes around, you will forget the heat and you will forget the work. You'll remember the silliness...

We also need your help with our First Annual 5K. The next meeting is on 6/28 in the band room.

As you can see, there's a place for everyone in band. Where will you plug in?

Detailed Band Fees

Many families have not received the packet of paperwork for Band, yet. So, here is the breakdown of band fees for the upcoming school year. If you are able, we implore you to pay these fees now. We are incurring costs for marching season every week and your early payment helps us with cash flow.

You can pay through Charms (details on front page of this newsletter), the "donate" tab on our website at www.centennialband.net (indicate student and which fees you're paying in the "notes" section) or via the mailbox outside the Band office door. Place payment in an envelope and write student's name and what you're paying for on the outside. Then insert into locked box. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Directors or Jeni/Veronica.

Required Fees:

Marching Fee:	\$100 (everyone)
Concession Start-Up:	\$25 (everyone)
Meals:	\$20 (everyone)***
Marching Shoes:	\$40 (new students MB only)
Marching Gloves:	\$3/pair (suggest 2 pair MB only)
Color Guard Gloves:	\$15/pair (CG only)
Color Guard Uniform:	\$150 (CG only)
Color Guard Shoes:	\$40 (CG only)
Instrument Rental:	\$40/instrument/semester (if applicable)
Equipment Use:	\$40/semester (percussion & CG)

***Food provided by the Booster Club may or may not meet dietary needs of all students. This fee will be waived for students with special dietary needs who decide to provide their own food.

There may be additional costs for optional activities like All State and Solo & Ensemble.

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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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