



# News and Notes



# Happy May!



And, finally, there was one left...

Welcome to the last month of the 2021-2022 school year! There are still many activities to look forward to and we are honored that you've chosen to be a part of the CHS Band Family.

Prom was last night and social media was flooded with beautiful photos of the Class of 2022 enjoying one of the many rituals of their Senior year. You all looked amazing and we are so happy for you. This month will see Solo & Ensemble, the Organ Mountain Jazz Fest, our Annual Banquet and... GRADUATION! Congratulations to our Band Seniors:

- Andrew Acosta
- Kai Baird-Hewus
- Kevin Blacksher
- Anthony Cavazos
- Elliot Day
- Jordan Gladstone
- Isabella Gonzales
- Cody Gustafson
- Evan Kleczka
- Rey McCroskey
- Wendell Oderkirk
- Mary Parr
- Owen Ramsey
- Maria Rosales
- Katelyn Silva
- Sam Smith
- Brady Swenson
- Derick Toledo
- Jadallynn Young

Parents of Seniors! Please, send in photos of your students for our Banquet Slide Show! We need a baby photo, a Freshman photo (if you have it) or something similar and a Senior photo. Send them as soon as possible to Veronica Guerrero at [vguerrero30@gmail.com](mailto:vguerrero30@gmail.com).

Also, we need about 9 more parents to volunteer to "Adopt-a-Senior" for our annual project. Also, reach out to Veronica if you'd like to be sure none of our seniors goes unrecognized in this personal way.



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**"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**

**"People ask me how I make music. I tell them I just step into it. It's like stepping into a river and joining the flow. Every moment in the river has its song." — Michael Jackson**



## Adopt-A-Senior in Full Swing

Over the past few years, CHS Band has started the tradition of "Adopt-a-Senior". This is a way for us to personally recognize the achievements of our Band Seniors. We begin by sending out a questionnaire to each of our seniors. We ask for their favorites like, favorite candy, favorite music, favorite store and what their plans are for next year. We distribute these questionnaires to volunteers.

Then, the volunteers purchase some of those things and deliver them to our graduates. It has always been a wonderful program. Volunteers are matched, on a first come-first served basis with a senior. We try to honor requests for a particular senior, but that is not always possible. If you'd like to participate, please reach out to Veronica Guerrero at [vguerrero30@gmail.com](mailto:vguerrero30@gmail.com).

We need 9 more parents. Thank you to those of you have generously volunteered already!



# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
5/5	OHMH Jazz Fest	OHMS	TBA
5/7	Sole & Ensemble	LCHS	TBA
5/9	Joint Board Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
5/11, 12, 13	Leadership Auditions	CHS Band Room	Class Time
5/13	Band Banquet	Farm and Ranch Museum	6:30 - 11:00 pm
5/17	Incoming Freshmen Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
5/18	End of Year Concert	NMSU	TBA
6/6-7	Camp for Rookies, Leadership, Percussion, Guard	CHS Band Room	8:00 am - noon
6/8 -10	Full Band Camp (everyone)	CHS Band Room	8:00 am - noon
			8:00 - 11:30 am
7/11-13	Full Band Camp (everyone)	CHS Band Room	1:00 - 4:30 pm
			6:00 - 8:00 pm
7/20	First Day of School and Zero Hour	CHS Band Room	7:00 am - 8:20 am



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.

# You Are Cordially Invited!

Please join us for the return of our annual Band Banquet! We will get together on Friday, May 13 at the New Mexico Farm & Ranch Museum. Dinner and awards will begin at 6:30. Then, we will have a DJ hosted dance for students until 11:00 pm.

The menu is as follows:  
Brisket, mashed potatoes, veggie, salad, roll and an ice-cream sundae bar for dessert!

We will also be handing out awards that night, but one of the most anticipated parts of the evening is the slide show.

We cannot put this together without your help. SENIOR PARENTS, we need pictures of your kiddos. Please send a senior picture, a baby picture and maybe a freshman picture to Veronica Guerrero at [vguerrero30@gmail.com](mailto:vguerrero30@gmail.com), no later than May 1! This really is a great tradition! Help us pick up where we left off pre-Covid.

**Tickets go on sale this week, in the band room.**

All Band Students are free, but need a ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased for

\$25 each. I will be in the band room during lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to take credit card payments for tickets. They can be bought with cash or check anytime during the week. There are a limited number available, so get yours early!



## Student Accounts

All charges on accounts are now past due! Please make note of the following details:

1. Questions? Please reach out to Lily Herrera. Contact information is on the last page of every newsletter.
2. Seniors, if you have past due amounts, this information has to be shared with CHS Administration no later than May 5. This could effect your ability to walk at graduation and/or receive and request transcripts.
3. Underclassmen, any past due amounts DO rollover to next year.
4. If your family is experiencing a financial hardship and cannot pay band fees, please speak with Mr. Ramos as soon as possible.

Thank you!



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We're on the web!  
[www.centennialband.net](http://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](http://centennialband.net)

Finally, check us out on Facebook  
"[@CentennialHighSchoolBand](https://www.facebook.com/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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