



# News and Notes

## You Did It...Now, Let's Keep Going!

Thank you to everyone who helped with Band Camp over the past 2 weeks. Thank you to our Directors, Mr. Ramos and Ms. Padilla for the many, many hours you pour into the Band Program. Thank you to our techs, who definitely aren't working for the money, but are working because they have a passion for music education. Thank you to the parents who drove your students to and from camp every single day, for feeding them and reminding them about water and sunscreen. Thank you for your patience with tired teenagers. Students, you killed it! Maybe you didn't even realize everything you had learned until Friday night. I hear Hawks at Sunset was a huge success—even

through the weather changes. Congratulations to our entire Band Family!

But, the work has just begun. The last second change in location for Hawks at Sunset was a good reminder to be sure you have enabled push notifications on the Band App. That's where the change was announced. This kind of thing will happen throughout marching season and we rely on the Band App as a reliable, streamlined method of communication. If you aren't on the app, we highly recommend it.

This coming week will be a chance to catch our collective breath before we dive straight into school and marching season. The following week will see uni-

form fittings and the return of teachers to the classroom. Then, students return and time will begin to fly even faster than it does now.

We are still in need of someone to share the job of leading concessions. We have one volunteer but it would be far easier if 2 people shared it. Please let Jeni know if you are interested.

And, every student is expected to have 20 emails entered into the SNAP Fundraise site by the end of the day today. We are trying to meet an \$85,000 budget. This is the easiest fundraiser we will do all year. Please do your part for our Band Family.

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**"It is not enough to just play the notes, or sing the words or hear the song. For it to mean something, you have to FEEL the music. Because if you don't feel it, how can anyone else?"** Cover Band Central

**"Music is so powerful in our lives because it is always there. People come and go. Jobs come and go. Relationships come and go. But music stays. Take comfort, no matter how crazy things get, music will be there for you."** [www.musiciansunite.com](http://www.musiciansunite.com)

## SNAP Fundraiser Launches 7/26

All students at Camp were able to meet with our SNAP Fundraiser Coordinator. Those present were asked to sign into the app and create their account. They were also asked to upload a profile picture.

After that, the expectation is that every band student will enter at least 20 emails into the system. The Directors are able to monitor this and we'd like to thank every-

one who has already taken care of their emails. After that, the system takes over. On 7/26 the contacts will receive an email from your student, explaining that the band is raising money for food, travel and competition expenses (remember that budget?). People will be able to donate directly from that email and view a

video explaining our program. Once they open the email, they won't receive another one. If they don't open it, they will receive a weekly follow-up and then nothing else. The football team just raised almost \$40,000 like this. Questions, ask Julie or Jeni



# Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/2	Rock with the Hawks 5K Meeting	CHS Band Room	7:00 pm
8/2	Freshmen/Sophomore Uniform Check Out	CHS Band Room	5:30 - 7:00 pm
8/3	Junior/Senior Uniform Check Out	CHS Band Room	5:30 - 7:00 pm
8/9	First Day of School for Students	CHS	8:30 am
8/10	First Day of Zero Hour Band	CHS Band Room	7:00 am
8/10	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
8/17	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
8/21	CHS Football vs. Cleveland	Field of Dreams	Call Time: 11:30 am Game at 1:00 pm
8/24	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
8/28	CHS Football vs. West Mesa	Field of Dreams	Call Time: 11:30 am Game at 1:00 pm
8/31	Evening Rehearsal	CHS Band Room	5:00 - 7:30 pm
9/1	<b>All Band Fees Due</b>	n/a	n/a
9/18	5K Rock with the Hawks	CHS	TBA
9/10	CHS Football vs. Mayfield	Field of Dreams Home Side	Call Time: 5:30 pm Game at 7:00 pm
10/1	CHS Football vs. Organ Mountain	Aggie Memorial Stadium Visitor Side	Call Time 5:00 pm Game at 7:00 pm
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	Wilson Stadium - Albuquerque	TBA
10/22	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.

# You are Essential to our Program

If we're being honest, it's been difficult to get back into the full swing of things as we begin to collectively recover from the COVID pandemic. We've noticed students are working harder than ever to learn and adults are struggling to maintain the same level of energy and enthusiasm we all took for granted 18 months ago. But, if 2 weeks of Band Camp has taught us anything, it's that we all really want to be here... We've missed all of this activity so much. We've missed all of you...

We've also noticed that volunteerism has waned from pre-covid levels. And, while we may understand why, our program desperately needs you...

We need your help with concessions,

props, car washes, 5K's, SNAP Fundraising, etc. We need you to be a cheerleader for the band, we need you to be invested in the process so that our kids can focus on learning and enjoying the high school experience we all took for granted.

So, how can you get involved?

1. Please get those 20 email addresses entered today. This is the easiest fundraiser we will ever do, and we need you. If we miss our target, we will HAVE to make it up somewhere else. The budget cannot withstand a loss in funds.
2. Please help with concessions. Someone has to do it and why not you?

3. When there is a call of help posted on the App, do it if you possibly can. Remember, for every single performance we will need about 40-50 parent volunteers.
4. Share a word of encouragement! With the staff, with your student, with the volunteers. Be the cheerleader!

We need you and we are so happy you're here. Let's all work together for the benefit of our students.



## Detailed Band Fees

The packet of paperwork was handed out to every student during Band Camp this past week. Please complete and return that packet as soon as possible.

Also, after review of the budget last week, it should be clear that the band needs you to pay your fees as soon as you are able to do so. There are many ways to accomplish this.

1. Our preferred method is for you to login to your Charms account and pay there.
2. You can also go to our website at [www.centennialband.net](http://www.centennialband.net). Scroll to the bottom and click the "donate" tab. In the notes section, indicate the student's name and what you are paying for.
3. We are also on Venmo at @CHSHawkBand. Again, indicate the student's name and what you are paying for.
4. The mailbox system in the band room. Use an envelope and indicate student's name and what your pay-

ing for on the outside. Seal the envelope and drop it in the box outside the band office, inside the band room.

### 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.  
#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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