



News and Notes

One More Week

As you may know, teachers and all other school staff return to campus this week. Most of us are looking forward to this more than we can explain. It's the first "First Day of School" in a long time and most of us are craving a return to something of a "normal" routine.

As far as band goes, there are a few things coming up this week. On Monday, Juniors and Seniors will receive their marching uniforms. Drop by the band room between 5:30 and 7:00 pm. Freshmen and Sophomores will take their turn on Tuesday night at the same time. There will parent volunteers to help get you fitted and ready for marching season. Each student will be issued a set

of bibbers (overall-type pants), a jacket, a shako (hat), and a garment bag. You will be responsible for keeping these items in good condition for the entire marching season. The uniforms should be professionally dry-cleaned after each use or at least after every two uses. We recommend Comet Cleaners because they have been sponsors of our band program for the past 4 years, but you are free to use any cleaners you choose.

PLEASE NOTE: We are trying to avoid any students needing to try on their uniforms in the bathrooms. Please wear a regular t-shirt and a pair of basketball-type shorts when you go to receive your uniform. This is what you

will be expected to wear under the uniform every time the band performs. The entire fitting process will go much faster if all students help us with this. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to Mr. Ramos and/or Ms. Padilla.

It is kind of a thrill to wear the uniform for the first time and for the last time. Don't take it for granted. Enjoy the moment. Band is an amazing experience full of people you will cherish for the rest of your lives. Receiving the uniform is the first outward sign that we are all part of the same family. Welcome to marching season, Band Fam!

- WELCOME -
BACK TO SCHOOL

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"Music is like a dream. One that I cannot hear."
— **Ludwig van Beethoven**

"Without music, life would be a mistake" — Friedrich Nietzsche

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." — Plato

"How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter, our fears, our highest aspirations?" — Jane Swan

What Keeps You From Volunteering?

I am posing this question sincerely. It isn't an attempt to guilt anyone into anything. The Leadership (Directors and Board) are constantly evaluating our priorities and resources. One thing we always agree on is that our parents are our most valuable resources when it comes to meeting the needs of our Band Program and directly benefitting our students. So, I ask again, what keeps you from volunteering? Are

we feeling a sense of lethargy from the pandemic? Has someone or something caused offense? If so, please let us know. We definitely didn't do it on purpose. Have we not explained our needs very well? Do the jobs sound too big? There must be something and we are willing to work hard to make volunteering easier and

enjoyable. But, we need to understand the barriers. We need help with concessions and uniforms and the craft fair and the 5K and SNAP... Where would you like to plug in and how can we help?



Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/2	Rock with the Hawks 5K Meeting	CHS Band Room	7:00 pm
8/2	Junior/Senior Uniform Check Out	CHS Band Room	5:30 - 7:00 pm
8/3	Freshmen/Sophomore 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	All Band Fees Due	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.

Football Games Coming Soon

So, what does a typical football game involve for the band? It goes something like this.

Parent volunteers arrange to pick up 2 trucks from Penske on Friday morning and get them to the Band Room before school starts. Band students will load those trucks with instruments and props during the school day. Parent volunteers return to CHS to drive those trucks to Field of Dreams no later than 90 minutes before game time. Percussion students will help unload equipment at the stadium.

Also, about 2 hours before the game parent volunteers start to arrive to concessions to get everything ready for the night. This will include food, drinks and cash.

The amount of prep depends on the food items to be sold. Last year we sold hotdogs and grilled corn on the cob, as well as popcorn, candy, soda, etc.

Band students arrive at the designated call time in full uniform and with a full reusable water bottle. They leave their instrument cases in their cars. While the students are warming up, under the direction of the Drum Majors and Directors, uniform parents make sure everyone has what they need. At the same time, about 3 parents will set up a water station for band and rope off the band section in the stands. These parents fill up large Gatorade coolers with ice water from the concession stands and are prepared to hand

the students a cup of water when they finish warm-up and head into the stadium. Then, they set up the Gatorade coolers at the foot of the stands for band students to be able to refill their water bottles throughout the night.

Uniform parents come back, just prior to half time to plume the kids and be sure everyone has inserts and gauntlets ready to go for their halftime performance. All this time, concession parents are working anywhere from 1-3 stands at Field of Dreams. At the end of the night, we're tired and happy in a way that only comes from working hard with friends.

Detailed Band Fees - Please Pay As Soon As Possible

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. 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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