



News and Notes



Our Family is Stronger Together

So, we've had the first few days of school. There are new students in band and new teachers across campus—not to mention a brand new schedule of classes. The pace seemed fast and we're all trying to catch our collective breath.

The only caution I have is this: Things will get crazier. We will get more tired and we will get on each other's nerves. We will have complaints, we will struggle to see anything other than obligation as the next few weeks extend into months. However, I also know this to be true: We are our own band family. While every single one of us (including students) carries burdens that nobody knows about, we are also in this together. We will make mistakes, we will lash out, we will criticize. I only hope that in midst of the madness,

each one of takes a second. Stop. Take a breath. Look around you. The reason for all this madness is our kiddos. Music education is vital, as is the opportunity to struggle and then succeed. We are a family; and the relationships we model for our kids today will be the very relationships they experience tomorrow.

Have a question? Ask with kindness. Have a critique?

Offer it with compassion. Love the way something is going? Tell somebody.

I have no doubt that band is better because YOU are here—parents and students. I have no doubt that when we all look back, this will be a time defined by joy and laughter. Why? Because we are always and only Stronger Together. #HawkYeah



Stronger Together at Freshman Orientation 2019

Fundraiser Updates - Please Take Note



This Friday, August 15 is the last day to pick up Chihuahua's Baseball vouchers. Remember, every student is expected to sell 5 vouchers at \$14 each. We have been running this fundraiser for 10 weeks, with mentions in every single newsletter and on the BAND app. Unfortunately, only 50% of the vouchers have been picked

up. This means, on average, half the and has not sold theirs yet. Never fear! This is your week!

Let's bring this fundraiser home strong! Anyone can pick up vouchers at any time during the school week. Just bring your money and we'll provide the vouchers.

On another note, we will

begin selling popsockets at school this week, as well. We are NO LONGER requiring students to sell them. Just tell your friends about them and they can be purchased for \$5 in the Library and in the Band Room. It's that easy.

Questions? Please reach out and ask.

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Special points of interest:

- Please remember to sell those Chihuahua's Baseball Vouchers. This fundraiser ends 8/15 and each student is expected to sell 5 vouchers.
- Questions? Just ask. Contact information is on the back page for all of us!
- Popsockets are for sale in the Library and Band Room for \$5! Tell your friends!

Coming Attractions - Important Dates

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
Every Day	Baseball Voucher Handout	Band Room	During the School Day
8/12	Board Meeting	TBA	6:30 pm
8/13	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
8/15	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
8/17	Morning Props Build	Band Room	9:00 am
8/20	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
8/20	Band Parent Meeting	CHS Band Room	6:30 pm
8/22	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
8/22	Golf Tournament Cmte Mtg	CHS Band Room	6:00 pm
8/23	Pan Am Special Event Concert (Concessions)	NMSU	TBD
8/27	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
8/29	Evening Rehearsal	Band Room	5:00-7:30 pm
8/30	CHS Football vs. West Mesa	Field of Dreams	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
8/31	Hatch Chile Festival Parade	Hatch	Call time at CHS TBD
9/7	CHS Football vs. Manzano	Field of Dreams	11:00 am percussion/pit 11:30 am everyone else
9/8	Drumline to St. Genevieve's	St. Genevieve's CC	2:00 - 2:15 pm
9/13	Disney Trip Deposit Due	Band Room	N/A
9/14	NMSU Football Concessions	NMSU	TBD
9/20	CHS Football vs. Oate	NMSU	5:00 pm everyone
9/28	NMSU Football Concessions	NMSU	TBD
10/2	Marching MPA	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/4	CHS Football vs. LCHS	Field of Dreams (home)	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
10/5	NMSU Football Concessions	NMSU	TBD
10/8	Las Cruces Marching Exhibition	Field of Dreams	TBD
10/11	CHS Football vs. Mayfield	Field of Dreams (away)	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
10/18	CHS Football vs. Hobbs Middle School Night	Field of Dreams	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 pm everyone else
10/26	Pageant of Bands	Wilson Stadium - Abq	TBD
10/31	CHS Football vs. Gadsden	Field of Dreams	5:00 pm percussion/pit 5:30 everyone else

Note: The most up-to-date calendar can always be found on the BAND app.

Practice Makes Perfect and X Marks the Spot

As you know, all of the High Schools in Las Cruces debuted a new schedule this school year. Instead of 4 classes per day, at about an hour and a half each, students now attend 7 classes every day. Each class only lasts about 45 minutes. Change can be hard and this is no exception.

As all teachers learn how to pace their lessons, the same can be said for Band. Thus, we have more practices scheduled outside of the school day than in the past. For example, Zero Hour begins at 7:00 and ends with the morning bell. During this time, students will be learning the marching portion of their show, "X Marks the Spot".

Then, there are a few different sections of band throughout the day. During these classes, students will be perfecting their music performance. Additionally, we will have evening rehearsals twice a week, beginning this week. These evenings begin at 5:00 (allowing students time to get something to eat and rest a bit after school) and continue until 7:30 pm. This will be an opportunity to practice performing the music while marching the actual show. All of these rehearsals are mandatory. Marching Band is the epitome of a team effort and we need the entire team to perform to our full potential.

Questions? Please contact Mr. Ramos or Mr. K.



What's the Big Deal about Marching Band?

"K. So here's the big deal about high school marching band. Students spend hours upon hours working to perfect a show for performances that will last around 8 minutes. Each performance is a big deal. If someone has a bad 20 seconds, it can wreak havoc on the entire band. If someone is confused, or not quite sure of the next move, there is no opportunity to call time out and get clarification. The band gets 7-8 minutes to showcase what they've spent

hundreds of hours working on. They don't get 4 quarters, 2 halves or 9 innings—just a few minutes. If someone isn't feeling well, twists their ankle, or gets knocked on their rear, they can't call time-out and ask for a sub. The show must go on. After the performance is over, not one performer will have their name in the paper, or get special recognition for their outstanding individual performance. Band is a team activity and not one person is recognized publicly for their outstand-

ing performance that week. Everyone works hard, day in and day out, for the team—the group, knowing that they will not be singled out for special recognition. All the work is done for the good of the group. That's extremely awesome. Hug a band kid, or at least give them a high 5 after their next performance. GO BAND!!!"

Author Unknown

Various Committees Getting Ready to Gear Up

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in serving on one of our various committees. I have compiled these lists and sent them on to the various committee leaders. You should be hearing from them soon.

The Golf Committee is meeting on 8/22 and the Craft Fair Committee should be announcing a first meeting very soon. Additionally, I will be setting up a brief meeting to talk about hospitality and sign up for specific dates.

Finally, Concessions gets under way on 8/23 and you will be hearing from those leaders this week.

I am so humbled at the outpouring of offers of support—especially from our Freshmen parents. If we haven't gotten back to you or we haven't specifically thanked you, please know it's not personal. Your Board works very hard and most of us are juggling at least one "real" job in addition to band.

We promise to act in service to this band and endeavor to do our very best every single day.

Volunteers Rock!

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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 for ease of communication at football games, competitions and other events.

Our website is: 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 2019-2020 School year and their "affiliated" sections:

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