

# CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

Dear Band Parents and Students,

As the band director at Centennial High School, it is my pleasure to introduce you to the many wonderful performance opportunities CHS has to offer. Please note that any details in this letter are subject to change depending on course enrollment, county policies, etc.

## COURSE OFFERINGS

The following ensembles are available to incoming band students as a class during the school day. A placement audition is required for all courses. Placement is based on audition and instrumentation needs. Course offerings are subject to change.

**Wind Ensemble:** Performs music of the highest difficulty. Marching band is required. Students in this course are eligible to receive GT credit.

**Symphonic Winds:** Performs music at an intermediate/advanced difficulty level. Marching band is optional. At this time, GT credit is possible for students who also participate in marching band.

**Symphonic Band:** Performs music at an intermediate difficulty level. Marching band is optional.

**Percussion Ensemble:** An independent performance group that also serves as the percussion section for Symphonic Band. Marching band is optional.

## MARCHING BAND

Marching band is required for Wind Ensemble students and optional for Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band students. If a student is in marching band, it is a co-curricular component of their band course. Marching band appears on the student's transcript and attendance and performance are graded. An audition is required for Symphonic Winds and Symphonic Band students and space is limited. More information will be available in March and auditions will be held in May.

*Marching band students (and ALL Wind Ensemble students) are required to attend all marching band rehearsals and performances.* Marching band rehearses the two weeks before school starts and performs at home football games (approximately five games between late August and early November). Once the school year starts, the marching band only rehearses on game days after school. Games are typically on Fridays. It is possible to participate in both marching band and a fall sport. In fact, more than 25% of our members participate in a fall sport at CHS.

In 2018, the CHS Marching Eagles had over 130 members. It is a strong and supportive community of students. Marching band is an outstanding opportunity for incoming students to meet people and make friends prior to the school year beginning. For more information about marching band, visit [www.centennialmusic.org](http://www.centennialmusic.org). An information letter from the fall 2018 season that includes required dates and policies is posted for your reference.

## JAZZ BAND

Jazz band is an extra-curricular activity that meets before school everyday. Enrollment in a band course is required except for pianists, guitarists, and bassists. More information will be distributed in May.

## PLACEMENT AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held January 22 - 25, 2019. Specific times and locations TBA. Students will be asked to perform selections from their current band music, major scales up to 4 flats and sharps, a chromatic scale demonstrating their full range on the instrument, and sight-reading. Students wishing to be considered for Wind Ensemble or Symphonic Winds must perform a solo/etude in addition to the requirements above. Students should perform a solo at the highest level of difficulty that they can play well.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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