

WELCOME TO THE CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND COLORGUARD

The Century High School Marching Band (CHSMB) consists of the combined winds, brass, colorguard, and Percussion, led by drum majors. Jim Dunlop is the Director of Bands.

Century has over 150 students involved in the band and colorguard program. We offer five curricular classes (concert band, symphonic band, wind ensemble, and percussion class). Marching band and pep band consists of students from all four curricular bands. Students have the opportunity, also, to participate in one of our two jazz bands, winter percussion, winterguard, and pit orchestra.

Curricular Classes

- **CONCERT BAND** is our first level band, consisting primarily of freshman and sophomores. No audition is required. Everyone is welcome.
- **SYMPHONIC BAND** is our second level band, consisting primarily of sophomores and juniors. This is an audition group, however, there are no group size limitations.
- **WIND ENSEMBLE** is our highest level band. This is an audition group for our most serious music students. Group size is limited based on standard wind ensemble literature.
- **PERCUSSION CLASS** is our class for all percussionists, including mallet players, battery players, and auxiliary instruments. This class is for freshmen through seniors and accepts all skill levels. Students are encouraged to also participate in one of the three curricular bands.

Marching Band and Colorguard

Marching Band consists of all members of Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Colorguard and Percussion. They perform at four to six performances throughout the Northwest, plus two parades. Every year this group travels to regional competitions and performances. Every other year a “band trip” is offered, where students travel outside the region, such as Disneyland and Hawaii. There is a trip fee for this event. This year we are planning a Hawaii trip . This trip is optional. More information can be found on our website www.centuryband.org

Pep Band

This group consists of students from all curricular bands. They perform at football games, basketball games, pep assemblies. They play music that brings school spirit to school events.

Jazz Band

There are two jazz bands offered at Century. Placement in groups is based on auditions, but all students who wish to participate will be placed in a band. The jazz bands perform at school, community and professional events around the Northwest. Every other year they participate in the Reno Jazz Festival, a premier event that includes high school, college, university, and professional vocal and instrumental ensembles. There is a trip fee for this event. This is not a Reno trip year. All jazz band members with the exception of guitar must be in a curricular group.

Winter Percussion

Winter Percussion is a winter season activity made up of percussion instruments including drums and front ensemble. It is practiced and performed indoors. Students must be in the percussion class to be in Winter Percussion. Winter Percussion involves choreography, music, and drill (formations and movement on the floor). This is a high-intensity, very exciting group. We were the first Oregon Percussion Ensemble ever to place in the world championship finals. Tryouts and practices start mid December and go through the beginning of April. There is a Winter Percussion participation fair share fee and costume fee. Every other year this group will participate in a non regional trip/competition. There is a fee for this trip and only students who commit to the extra cost of participating will be placed on the competitive team.

Winterguard

Winterguard is a winter season activity made up of flags, wooden rifles, swords, and dance. Winterguard is practiced and performed indoors. Tryouts occur mid December, and practices start after tryouts through the end of March. There is a Winterguard participation fair share fee and costume fee. It is highly encouraged that all color guard members also participate in winterguard as skills learned benefit both.

Pit Orchestra / Spring Musical

If the Century High School puts on a spring musical, a small group of band and orchestra students try out for the "pit" orchestra, which is generally presented in March. The musical usually begins in late January with a rehearsal schedule TBA.. The repertoire has included Wizard of Oz, Pajama Game, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Peter Pan, A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum, Beauty and the Beast, The Sound of Music and more.

Band Boosters or C.H.A.M.P. (Century High's Awesome Moms and Pops)

Century Band Boosters are involved in every one of our performance groups at Century, making it possible for us to be one of the most successful programs in the Northwest. This group is composed of parents, guardians and alumni from Century students. With the support of C.H.A.M.P. Century students have gone on to play professionally, internationally and in colleges all over the United States. Century students have earned over 2.5 million dollars in scholarships and grants. We have alumni teaching at many high schools, regionally and internationally. Each year we perform over 50 times for tens of thousands of people. None of this would be possible without the amazing support of C.H.A.M.P.

FALL MARCHING

Calendar

The CHMB calendar can be found on our website above:www.centuryband.org under the calendar tab. We make every effort to keep this calendar posted early and kept accurate. Any changes will be e-mailed through the band secretary secretary@centuryband.org as well as posted in band app.and email from a coach.

A Few Highlight Dates:

- August 21, 12-4PM Freshman Camp
- August 22-31, 12-9PM Full Band Camp
- Oct. 7, Liberty Show
- Oct. 14th, Century Showcase
- October 21th, Yakima Competition
- October 28th, NWAPA Championships@University of Oregon
- April 12-13 2024, Parade Camp @ camp Yamhill
- May 17-19 Lilac Parade Spokane Wa.
- June 1st 2024, Rose Festival Starlight Parade

Practices

In addition to in-class rehearsals, plan on the following rehearsals

- Band Camp
- 2 rehearsals per week Sept-Oct.
- 1 sectional (small group) per week, 45 minutes Sept.-Oct
- 4 Rehearsals in May

Most practices are held at Century High School. Communication concerning a missed rehearsal must be provided one week in advance when possible.

Poor attendance, tardiness, and unexcused absences from rehearsals may impact the role of a performer in the show or may lead to dismissal from the ensemble. Refunds will not be given under these circumstances.

Please access our website for our google calendar with all the details at www.centuryband.org

This calendar is the most current and accurate, please check it often.

Marching Band (Field Show) Competitions

All information regarding shows will be announced the week prior to the show including:

- Departure and approximate return times to/from Century
- Directions to/from shows for parents
- Meal times and schedule for the day (occasionally students will be responsible to bring a sack lunch)Performance times

We usually don't find out the exact schedule until the week of the show. More details can be obtained at www.nwapa.net.

The CHSMB travels as a group with chaperones and staff on Hillsboro School District buses to each competition. Competitions take place rain or shine so dress for the weather and only a few of the stadiums are under cover.

Parents and families traveling separately from the band should plan to arrive on time to find parking and pay for tickets. Tickets for the shows vary in price. Spectators are not allowed to enter/exit the stadium seating during performances.

Performance schedules and meal times depend on the individual event and the number of Marching Bands participating. There are usually two performance times per event. The first is a preliminary performance which is scheduled by a random draw. If our score in preliminaries qualifies us, we will perform in the finals competition.

The group will stay until all awards are presented and then return to Century High School on the bus. Students may choose which bus they would like to ride on, but must stay on the same bus for the return ride, unless cleared by their bus chaperone. Chaperones account for students on busses before we leave any location and "missing" students slow our departure. Students are encouraged to ride home on the bus from competitions together, however parents may take their student home with them if they'd like. **If parents plan to take their student home, they MUST find their bus chaperone and personally check their student out with them. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

NOTE: Out of town competitions run late, and due to distances involved, the band occasionally returns quite late.

Football Game Performances

The pep band attends most home football games. At two home football games, the marching band will perform during halftime. The front ensemble and colorguard are only required to go to the game when the full group(marching Band and colorguard are performing during halftime).

Overnight Competition/Performance/Parade Trips

The CHSMB travels out of town for fall competitions, parades and performances. There is usually one overnight trip in the fall season and one in the spring season. This year we will have one on Oct. 20-22 Yakima Wa. and one on May 17-19 Spokane Wa. Chaperones are needed for these trips to help with buses, food committees, etc. The CHSMB usually stays overnight at a local high school (on the gym floor) with boys on one side, girls on the other side and chaperones down the middle. The cost for both of these trips for students and chaperones is covered by fair-share fees. Please see the Chaperones section of the handbook for more information.

OTHER PERFORMANCES AND INVOLVEMENT

Concert Band

Concert Band performs three concerts throughout the year, as well as at the street sale. On occasion, they also perform at elementary schools.

Symphonic Band

The Symphonic Band performs three concerts throughout the year, as well as at the street sale. They will perform at several elementary schools. On occasion, they compete in the league music festival in April, along with one preliminary festival (TBA).

Wind Ensemble

Wind Ensemble performs four concerts throughout the school year. This band group will participate in several contests and concerts throughout the Northwest. They will also represent Century High School at the league and state festivals.

Jazz Bands

Both Jazz bands perform four concerts throughout the school year. These bands will participate in several contests and concerts throughout the Northwest. They will also represent Century High School at the league and state festivals.

BAND AND COLORGUARD PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation Fees (Fair Share) are paid by a check sealed in an envelope and put in the grey box in the band room. Your check **must** be enclosed in an envelope and include the following: student's name, what the check is paying for, and the amount of the check. **NO CASH.** Payments can also be made through the band's website or through the school bookkeeper. If a payment program or other consideration is needed, please contact Mr. Dunlop.

Fall Fair Share Fees:

\$375 Band and Colorguard Fall Fair Share Fee

\$100 Standard Band Fee for **Non-Marching Students** (Jazz, Concert, Symphonic & Wind Ensemble Only)

\$ 33 Shoe fee (for freshman, new marchers and students who have outgrown their shoes)

\$125 Colorguard costume fee (approximate cost)

\$150 Hillsboro School District Participation Fee (due on registration day or you can pay through the schools website or the school's bookkeeper - Not a Band Booster Fee - this fee can be waived by the register via free and reduced meal plans)

Parent Volunteer and student fundraising points: \$350.00

This entire fee can be worked off as follows

- \$ 150 student fundraising points (look at band handbook for more info)
- \$ 200 parent volunteer hours (look at band handbook for more info)

If parent volunteer and student fundraising points are not worked by may 24th then the remainder of each will be due by May 25, 2024

It is the expectation that all marching band members participate in marching events all year including Fall and Spring. In the event that a member is not able to attend in Spring , fees will still be the responsibility of the member and family.

Winter Program Fees: (Optional extra season)

- \$350** Winterguard and Winter Percussion Winter Fair Share Fee
- \$125** Costume fee (approximate cost)
- \$125** Parent Volunteer Additional 10 hours per family for winter participants

Multiple Student Fair Share Discount

If parents have more than one student in the Century High School Band, Colorguard, Winterguard, Winter Percussion Ensemble or Brass Choir, they receive a reduction on the Fair Share Fees:

- 1st Student – 100% Fair Share Fee for this student
- 2nd Student – 25% Reduction of Fair Share Fee for this student
- 3rd Student – 50% Reduction of Fair Share Fee for this student

Example: If a family has 3 students:

- 1st Student = \$300.00 Fair Share Fee
 - 2nd Student = \$225.00 (25% discount) Fair Share Fee
 - 3rd Student = \$150.00 (50% discount) Fair Share Fee
- \$675.00 Total Fair Share Due for this family

Payment Schedule for Fees

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CENTURY BAND BOOSTERS

August 26: First \$150 Fair Share Fee is due (in band room box or online). Medical Form and Handbook Review forms are also due at this time.

September 10: Shoe Fee, **if needed**, is due (in band room box or online).

September 22: Second \$150 Fair Share Fee is due (in band room box or online).

October 20: Third \$75 Fair Share Fee is due (in band room box or online).

November 1: \$Symphonic Dress Fee, **if applicable**, due (in band room box or online)

December/January: 1st Winter Fair Share Fee is due at first rehearsal, if the student is participating in Winterguard or Winter Percussion. Costume fees will be determined prior to each season.

March 22: Final Winter Fair Share Fee is due (in band room box or online) if the student is participating in Winterguard or Winter Percussion.

HSD Activity Fee: \$150

\$150 Hillsboro School District Participation Fee (due on registration day or you can pay through the schools website or the school's bookkeeper - Not a Band Booster Fee - This fee may be waived if a student participates in the free or reduced lunch program, but must be done through the school registrar. The School will allow payment of this fee later in the year if needed.

All Fair Share fees must be paid in full to be eligible for any trip.

Payment Options

Make checks payable to: Century Band Boosters

1. Participation Fees are paid by placing a check in a sealed envelope and placed in the grey box in the band room. Your check **must** be in an envelope. On the envelope include the following: student's name, what the check is paying for and the amount of the check. **NO CASH.** If a payment program or other consideration is needed, please contact Mr. Dunlop.
2. Mail checks to the following address:
Century High School, c/o Century Band Boosters
2000 SE Century Blvd.
Hillsboro, OR 97123
3. Pay by credit card (see options below).

Payment By Credit Card

It is possible to pay the school, band and colorguard fees though the band website (centuryband.org), at the school or though the school website. To pay at the school you will need to go to the school bookkeeper. To pay online, the student's ID number will be needed. It can be found on student report cards and printed schedules or can be obtained from the office at the school. Go to www.CenturyWebstore.com and select Band Fees on the left and fill out the information on the page. *There is a fee applied to all credit card payments online.*

Explanation of Fees

Fair Share Fee: Fees help pay for many expenses, including instructors, marching drill, music arrangements, transportation for the front ensemble instruments, construction and acquisition of sets and props, travel, lodging and food at away fall marching competitions and other activity costs. Standard Band fee is included in the \$375 fair share fee.

Standard Band Fee: Fees help pay for instructors, music arrangements, transportation to competitions, travel and food.

Hillsboro School District Participation Fee: A mandatory fee levied by the school district for extracurricular sports and activities. The fee pays for transportation and other administrative costs. The district requires this activity fee. Payment of this fee must be a separate and payable to Century High School through the school registrar on registration day, to the bookkeeper at the school, or online. This fee can be waived through the district for students on the free lunch program.

Shoe fees: A fee for marching shoes; this fee applies to freshman, new marchers or if a student has outgrown their old marching shoes and needs a new pair. There is a used collection of shoes for those who would like to borrow. Borrowing is based on supply.

Winter Percussion Ensemble & Winterguard Fees: These fees apply only to those members of the Percussion Ensemble and Guard who participate in the Winter groups. They help pay for the expenses, such as music, uniforms, props, etc.

NOTE: As required by Century High School administrators, all balances must be paid by the end of each school year and may not be carried from year to year.

UNIFORM/COSTUME/ATTIRE INFORMATION

Band Uniforms

Use of uniforms and maintenance of uniforms is covered by fair share fees. Replacement costs are only applicable if a uniform piece is lost or misused

The uniforms are organized by number, and hung numerically in the uniform closet. Each student is assigned a specific numbered uniform for the year and it is adjusted to fit as well as possible.

When in full uniform students will be wearing these items, distributed from the uniform room:

	Replacement Cost:
• 1 pair of regulation black pants with suspenders	\$65.00
• 1 teal and black jacket	\$170.00
• 1 Shako hat	\$40.00
Often times tubas will be given a black beret instead and Front Ensemble will not be issued a Shako	
• 1 Feather Plume	\$19.50
• 1 Mylar Plume	\$14.50
• 1 Shako hat box	\$11.00
• 1 garment bag	\$10.00
• 2 hangers	\$3.00 ea
• 2 gauntlets	\$42.00
• 1 raincoat	\$75.25

The following personal additional items are required:

- 1 pair black marching shoes (purchased the first year of marching, replaced as students grow out of them)
- 1 show shirt (provided by the band)
- 1 pair black socks (they have to be black, not navy blue!) It would be good to have spare pairs of these!
- 1 pair black shorts for modesty when changing as a group.

Students will be required to check their uniforms back in at the end of fall season. Any missing/damaged items will be charged to the student's account.

Shoes

Students will be responsible for keeping track of their own shoes – they are not turned in with the rest of the uniform after each performance. If the shoe fee has been paid and the student already has shoes but needs a different size, please notify the uniform coordinator

REMINDER: Shoes are to be cleaned at home prior to each performance!!! Cleaning means the laces and the outer surfaces of the soles and heels as well as the body of the shoe. Shoes MUST be cleaned (preferably polished) before each competition.

T-shirt

This should be a show specific shirt. Shirts will be provided at the beginning of the Fall season.

Long Black Socks

Please find long socks as black as possible. Faded or navy-blue socks are NOT acceptable. Multiple pairs may be worn to keep warm and/or avoid blisters.

Laundry

The uniforms are laundered prior to the beginning of the marching season, and/or before the Rose Festival parade, and any other time it is deemed necessary. Laundry is coordinated by the uniform coordinator and uniforms should not be laundered unless permission is given.

Please think ahead and be prepared for each performance. Remember that if there is a problem with a uniform, see the uniform coordinator AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Changing Uniforms after Competitions/Performances

Musicians must wear T-shirts and shorts under their uniforms. Colorguard must change in the walled tent set-up, in restrooms or the locker rooms, they are NOT allowed to change on the buses.

Uniform Care and Etiquette

- Absolutely no food, drinks, or gum while in uniform. Water is the *only exception*.
- Do not wear jewelry (watches, earrings, nose rings) while in uniform. The Colorguard may have exceptions, since jewelry is sometimes a part of their uniform.
- Do not wear makeup in uniform. Again, the Colorguard usually wears makeup, but as part of their uniform, and as specified by the instructor.
- Shako's are to be worn only in full uniform and are always to be worn correctly – not backwards, and not swinging from fingers. Carry the hat in the left hand, upright with forearm and fingers supporting it.
- If hair is long enough to touch the collar of the uniform, the student must find some way to put it up inside their hat by using hairpins or French braids. *This rule applies to both males and females.*
- Do not wear sunglasses in uniform, unless so advised by the instructors for costuming purposes.
- If students see another team in uniform and in lines walking to their warm-up or performance area, please be patient and let them pass in front. Out of respect, please *do not* break their ranks. If we are in lines and someone knowingly or unknowingly breaks our ranks please *do not* stop to tell them or otherwise let this be a distraction.
- Hang pants straight, folded ON the crease, and hanging evenly over the hanger.
- Hang jacket over the top, shoulders straight on the hanger.
- This ALL must be done BEFORE returning the uniform to the uniform closet! The student will be asked to go to the end of the line!
- When uniform is wet, allow jacket/bibber to air dry and hang the plume upside down (to avoid mildew).
- Mud on uniform. Allow it to dry, then brush off & take to uniform coordinator ASAP.
- Hemming bibbers. There are snaps on the inside of the pants. Please use them and check that they are properly snapped before walking in them. No needle and thread necessary!
- Any alterations to bibbers or jackets should involve the Uniform Coordinator directly. PLEASE DO NOT CUT FABRIC!

REMEMBER: when the CHSMB uniform is worn, you represent the CHS music program, the entire school, and sometimes our whole city or school district. Please exercise common sense and good judgment in choice of language and behavior. Do not run, cuss, spit, use obscene gestures or act in any other inappropriate way while in uniform.

Any problems with uniforms must be reported to the Uniform Coordinator or a chaperone ASAP so the problem can be handled appropriately.

Concert Attire for ALL CHS Band Members:

Performance attire must be followed for all concerts (unless otherwise told to do so by Mr. Dunlop).

Concert Band Members:

Students provide their own white dress shirt (with high neckline; sleeves are required) or sweater (no logo or design), tie, black skirt (knee length or longer) or dress pants, nylons or black socks, and black dress shoes.

Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Members:

Students in Wind Ensemble and Symphonic band wear matching dresses or tuxedos for competitions.

Dresses: Select black dress which will be purchased through Century Band Boosters for \$60-\$80. Students provide their own nylons and black dress shoes. Symphonic dresses will be ordered in early November and must be paid for before ordered. See Uniform Coordinator for sizing.

Tuxedos: Students provide their own black dress slacks, black tux jacket, white tuxedo shirt, black bow tie, black socks and black dress shoes. If you would like assistance with these items, our uniform staff will be happy to place your order for you.

We have used the same dress design for the past 10 years. This insures that this is a one time fee. We do have a closet of slightly used apparel for those students who wish. This is dependent on supply.

Jazz Band Members:

Students provide their own black dress shirt, black pants or skirts (knee length or longer), black socks and black dress shoes.

NOTE: For concerts - sneakers, flip flops, or any other shoe that are not a dress shoe are not allowed.

CHSMB FUNDRAISING

CHSMB's parent group "Century Band Boosters" provides leadership and opportunity to support CHSMB members in fundraisers that both students and parents may choose to participate in.

Century Band Boosters provides many opportunities for group and individual fundraisers throughout the year, information is sent home via email as well as posted on the Google Calendar.

- Group Fundraisers (the majority of our events) benefit the marching band (100% of the \$ raised goes to the group).
- Individual/Group Fundraisers benefit the individual student (80% of the \$ raised) ,and the marching band (20% of \$ raised)

Possible events include: monthly pop can drives, different merchant sales, restaurant nights, and our annual auction and street sale.

Century Band Boosters have fiscal and legal responsibility for all CHSMB-sponsored fundraising activities. To ensure the safety and security of our students and ongoing positive relationships with CHS and Hillsboro School District Administration, our fundraising policy is this:

"No CHSMB-sponsored fundraising may be promoted or launched without the express involvement and approval of the Century Band Boosters Board. The Board MUST be notified and clear the activity BEFORE contact is made with any business or any event is planned."

No money raised or donated through any fundraiser including Hops, Intel etc. may ever be given to any person participating in Century group.

At least one adult must be present and supervising ALL events! Continuous adult oversight and supervision is necessary for any opportunity to take place.

Tax Exempt, Non-Profit Status

Century Band Boosters is a non-profit (501.c.3). Donations of any size are welcome – every bit helps and all donations are tax deductible. Receipts for amounts over \$250.00, as required by law and as requested, will be gratefully supplied to the donating party.

Adult/Parent Volunteer Hours

To encourage active support and participation of all parents in necessary band/colorguard functions, families are required to contribute 16 Adult/Parent Volunteer Hours per school year, regardless if a student only participates in one of the programs during the school year (Marching, Fall Colorguard, Fall Percussion, Winter Percussion, Brass Choir, Winterguard, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, etc.). These hours will be applied and tracked per family, not per student. If one family has multiple students participating in any band program, their family obligation will only be 16 hours. The Adult/Parent Volunteer Hours will be charged on the oldest students account.

A \$200 fee will be added to 1 student account per family at the beginning of each school year or at the time a new student is added. For each hour an Adult/Parent volunteers, \$12.50 will be credited towards this fee. We ask that you track and record your hours in Charms under your name in your students account. When the allotted 16 hours is complete, this fee will be considered paid in full. Additional hours are highly encouraged and welcomed, we need volunteers to make this program a success. Additional hours will have no fiscal benefit toward student fees. Volunteer hours may be done throughout the entire current school year, but must be completed by the middle of May each spring. Hours tracked and recorded are for the current school year only. We do not back date volunteer hours for previous years. Students acquire points, not hours, see the next section.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year for CHSMB parents/family members, some of these are listed below:

Sewing – Cut, hem, pin, mend, sew flags and costumes, adjust uniforms

Washing Uniforms

Uniform sizers

Uniform Checkout for performances

Concession Stand workers

Auction helpers

Pop Can Drive drivers & sorters

Competition Chaperones

Competition Food Prep/serving

Prop makers/builders– painting, construction, moving

Grant writers

Street Sale Coordinator/workers

Sponsor seekers

Thank you letter writers

Business partnership

First Aid for trip and competitions (District Trained)

Fall competitions

Winterguard Competitions

Century Showcase Band Competition

Chaperone day and overnight trips

Century Winter Showcase Competition

Winter Percussion Competitions

This is not all that is needed, by any means! Inquiries should be sent to our volunteer coordinator at volunteers@centuryband.org.

The Hillsboro School District requires that all parent and student volunteers fill out the volunteer application which includes a criminal background check. These items are found online by going to the Hillsboro School District website at: www.hsd.k12.or.us. Click on Community, Volunteering, and Volunteer Application. Follow the instructions and submit the application. Volunteers who provide an email address will be notified by email when the application is approved. If you do not provide an email address, you will need to contact your school of interest five school days after you submit the application. The school will have a list of approved volunteers that school staff can access. At this point, approved volunteers are free to volunteer unless told otherwise.

Student Fundraising Point System and Net Profit

Each CHSMB member (student) is encouraged to participate in our fundraisers to earn points and credit. Points are earned to participate in the Winter Break party and to decrease the fee for Parade Camp in the spring. Here is a fluid list of fundraisers that students earn points for participating.

Monthly Can Drives- **Point + 0%**

Firework Stand- **Point + 0%**

Century Showcase volunteer-Point +0%

Pop Can Drives-Point+0%

Pie Sales- **Point + 80% net profit**

Sell Ad space for our Showcase program- **Point + 80% net profit**

Hop's Games-100% profit

Flower Sales-80% profit

Mo's Clam chowder- **Point + 80% net profit**

Street Sale Booth Sales- **Point + 80% net profit**

Auction- **Point + 0%**

We also have monthly restaurant fundraisers that we encourage all friends and families to help spread the word so we can earn a percentage of what is sold that night. These events do not earn student points or profit.

POINT + 80% Fundraisers: Students earn 1 point for participating & 80% net profit.

POINT + 0% Fundraisers: Students earn 1 point for participating,

Donation to the band, no out of pocket - Restaurants, Amazon Smiles, Fred Meyers- the Band earns a % that the organization donates to the band. There are no fundraising points earned.

8 fundraising points = participation in All Day/Night Party at Winter break

12 fundraising points = participation at Parade Camp is FREE, \$150 student fundraiser fee waived

8-11 fundraising points = \$75 fee for Parade Camp, \$75 student fundraiser fee waived

7 & under fundraising points = \$150 for Parade Camp, must pay full student fundraiser fee

Participation in Parade Camp is required for all students in all groups. **Attendance at camp does not alter the fee**, as reservations are made early in the school year for the full number of students in the program and cannot be canceled. All students will be charged based on fund points.

Work Study/Deferment of Fees

Mr. Dunlop and the Board share a philosophy of encouraging musicianship and inclusion of all who want to be a part of the CHSMB. Accordingly, a plan to work off fees (work study), or a deferment of a portion of the fees are possible depending upon availability of funds and family needs.

Work Study/Deferment requests should be made to Mr. Dunlop. We do not offer scholarships or fee waivers.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parental Permission/Medical Release Form

This form must be filled out every year and signed by a parent or guardian indicating acknowledgement of the mode of transportation and destination for our trips. Parent signatures also give consent for CHSMB staff to find medical aid for the student if such an occasion should arise on a trip.

The Century High School administration requires that this form be filled out before students can participate in competitions, which take place off-campus.

This form will be available on the www.centuryband.org website or by emailing secretary@centuryband.org.

Please fill out and return by Wednesday of Band Camp in August.

Rehearsals and Attendance Policy

In order to get the most out of our rehearsal time and be competitive everyone needs to attend EVERY practice and be on time. The Drum Majors and Colorguard Captains will be keeping track of who is on time, absent and late throughout the season

Absences

In order for a pre-arranged absence to be excused, Mr. Dunlop and a drum major, **or** Mr. Dunlop and the section leader must initial a written note or excuse. It also must be turned in *before* the rehearsal that the student intends to be late or absent. Mr. Dunlop's initials means that he is aware of the plan to be absent or late and that it is all right with him for the student to do so.

If a student misses school because of an illness, a parent/guardian's phone call to the attendance office DOES NOT notify Mr. Dunlop, Drum Majors, OR their section leader that they will be missing a practice. An additional phone call to Mr. Dunlop at (503) 844-1800, x5177 is necessary in case of illness.

If the student plays a sport or has some other commitment that directly conflicts with many rehearsals, please see Mr. Dunlop ASAP!

If a student is not excused for an absence or tardy, they should make up the time. Consequences for these situations will be discussed during Band Camp. Make-up rehearsals will be available for missed information or if a student needs help. Please watch the schedule posted on white boards in the band room.

Situations that force a Band member to be late for practice (such as a teacher requiring them to make up a test) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. If a student arrives late, they should find a drum major or Colorguard captain at an appropriate time and explain their excuse.

Importance of Each Person's' Role

If a student feels the need to drop out of the program, please talk to the section leader, a Drum Major, and Mr. Dunlop. If the student still has strong feelings to discontinue participation please notify the Band Director immediately! **Dropping after the second day of Band Camp creates difficulties for the entire Band.** Every student is important. When students drop, it changes the drill (puts a hole in it) and the music (a part left out). We will have to pay a penalty to rewrite the drill. That fee will need to be passed on to the student. The drill, music, and budget are based around a specific number of people.

Substance Abuse-Definitions and Standards

*Students who violate athletic/activity behavioral standards will be disciplined as outlined in the standards of student conduct. Students may also be suspended from competition/practice in their athletic or activity program.

Athletic training standards require that athletes agree not to possess, use, sell, or provide alcohol, tobacco, or illegal/unauthorized drugs or related paraphernalia at any time throughout the **calendar year**. Student-athletes agree not to be present where unlawful use of alcohol or drugs may occur throughout the **calendar year**.

Activity participants agree not to possess, use, sell, or provide alcohol, tobacco, or illegal/unauthorized drugs or related paraphernalia at any time throughout the **calendar year**. Activity participants agree not to be present where unlawful use of alcohol or drugs may occur throughout the **calendar year**.

Penalties

First Offense:

The student shall be suspended from participation in 50% of the contests for that season according to the Athletic/Activity Contest Suspension Chart. If the student completes a drug and alcohol assessment and follows through with the recommended course of treatment, the suspension will be reduced to 20% of contests. The student shall be suspended while going through the assessment process.

- A. The athletic director or school administration will notify parents of the eligibility rules violation and consequences. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact parents prior to implementing the consequence.
- B. During the suspension period, the student shall remain a member of the team and is required to practice and attend(not participate in) all contests.
- C. Suspensions will carry over from one season to the next if the terms of the suspension have not been completed. Suspensions will be carried on to the next school year if necessary.

Second Offense:

The Student shall be suspended from participation for **ONE calendar year**. The athletic director or school Administration will notify parents of the eligibility rules violation and consequences. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact parents prior to implementing the consequences.

Third Offense:

The Student will lose the privilege to compete in all Athletics and Activities outlined above for the remainder of his/her high school career. The athletic director or school administration will notify parents of the eligibility rules violation and consequences. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact parents prior to implementing the consequences.

****It should be noted that any evidence turned into the District or school of alleged violations(video, photos, Facebook, etc) must be able to be verified and proven by the building administration to implement any consequences against a student.*

Lettering in Marching Band

Participation in the Marching Band earns the student a varsity marching band letter.

In order to receive a letter, students must do all of these things :

- Enthusiastically participate in one year of academic band
- Enthusiastically participate in one year of marching band
- Attend and/or appropriately find subs for pep band gigs
- Have no unexcused absences during fall marching.
- Complete at least 1 parade.

If students meet these requirements, then they are eligible for a letter. Exceptions will be handled on a case-by-case basis. No letters will be awarded without parade participation.

Lettering in Jazz Band

Participation in a full year of Jazz Band earns the student a varsity jazz letter.

In order to receive a letter, students must do all of these things :

- Enthusiastically participate in one year of academic band
- Enthusiastically participate in one year of jazz band
- Have no unexcused missed performances.

Lettering in Winterguard or Winter percussion

Participation in one season of Winterguard or Winter Percussion earns the student a varsity letter.

In order to receive a letter, students must do all of these things :

- Enthusiastically participate in one full season
- Have no unexcused absences during the season
- Have no unexcused missed performances.

NOTE: The Band Director reserves the right to alter this list of requirements as he views appropriate.

The Instrument Purchase Fund

The Instrument Purchase Fund will be established for the sole purpose of providing new instruments for the band. It is our hope that people will choose to donate to this fund in the name of their favorite band member, in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion.

CHAPERONING

Each show is a little different than the previous one and often we may not know pertinent information such as what time the buses leave CHS, the number of buses we will have, or the time we will be playing until the day before the show. The Volunteer coordinator will contact chaperones before the competition with bus and show times and other necessary information. For most shows we will be leaving CHS between 8-9 a.m. and arriving home around midnight.

Chaperones need to bring:

- Money for entrance fees. Chaperones who ride the bus both ways and help all day will have their entrance paid for by the band, all others will be determined ahead of time by the volunteer coordinator. Please do not assume that because you are volunteering your entrance is covered.
- Dress for the weather! Competitions later in the fall get cold! Consider rain gear or an umbrella and a waterproof seat cushion
- Willingness to have fun

Getting ready to board the bus

When chaperones arrive at CHS on the morning of departure, they check in with the volunteer coordinator. The coordinator will give out the bus assignments. There are usually two or three chaperones per bus.

One Chaperone will be designated to be the student “counter.” The same students must ride on the bus to and from the competition. There will be no “bus switching” unless coordinated by Mr. Dunlop. There will be times when students go home with their parents, Mr. Dunlop will communicate that to the Chaperones as needed.

Discipline

Mr. Dunlop needs chaperones to be his eyes. He can't be everywhere and see everything. Watch the students, be around the students, have fun with the students. Most of the time a simple reminder of the school rules is enough to solve the problem. But, please let Mr. Dunlop know of anything that seems not right. He wants to be the one to approach all situations and problems. Mr. Dunlop's philosophy is “to treat them like an adult, unless they prove otherwise.” Discipline which involves physical contact is not appropriate for any chaperone.

Once you're on the bus

Once the students are on the bus and in their seats, a count of students should be made. This should happen every time we board the bus – going to and from rest stops, coming home – any time the student gets off and comes back on the bus again.

The only way a student can be excused from riding the bus home to CHS is with prior verbal permission from Mr. Dunlop. If there is any question about a student leaving, check with Mr. Dunlop. Even if a student shows a note, chaperones must have verbal permission from Mr. Dunlop.

The bus ride is easy – just sit back, get to know the other parents and enjoy the BUMPS while monitoring behavior.

At the competitions

Assist the students in getting ready for their performance.

Go to the bleachers and enjoy the show.

We will usually have a meal prepared by Century Band Boosters for the marchers, chaperones, and crew. Please plan on assisting with serving.

After dinner, back to the dressing room, into uniforms, and out onto the field for the final competitions.

When the bus arrives at CHS, one chaperone should remain on the bus until all students are out, then make one last check of the bus to make sure nothing was left behind.

Please help check in uniforms and make sure that everyone has a ride home.

SHOW LOGISTICS

We have a group composed of parent volunteers who help move the equipment and props whenever the band performs. These volunteers are coordinated by the Volunteer Coordinator. The Coordinator and team will help with the props and tent set-up.

The “front ensemble” is an area on the field that contains all non-marching percussion instruments: xylophones, bells, bass drum, timpani, marimbas, chimes, and other stationary equipment. Ideally, before a performance this equipment is put onto trailers pulled by a small tractor. While the band is marching onto the field, the parent volunteers and the students who play the instruments in the front ensemble walk alongside the equipment train as it is pulled into the front ensemble area. If there is no tractor, we will need some volunteers to assist in getting equipment onto the field.

The equipment is unloaded from the trailers and quickly placed in order on the field.

The adults and trailers move out of the way while the band plays.

After the band has finished, and while the rest of the band members are marching off the field, the parent volunteers and players quickly put all the equipment back onto the trailers and tow it away.

It takes about 6 to 8 volunteers to help depending on how much equipment the band is using during the show. Since the band has a limited amount of time on the field and gets penalized if they go over that time, parent volunteers must be quick and efficient in unloading and reloading the equipment. Some of the equipment is very heavy (chimes, timpani), other pieces are small (music stands, cymbals, bells).

The Parent Volunteers are asked to dress in school colors (usually black shorts or pants and either a plain black shirt or the CHSMB black shirt). If a hat is worn, it should be a black baseball style cap (a teal C on the front is a good touch). The parent volunteers need to be as unobtrusive as possible so that they do not distract attention from the band before, during and after the show.

A group of parent volunteers is required at each home football game that we perform at and for each competition. While it is best to have a consistent group of volunteers, we also welcome volunteers who can't work all events but who are willing to train and work some events. The parent volunteers who help move the equipment will also sometimes double as bus chaperones during trips, help construct props that are used during the show, and assist with meal preparation.

PARADE VOLUNTEERS/WATER CARRIERS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

When CHSMB participates in parades we require parent volunteers to help out. Here's a quick review of what to expect and what the parade walker role will be:

When and where do we meet?

The place and time to meet will be provided by the Parade Coordinator or band director. If a bus is being taken (Rose Parade or Starlight Parade) you will ride the bus.

What do I wear?

This will be decided as a group. All water carriers need to be uniform in their attire as to not distract from band or director.

What do I bring with me?

Water bottles will be provided. Parade walkers are stand-in parents for 150+ students who are not allowed to carry anything with them.

Where do I march?

During most of the parade walkers will march at either side of the rows while they are playing. Where there are TV cameras and during judging, fade to the back and march following the two outer columns. We will be warned where these “critical sections” are before we begin marching. NO EXCEPTIONS.

When do I water my row(s)?

1. Any time they are stationary, and
2. While marching, during cadences (drum only).
3. When the drum major’s whistle is heard, get out of the block and back to the edge immediately.
4. If unsure about when the band is starting to play during a parade just remain on the side, marching with them until someone indicates that they are thirsty.

What if someone in my row has a problem?

This can happen – heat, exhaustion, asthma, and other heat or stress-related problems. If there is someone with a possible medical problem, walkers will be told before the parade. There are three types of problems we might anticipate:

- Minor. A marcher needs a hat adjusted or a shoelace tied – handle it in a way that does not interrupt the other marchers.
- Troublesome. A musician is having trouble with a heavy instrument – take the instrument (and get out of the way) and let the student continue marching.
- Urgent. A marcher needs to sit down – accompany him/her to the JagMobile (if available) or to the sidelines, making sure one of the other adults sees you leave. Some of the instruments are very large, and are carried by students who are not accustomed to carrying them for several miles. Watch them!

HOW DO WE STAY IN TOUCH?

Parent Meetings

Each month on the second Tuesday, a parent meeting is held. The meetings begin at 7:00 pm (**unless notified of a date or time change**). All parents are members of Century Band Boosters, and we benefit from all parents participating at our meetings.

Parents will receive one hour of volunteer time for each meeting attended. It is your responsibility to record this and all volunteer time on your students Charms Account.

Band App: While on trips and during show days we will use the Band App program.

Please be sure to send email information and addresses to secretary@centuryband.org.

Google Calendar

All CHSMB events, shows, and fundraisers will be posted on the google calendar at: <https://www.centuryband.org/calendar>

Website

The website for Century Band Boosters is: www.centuryband.org
Refer to it for current news and calendar events as well as contact information.

