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Dear music student & parents,

Thank you for your interest in the CHS Bands Program! This is one of the fastest growing and most exciting programs in our school! We are one big family!

To allow us to communicate in a better way with you, please take a few minutes to register your information on our website www.centuryhighbands.com. Click on the CHARMS icon on the home page and register as a "New Student". Once you register, **be sure to also register an adult under your name**. This allows us to communicate with your parents/guardian as well. Please feel free to browse around the website! Once you have registered you will be able to receive our weekly email letting you know what is going on here.

Our students have a ton of fun in the CHS bands program, so we encourage you join band along with all your friends. If they play piano, get them involved with percussion. If they dance, we would love for them to be a part of our color guard flag team.

We will communicate mostly via email, so if you don't have an email address, please let me know! Our big band step-off meeting this year will take place on **May 12, 6:00-7:30pm in the CHS Auditorium**. Be sure to mark that date on your family calendar so you and your parents/guardians can all attend. It will be a great evening!

I am very much looking forward to working with you this next year. Music is one of the most exciting and fun-filled activities. Again, welcome to CHS!

Sincerely,

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CHARMS

- Go to www.centuryhighbands.com and click on the CHARMS logo at the bottom of the home page (yellow). You can also download the FREE app onto your smart device (iPhone, iPad, Tablet, etc.)
- Click on the *NEW students click here!* Button.
- Register your student and one or two parents on CHARMS.
- To Log back in go to www.charmsoffice.com, click on *ENTER login parents/students/members*. Use the school code below (case sensitive):
CenturyBand
- This will bring up the main parent page. This will allow you to look at the “public” calendar for your organization, event list, handouts and other files.
- Clicking on an event on the calendar brings up the details for that event, such as times, attendance requirements, volunteer opportunities, and other event details. Note that if a calendar event is specifically assigned to your child, it may NOT show up on this calendar – check the “Student” calendar after entering the student’s ID number (see below).
- When you enter your child’s ID NUMBER (District #25 Student ID or your school’s ID) as a **Student Area Password**, another more detailed screen appears with even more options to view your student’s uniform assignments, music assignments, financial records, forms and inventory. Once you have first entered this ID number, you may create your own, unique password by clicking on the “lock” (**Change Password**) icon.
- The areas in which you can help the director maintain his/her records:
 - **Update Personal Information** – if the director has allowed it, you may help make changes to your child’s student information page (such as updating phone numbers and email addresses if they change) to help the teacher communicate with you more effectively. Click the **Personal Info** button.
 - **Events List** – This will show the upcoming events by month. Be sure to mark the band camp dates on your family calendar.
- You will also see links to enter **Practice Logs**, view **Grades**, and use the **Recording Studio** if the teacher has enabled these options. Be sure to check these out and become familiar with how they work. **Finances** will show any band fees, fundraisers, or payments you have made.
- Most importantly, the parent page assists both you and the teacher to communicate with each other. Stay up to date on what’s going on with your student!



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Incoming Freshman Information

Welcome to the Century High School. We want YOU to be part of our program! You have already invested a lot of time and money being in band so far, now you can take all your skills to the next level. The music programs are among the most popular programs in the school!

Registration is coming up soon! I would like to encourage you to continue playing music in high school by joining the band program.

WHAT TO REGISTER FOR

Instrument	Trimester 1	Trimester 2	Trimester 3
Woodwinds Flute Clarinet Bass Clarinet Saxophone Bassoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band T1 <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band T1	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band T2 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band is optional (audition required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band T3 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band is optional (audition required)
Brass Trumpet French Horn Trombone Baritone Euphonium Tuba	<input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band T1 <input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band T1	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band T2 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band is optional (audition required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band T3 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band is optional (audition required)
Percussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Marching Band <input type="checkbox"/> Drumline T1	<input type="checkbox"/> Percussion Ensemble T2 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band is optional (audition required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Percussion Ensemble T3 <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band is optional (audition required)
Color Guard/Flag Team	<input type="checkbox"/> Drumline T1 <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Team		

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Do I have to take marching band?**
A. No . . . but pretty much everyone in the band program does Marching Band because it is so fun, competitive, and you get to travel.
- Q. What if I don't have a ride to marching band?**
A. We have tons of carpooling available. Students and parents are always willing to help you out.
- Q. How much does band cost?**
A. All fees and costs will be covered at the Step-off meeting on May 12 (6pm @ CHS). We have fundraisers to help pay for band fees.
- Q. What is marching band like?**
A. It is like a massive family that works hard, laughs a lot, and accomplishes amazing things! It is one of the most cooperative activities at CHS.

We encourage you to continue your instrumental music study by signing up for both Concert Band and Marching Band.



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Curricular Offerings

Symphonic Band—is open to all wind players. Symphonic band meets all three trimesters (T1, T2, T3). Emphasis will be placed on tone production, music theory, and character. Members of the symphonic band are eligible to participate in the marching band and jazz bands.

Percussion Ensemble—(**Director Approval required**) is open to all percussion students. Percussion Ensemble meets during 2nd and 3rd trimesters (T2 & T3). Piano background or middle school band experience is required for students entering the percussion program. All students participating in the Drumline/Pit percussion class must also sign up for Percussion Ensemble both trimesters. Emphasis is placed on technique, music theory. And character.

Drumline/Pit Percussion—(**Director Approval required**) is open to all percussion students. Drumline/Pit percussion meets only during first trimester (T1). Students in Drumline/Pit percussion must enroll in marching band. Emphasis is put upon the show music, technique, character, and ensemble playing.

Co-Curricular Offerings

Marching Band—is open to all wind, percussion, and color guard members. It is one of the largest co-curricular activities. Marching Band meets during first trimester (T1) from 7:00-8:20am on Tuesday, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 4:00-6:00pm on Thursdays. Emphasis is put upon playing and marching fundamentals, season show, character, and team work. This award winning band performs at parades, football games, community events, and band competitions and represents CHS throughout the area, state, and Western United States.

Jazz Ensembles—(**Director Approval required**) The Jazz Big Band is an audition only group. Audition materials are usually posted on the website prior to 2nd trimester. Jazz Big band meets during 2nd trimester (T2) and performs at the CHS Bands biggest fundraising event . . . “The Potato Pizzazz with Jazz.” Students involved with the Big Band also break into combos as part of the overall jazz experience. Emphasis is on technique, theory, improvisation, and listening. Students interested in becoming part of the jazz big band can enroll in Jazz Band 3rd trimester (T3).

Color Guard/Flag Team—(**Director Approval required**) is open to any student attending CHS. Color guard members should be registered for Flag Team and Drumline/Pit Percussion. Color guard meets during first trimester (T1). Winter guard is offered after school during 2nd trimester (T2) as an extra-curricular activity. Emphasis is on flag and rifle technique, teamwork, marching show, and character.

Solos & Ensembles—are opportunities for band members to play in small groups to improve their skills. Much of the rehearsal is on an independent self-study basis. There are opportunities to perform such as the Gem State Solo and Ensemble Festival and various community events.

Pep-Band—this renowned group is formed throughout the year as the needs arise. Pep-Band plays at the basketball games, pep-assemblies, and other community events. Enrollment in Symphonic Band, Marching Band, or Percussion Ensemble is required in order to be a part of the pep-band. The pep-band rehearses one hour prior to game time.

Chamber Ensembles—all students in the symphonic band, concert band, and percussion ensemble will participate in chamber groups throughout the school year. One day on most weeks is devoted to working in chamber groups on chamber literature. Students can form their own chamber groups at any time during the school year. All chamber groups perform at the Solo and Ensemble Festival in March.



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Marching Band Information

Participation in Century High School's award winning marching band is an opportunity to become involved in one of the school's largest and most active extra-curricular activities. The band performs at parades, football games, community events, and band competitions throughout Idaho and Utah. **We have an award winning band!!!!!!**

SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

(see www.centuryhighbands.com CALENDAR for camp dates and clinics)

Band Camp is Required for All Marching Band Members!!!

Band Camp is the time the whole band works on fundamentals and the competition show. It is the most important activity in establishing a successful marching band in attitude and performance. Camp consists of meals together, fun games, choreography, music rehearsals with music staff, and competition show drill rehearsals. It is a ton of fun!!!!

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