



NEWSLETTER

November 2018

President's Report

Email Lori Winslow with questions or comments

It's hard to believe that our marching season is over! **Thanks to everyone that helped the Marching Warriors this season!** I am constantly reminded that it takes a village to get our kids onto the field, and we are blessed to have such a fabulous and giving village. This season we have close to 80% of our families volunteer in some way or another – that is amazing! And, for those of you who don't know, the average for a non-profit is around 20% volunteer participation.



Now that we are done with the whirlwind of marching band, it's time to talk budget.

The next **Booster meeting on January 10th at 7pm** will be dedicated to our mid-year budget. For the first time in many years, the Board of Directors decided to collect Annual Family Contributions by October 31st. We know this is contrary to what has been done in the past, but we felt it important to collect our marching band fees while still in the marching band season.

Here is some info you may have missed: Marching band cost \$95,000 this season. This includes staff, drill writing, music coaches, instruments, repair, food, trucks, buses (a new expense for us) and so on. We are counting on collecting \$39,040 from the Annual Family Contributions (AFCs), and the rest is paid for by the Booster organization through fundraising, etc. To date we have collected just 63%, or \$24,676.97. This means that the outstanding \$15,000 or so has to be kept on reserve to cover expenses, and additional money must be kept in reserves to

cover new expenses (like drill writing and other winter program expenses), rather than being spent on the kids.

To me, a small business owner, it is not fiscally responsible to offer services in the summer and fall and get paid for them between 3 and 12 months later. We understand that AFCs are not cheap and that they can cause financial stress for some families, some of whom may need more time to pay them. **That is why we have a band grant program to help and offer seven family fundraising opportunities** (my son was able to raise most of his AFC by selling OZO coffee during Band Camp to folks who live on our street).

If you think you need a grant, please talk to Mr. V or Suzanne Finnigan, Band Booster Treasurer. The current family fundraiser is selling holiday plants with OZO coffee coming again soon. **Otherwise, we appreciate every effort to get your AFC's in soon and thank everyone who has been able to partially pay or pay in full already.**

Treasurer's Notes for November

Annual Family Contributions were due on October 31. If you have not paid or made payment plan arrangements, please contact Suzanne Finnigan at treasurer@centaurusband.org as soon as possible!

Next time you are in the band room, **be sure to admire the new timpani.** The Boosters were able to purchase this \$11,000 instrument using money from last year's Director's Appeal and the larger-than-expected profit from the 2017 Regionals competition, which we hosted. This purchase replaces the timpani we were using, which was older than Centaurus High School!

Thank You to Our Communications Volunteers!

Now that we have a moment to reflect before the winter programs begin, the [PR & Communications Chair](#) would like to acknowledge the significant contributions made by parent volunteers in support of the band program.

Thank you to **Martin Osborn** for lending his enthusiasm and expertise to our three social media channels. We've really ramped these up this year, thanks in large part to his efforts. And, speaking of ramping things up - WOW, we have some terrific photographers on the job this season. Many thanks go to **Joe Gruba, Phil Holmes and Christopher Tracy** for capturing so many memorable moments from the marching season.

Finally, thank you to **Phil Holmes** for building and maintaining our new band website. He has contributed not only his skills, but many ideas for making it an indispensable resource for our band community.

Sponsorship Notes

Please welcome Fuentes Design as our newest Bronze Level Sponsor! Brian Fuentes of Fuentes Design leads an architecture-design-build firm of passive homes based in Boulder, CO. Please visit the website to view his sustainable home designs: fuentesdesign.com.



I would like to thank the great volunteers at Regionals who stepped out of their roles and helped me hang the banners of all of our fabulous sponsors! You guys made my work so much easier

by climbing the scaffolding and securing the banners for me. Band Parents are the best!

Reminder and Incentive: Did you know that if you find a sponsor and they donate over \$500 to the band program that you could have your annual family contribution waived for that year? Did you also know that if you find a Platinum Level Sponsor (\$5,000+) that your annual family contribution will be waived every year they sponsor the band? Do you know any businesses that might be interested in investing in the Centaurus Band Program? Please contact me: Christine Belin at grants_sponsors@centaurusband.org. Thanks!

Fundraising Report

Email [Paula Mannell](#), Fundraising Chair

Upcoming Family Fundraisers

<http://centaurusband.org/family-fundraisers/>

Holiday Plants & Poinsettias is the FOURTH Family Fundraiser offered since July Band Camp. This plant sale was announced in our October newsletter and in a band-wide email to parents & students on October 22nd. And, on Monday, October 29th in Band 1 and Band 2, I visited with your students and provided them with selling tips, forms and posters. **All forms and payments are due in Band class on Tuesday November 13th. Plants will be delivered and available for pick up on Tuesday, November 27th in the Commons from 3:30-6:00.** Click on these links to print forms at home: [Holiday Plants Order Forms](#) and [Holiday Plants Sale Dates & Tips](#).

OZO Coffee will be offered quarterly from now on. The next OZO sale will run during December with delivery right before Winter Break. One-pound bags of coffee make great holiday gifts and can be used as a sales incentive!

World's Finest Chocolate Bars (50% fundraiser) will be available for students to sell during the month of January. Our students raised almost \$5,000 last year for their band expenses selling these chocolate bars. CHS students love to buy these affordable treats, so very little time is needed outside of school to succeed with this fundraiser.

Upcoming General Fundraisers

<http://centaurusband.org/fundraising/>

Jigsaws & Jazz in January is a four-person team, 500-piece jigsaw puzzle tournament on **Saturday, January 26 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Student Center.** The first team to finish their puzzle will get their entry fee back, and each person will receive a \$25 gift card to an area restaurant. This is a General Fund fundraiser.

We need a minimum of 25 teams signed up by December 15th, so don't delay. The entry fee is \$80 per team (\$20 per participant). Every team will work the same puzzle. Each team gets to keep their puzzle (you decide whose home it will live at)! Ask your family members or co-workers to join you and form a team; it should be a lot of fun. What better way to spend a cold January morning?! Jazz standards played in the background at contemplative volume will enhance your puzzle-solving enjoyment. Watch for an email opening up registration after this weekend's Auction & Appeal!

From the Band Programs Chair:

Email Lori Winslow, Programs Chair, with questions or ideas.

It was so great to see all of the blue and red at State this past weekend. I'm looking for ways to encourage the Boosters to sit together and make some big noise during next season's competitions. Please [email me](#) with any ideas that come to mind.

Sarah Lojko purchased a few extra **State patches** at last weekend. [Contact her](#) if you would like to buy one. They are \$6 each.

If you are interested in contributing to a cash gift for the staff to say thank for a great season, there will be a donation jar at the concert band concert on the 15th. You can also leave contributions in an envelope in the safe in Mr. V's office. Feel free to do something on your own, if you like. Gifts will be given to staff during the marching band banquet.

Open Enrollment Open House was Tuesday 11/6 from 6-8pm. Mr. V., Lori Winslow, and Jody Tracy (incoming Parent Coordinator) were there to introduce prospective CHS freshmen to our amazing band programs. Our own Jazz Band performed.

Speaking of Jazz Band, **all students in jazz band are expected to have a Centaurus Jazz Band button-down shirt.** Shirts are \$25 and will be available for purchase via the CHARMS store. **Please order by December 1st.** If you are interested in a pre-owned shirt, talk to Suzanne Finnigan (treasurer@centaurusband.org).

Winter Guard will be up and running soon. Please use the website calendar for future dates and rehearsal times.

Winter Percussion is underway with auditions coming up on 11/12. Please check the website calendar for rehearsal schedules.

Marching Band Banquet/Potluck

Marching band banquet/potluck will be held on **November 27 at 6:30pm** (after holiday plant orders are picked up). Please bring your own dinner service including cups. We will provide iced tea, lemonade and water.

- 8th & 9th grade families provide a side dish
- 10th grade families provide salads
- 11th grade provide dessert
- 12th grade buns (boosters will have pulled pork available for dinner, too)

Other Upcoming Events

The Concert Band Fall concert will be on November 15th at 7pm. Wear dress black (a.k.a. black dress shirt and black pants, including black socks and shoes).

March Against Hunger is November 17th from 12pm-3pm at the Lafayette Fire Station. Watch your email for more details.

Band Highlights in Pictures

Here are the latest photo albums from marching season, and a few recent highlights.

- [2018 CBA Regional](#)
- [2018 CBA State Preview](#)
- [2018 CBA State Championship](#)
- [October 25, 2018 Parents Performance](#)

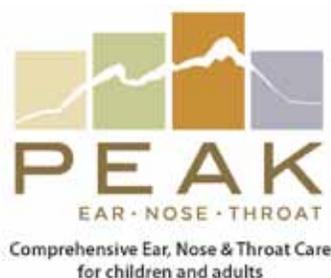


THANKS, ALUMNI!

Thank you to all the band alumni and alumni parents who helped at Regionals and State Preview and who came out to watch the band. We appreciate you!



Thank You to Our 2018-19 Sponsors!



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Band website: centaurusband.org

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CHARMS login help: bit.ly/chsbandcharms

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