



2023-2024 HANDBOOK

HUSKY MARCHING ALLIANCE ~ WIND ENSEMBLE ~ WINTER GUARD
CONCERT BAND ~ INDOOR DRUM LINE ~ CONCERT BAND ~ JAZZ BAND

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Centennial Band & Colorguard is to develop life-long learners, problem-solvers, and leaders through the enjoyment of music and colorguard performance while providing quality entertainment to audiences throughout Southern California.

Our Motto Is

EXCELLENCE ALWAYS

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.”

-Aristotle

The Centennial High School Band & Colorguard was established upon the opening of CEHS in 1989. In our 33 years, we have performed in hundreds of venues with over 1,000 student members.

Highlights of our program include:

Gold Medal-2023 Drum Line Championships
2019 Heritage Festival Gold Medal
8-Time California State Band Champs Finalist
2-Time Winter Guard Silver Medalist
Winter Guard Bronze Medal
8-Time American Drum Line Finalist
Superior Ratings at SCSBOA Festival

Sweepstakes-La Habra Corn Festival Parade
Sweepstakes-Norco HS Field Tournament
Sweepstakes-Scripps Ranch Field Tournament
Hollywood Christmas Parade
Disneyland Main Street Parade
Performances in San Francisco, San Diego,
and Sacramento

Members of the Centennial bands have performed with the following honor groups:

SCSBOA All-Southern California Honor Band
Riverside County Honor Band
Tournament of Roses Honor Band
All-Star Invitational Honor Band (Florida)
Macy's All-American Honor Band (New York)
John Philip Sousa Honor Band

Karl King Honor Band
Norco College Honor Band
Cal State L.A. Honor Band
Cerritos College Honor Band
California Baptist Univ. Honor Band

Graduates of our program have gone on to perform with the following bands or drum corps:

RCC Marching Tigers
UCLA Bruins
USC Trojans
Cal State Fullerton Titans
UC Riverside Highlanders
San Diego State Aztecs
Texas A & M Aggies
Sacramento State Hornets
Boise State Broncos



Howard University Bison
Fresno State Bulldogs
Northern Arizona University
Sacramento Mandarins Drum & Bugle Corps
Gold Drum & Bugle Corps
Pacific Crest Drum & Bugle Corps
Blue Devils Drum & Bugle Corps
Gold Indoor Winter Guard
Pulse Percussion

HUSKY MARCHING ALLIANCE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Michael Gaughan, Band Director
Carolyn Chu, Assistant Director Woodwinds
Carl Fong, Visual Caption Head/Brass
Adonai Mejia, Visual Caption Head
Ben Ly, Percussion Caption Head
Shay Kim, Colorguard Caption Head
Elijah Gomez & Amanda King, Colorguard Instructors
Additional staff TBD

DRUM MAJORS

Tyler McCarthy & Chaylen Nguyen-Tran

CAPTAINS

Woodwinds – Rachel Hooks Colorguard – Yasmine Bobadilla,
Brass – Skylar Anderson Savannah Cotton & Tina Johnson
Percussion – Ryan Black

SECTION LEADERS

Avah Padilla – Flute Horn – Skylar Anderson
Rachel Hooks – Clarinet Trombone – Cerone Waite
Arianna Corrales – Bass Clarinet Baritone – Kyle Stoffel
Julien De Jesus – Alto Sax Tuba – Nick Hughes
Stephanie Perteet – Tenor Sax Battery – Juliana Adame
tbd – Bari Sax Front Ensemble – Michael Celestino
Trumpet – Carlos Martin & Fernando Lopez

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Alex Barile, Principal
Katrina Johangiry, Assistant Principal/Activities Director
Dajuan Johnson, Michael Ross, Michelle Usher, & Charlotte Vega – Assistant Principals
Diane Hill & Tony Barile, Acting Athletic Directors
Meridith Stempinski, Theater Teacher
Mike DeVries, Vocal Music Teacher

CENTENNIAL BAND BOOSTERS

Lindsay Miyamoto, President
, Vice-President
-open- Secretary
Nancy Anderson, Treasurer
-open-, Ways & Means
-open-, Assistant Ways & Means
Noelle Hughes, Uniform Manager
-open-, Publicity
Regina Flores-Burgos, Hospitality Coordinator
Jessica McCarthy, Assistant Hospitality Coordinator
Elizabeth Maciel, Parliamentarian

Performance Ensembles

Husky Marching Alliance (Marching Band PE)

This is our marching band and includes all members of the band & color guard. The HMA performs at football games, parades, field show competitions, pep rallies, assemblies, and special events. For some events, the group is reduced to a 25-piece Pep Band. Students earn PE credit for this class during the fall semester only. You must submit a completed Athletic Clearance Packet to join this ensemble.

Wind Ensemble

This is our advanced concert ensemble, comprised of members selected by audition. The Wind Ensemble performs several concerts and festivals throughout the year. This course includes a music theory and history component, and students are required to perform chamber music and audition for honor groups.

Concert Band

This is a “cadet” level concert ensemble, made up primarily of freshmen and other new students. The Concert Band performs at concerts and at least one festival throughout the year. This course includes a music theory component. Members of this ensemble are encouraged to audition for honor groups.

Percussion

This class meets daily during the regular day and is comprised of members of the battery, front ensemble, and concert ensembles. This ensemble performs independently and with the Wind Ensemble and Concert Band at concerts and festivals.

Jazz Ensemble

The group will rehearse on selected days in the fall, in a workshop format. We will hold auditions in December to set the roster for our spring semester. Jazz Band will rehearse during zero period in the spring and will perform at concerts and festivals.

Indoor Drum Line

Indoor Drum Line is a performance ensemble that marches on gym floors during the spring semester. Clinics & auditions are held late in the fall semester and rehearsals begin during the 3rd week of winter break. The “IDL” will perform at several competitions, culminating in a championship show in April. IDL is open to all Centennial students who have prior musical experience. A completed Athletic Clearance Packets it required to join this ensemble.

Winter Guard

Spring semester performance ensemble for color guard members. This group meets daily during class in addition to after school rehearsals and performs at competitions in the Winter Guard Association of Southern California (www.wgasc.org). Auditions are held in late fall semester and are open to all Centennial students. The color guard staff, who also design the show, instructs the Winter Guard. Our Varsity Winter Guard is the 2015 & 2019 WGASC Scholastic AA Silver Medalist and 2021 Bronze Medalist. A completed Athletic Clearance Packets it required to join this ensemble.

Musical Theater Orchestra

We often provide live music for the spring musical. This is tbd for 2024.

[A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required for participation in all ensembles which rehearse outside of periods 1-6, including the Husky Marching Alliance, Jazz Band, Winter Guard, and Indoor Drum Line.]

Band Room Basics

The Band Room is a place where excellence is always expected, hence our motto “Excellence Always”. To that end, we need to respect some basic rules and procedures in and around the room.

- Bring your best attitude and effort into the room daily.
- Keep your personal items in your locker when not in use.
- Do not leave cases, chairs, stands, or other items in front of practice or locker rooms.
- Do not interrupt a rehearsal in progress, whether run by adults or students.
- Pack up daily as instructed by Mr. Gaughan, other staff, or a guest teacher.
- During class or rehearsal always request to leave the room and take a hall pass.
- Do not touch other people’s personal property unless it is clearly in the way and you have permission from the owner or staff to move it.
- If you are not a percussionist – don’t play the percussion instruments.
- No students are allowed in the band office without permission of adult staff.
- Always ask permission to use school computers or the sound system.
- Do not enter the Uniform Room without permission from the Uniform Manager
- No food is allowed in practice rooms or uniform room. You may store it in your locker, but DO NOT EAT in the locker rooms, practice, or guard room.
- Please ask any non-band/guard friends to wait at the door, or escort them to the Band Office if they need to see Mr. Gaughan
- Keep all food in closed containers when stored in your locker.
- Clean up after yourself in and around the sink/microwaves.
- Take food containers home or they will be thrown away.
- Food is not allowed in the hallway. Ever.
- If the room is not kept clean, lunch privileges will be suspended.
- Please place empty plastic bottles and aluminum cans into a recycle bin. (No dairy or glass.)
- The guard and percussion rooms are for use by current team members only.

Locker Policy

All members of the program will be assigned one or more lockers in the Band Room for use to store instruments and school and personal items. Each student must provide a standard 3-number combination lock, similar to those sold at the student store. Hardened locks and locks requiring keys are not allowed. All students must have a lock on their locker by the second week of school or they will be denied the use of the locker until such time as they bring a lock.

Instrument & Equipment Policy

All guard members and some band members will be assigned school equipment or instruments to use for the season. Members are expected to use proper care and maintenance procedures on these items and may be responsible for replacement cost of missing or damaged items. Use of some school instruments requires a check-out form signed by the student and a parent. If items are lost, an “obligation” will be placed on the student’s school account. No student can graduate until all obligations are paid off.

Uniform Policy

All band & guard members will be issued a uniform for the season. The band uniforms are property of the CNUSD. Uniforms worn by the Color Guard (fall), Winter Guard (spring), and Indoor Drum Line are purchased using funds from either the Band & Colorguard Boosters or the district. Band uniforms will be cleaned periodically throughout the season. Parents are responsible for cleaning, and must use our official vendor:

ONTARIO CLEANERS
1551 East Ontario Ave. Corona, CA 92881
(951) 735-7302

Colorguard and Indoor Drum Line uniforms will generally be cleaned, at home, after each performance. All uniforms must be returned at the end of the season, and the member may be responsible for replacement cost of missing or damaged items. Guard and Drum Line uniforms may also be made available for purchase at that time.

HMA Class B Uniform

All members of the Husky Marching Alliance will also wear a Class B uniform for selected events. A black polo shirt and ball cap will be provided to all members. If you lose your cap or shirt, you will need to pay \$20 each for a replacement. For pants, ALL members must provide their own, and the required pants are Dickies Original 874 pants in BLACK. Finally, wear black socks and your black marching shoes. All members will also receive a red “logo” shirt to wear at designated events.

Attendance Policy

All CNUSD and Centennial High School attendance policies are in effect at all times. This applies to any course that is listed on a student’s class schedule. Absences will be excused according to the official attendance office codes, which can be seen when you log onto your Q account.

“3 Strikes Rule” – this rule applies to any ensemble that rehearses outside of the regular school day, especially Marching Band PE, Jazz Band, Indoor Drum Line, and Winter Guard. If any member misses 3 rehearsals due to any reason other than illness, major religious activity, or major family celebration (wedding, milestone anniversaries, etc.), the student may be suspended from the activity. All such absences require parent notification to the Band Director. Please send an email or text message to Mr. Gaughan to excuse your student’s absence from Marching Band, Indoor Drum Line, Jazz Band, or Winter Guard.

To clarify, the only excused absences from a performance are as follows: illness, such as the flu or other condition that prevents the student from performing or may spread to other students; major religious activity; major family celebrations such as a close family wedding, milestone anniversary (on the performance date), and funerals. Absences that will not be excused include birthday parties, club activities (except for overnight trips), and family vacations.

If a student is absent from a performance, for any reason, the student and parent will be required to complete and submit at “Performance Absence Report” prior to the next rehearsal.

Grading Policy

All classes on the student's schedule will be graded as follows:

- Daily Attendance & Participation +2 points
- Missing instrument, music, pencil, or other required equipment -1 points
- Unexcused Tardy -1 point
- Lack of participation -2 points
- It is possible to earn as many as 2 points per day or as few as -3 points

Any student holding a grade of C or lower will receive a progress report. Any student who completes the school year with a grade of D or F may not be invited back for the next year.

Graded Categories are as follows:

- Playing Test/Video Assignment (usually 10 points each)
- Homework (varying points)
- Performances (25 points)
- Outside Concert/Play Attendance (10 points each/1 required per quarter)

Grades are not weighted, and are assigned on the following scale:

A+ = 100% A = 93-99% A- = 90-92% B+ = 88-89% B = 83-87% B- = 80-82%

C+ = 78-79% C = 73-77% C- = 70-72% D+ = 68-69% D = 63-67% D- = 60-62%

The following is excerpted directly from the CNUSD Student-Parent Handbook:

Social Media Expectations

Please Think Twice Before Posting - If You See Something, Say Something

FAKE THREATS: All reported threats to our schools are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly. Verbal threats or threats posted on social media can carry **SERIOUS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES AND SCHOOL DISCIPLINE**. If an investigation uncovers a substantiated threat has been made, an arrest may occur. **FAKE THREATS ARE NOT A JOKE**. Please **DO NOT** post or share verbal/online threats. **DO** report any threat to a school administrator immediately.

CYBERBULLYING/BULLYING: CNUSD has zero tolerance for bullying at school, online, or on social media. Bullying of any type **WILL NOT** be tolerated at CNUSD schools. To fill out a Notification of Harassment/Bullying form, please visit www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/cnusdiskind. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. If you see something, say something. Be part of the #CNUSDIsKind campaign! Learn more at www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/cnusdiskind.

PARENTS: Parents, please monitor your student's social media activity. Please visit www.cnusd.k12.ca.us/cnusdiskind for social media resources. **WHAT IF I SEE MY SCHOOL SITE REFERENCED ON SOCIAL MEDIA?** Please be aware you will see postings on social media referencing your school site. • **DO NOT** believe everything you see on social media. • Please contact your school site front office for factual information. • Any official messaging regarding a situation at your school will come from CNUSD or your school site. • Please **DO NOT** share false information on social media.

Bullying

The Corona-Norco Unified School District Board of Education is committed to providing all students with a safe and healthy school environment. To that end, the District, its schools, and the community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance and acceptance, and not tolerate behavior that infringes on the safety of any student, including bullying. Students and staff shall immediately report any suspected or observed bullying to site administration for investigation and appropriate action. Bullying is defined as the harassment of students, intimidation, a hazing or initiation activity, ridicule, extortion, or any other verbal, written, electronic communication, or physical conduct, repeated over time, that causes or threatens to cause bodily harm or emotional suffering, creates a hostile learning environment, or disrupts the normal operation of a school, classroom, or school related activity. Bullying includes cyber bullying, which involves the use of electronic communications to post harassing messages, threats, social cruelty, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies. Students who engage in bullying (including cyber bullying) on campus, traveling to or from school, at school activities, or in a manner otherwise related to school attendance, shall be subject to school district disciplinary procedures. A student shall be subject to school district disciplinary action for off-campus expressions (including via electronic means), when such expressions are obscene, libelous, or slanderous, or when such expression poses a threat to the safety of other students, staff or school property, or disrupts the educational program.

Controlled Substances (Illegal Drugs Or Alcohol)

Using or possessing a controlled substance (illegal drugs, alcohol, or unauthorized prescription medication, or being under the influence:

- First Offense: The student will be suspended and recommended for assignment to Orange Grove High School (grades 9-12) or the STAR Program (Students Taking Active Responsibility) (grades 7-8).
- Second Offense: The student will be recommended for expulsion.
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Selling or furnishing a controlled substance (illegal drugs or alcohol):

- First Offense: The student will be recommended for expulsion.

Unauthorized items also include vape products or paraphernalia, weapons of any kind, pornography, and display of inappropriate material on a phone or other device. If any of these items are found in the student's possession - including their backpack or locker - the student will be referred to school administration for investigation and possible disciplinary action.

Any actions, public expressions, social media content, or rehearsal behavior that serves to undermine the authority of band & colorguard staff or damages the reputation and image of the Centennial Band & Colorguard program will not be tolerated. Any current members involved in such behavior will meet with the Band Director to discuss the situation and come to an agreement on a course of action. Any student leaders involved in behavior detrimental to the program may be demoted from their position.

Husky Marching Alliance Basics

Rehearsal Times

The scheduled starting and ending times for rehearsal indicate time on the field. For example, if rehearsal begins at 7:15 AM, students must be on the field ready to begin at 7:15 AM. If rehearsal ends at 6:00 PM, then that is the time we will dismiss students following announcements. For evening rehearsals, parents must arrive by the scheduled end of rehearsal to provide transportation. It is not the responsibility of band & colorguard staff to babysit your student while waiting for their ride home. Please arrange carpools with other parents as needed.

Rehearsal Dress Code

All members of the HMA will wear PE clothes to designated rehearsals. For zero period rehearsals, you may wear street clothes or camp clothes. Dressing rooms will be available before school. All shoes must have laces, and must be tied on the outside, not tucked in. Students who are not in dress code may be instructed to “walk the track” during rehearsal. No crop tops allowed. Generally, dress code exceptions will be posted on the bulletin board.

Rehearsal Supplies

Most members will bring their instrument and/or equipment to the field in a case or bag. Drummers will bring their stands with them to the rehearsal area. We will set instruments on or in cases or on stands during breaks, to keep them safe and clean. No cell phones allowed on the practice field. Only Drum Majors and adult staff are allowed to use phones during rehearsal. Each member must bring their water jug, coordinate sheet, a pencil and any other needed equipment to rehearsal.

Rehearsal Time Changes

Occasionally, we will need to change the time of rehearsal, usually due to weather conditions or other events, which involve a large number of our students. We will do our best to give you 48 hrs. notice of any time changes.

Scheduling Conflicts

Quite often, students will request to be excused from, or tardy to, rehearsal due to a conflict. These conflicts include make-up tests, group project meetings, and other such activities. Please note that we do not usually rehearse on Wednesday afternoons, and Mondays do not usually involve all members, so those are good days to schedule group projects, doctor’s appointments, etc. When we are in the middle of learning the marching drill for our field show, it is very important that every student attend rehearsal. If students are absent, we will have to review all drill teaching from the prior rehearsal.

Set-Up Assignments

We have much equipment to set-up for each rehearsal, including podiums, props, and sound system. Sections will be given assignments and will keep those assignments throughout the season.

UDB App

Staff and Drum Majors will have access to the UDB app this season. All others will have access to drill videos through the Charms app.



P.E. Requirement

All students are required to complete two semesters of Physical Education in 9th grade. In addition, students must pass the Physical Fitness Exam. In the spring semester, P.E. will be offered as a zero period class. If you pass the fitness test in 9th grade, you will be able to use Marching Band to complete your remaining P.E. course requirements. Please meet with your counselor to confirm that you are registered for all required courses.

Concert Dress Code

For Wind Ensemble and Concert Band, these are your options:



Please note that all students' legs will be covered. No skirts, short dresses, or nightclub outfits are allowed. For dress code violations, you will lose points and may be sent home to change.

All other Centennial and CNUSD dress code rules apply at all times, including at off-campus events.

Charms

Charms is our primary database for record-keeping and communications. Each student will have an account set up to share with their parents. Parents need to log on to their student's account and add their information, including email and cell phone number. Go to www.charmsoffice.com and use the school code cen10band. The first time you log on your password is your student ID. You will be asked to create a new password to share with your parents. Please update as much information as possible.

Remind

This is my primary app for communicating with parents. Parents, please text @hmapa to 81010 to sign up today. You will receive updates about rehearsal times, bus arrivals, etc.

Slack App

This year we will be using the app Slack to communicate with students. More information coming soon...

Google Classroom

All students will join the Google Classroom for their ensemble as follows:

Husky Marching Alliance: a4kmatt

Wind Ensemble: 35ynwtm

Concert Band: xsobe2g

Percussion: m27wasf

“Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable.”

***-John Wooden
Legendary Coach***

Budget & Fund-Raisers

Our budget for 2023-2024 will be over \$60,000. The funds will be used to pay for the following items:

- Instructional Staff Salaries (except the Band Director)
- Transportation/district busing
- Show Design (Marching Band, Winter Guard, Drum Line)
- Competition Entry Fees
- Supplies & equipment
- Sheet music
- Annual awards banquet
- Booster Expenses

Most of our funding comes from the support of your family, friends, and sponsors. Parents are asked to participate in three fund-raisers during the year. In addition, we are asking all families to donate \$300 per member to support the program. If you are not able to help with fund-raisers, please consider making an additional donation.

Please make donations to the Centennial Band Boosters Through Venmo →

Centennial Band Boosters

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www.centennialband.org



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Cen10 Band Boosters





Handbook Acknowledgement

I, _____, have read the 2023-2024 Centennial Band & Colorguard Handbook, and agree to abide by all rules and regulations as set forth in the Handbook. I understand that if I give my best effort daily, I will be rewarded with a high level of success!

Student's Name

Student ID

Student's Signature

Date

I, the parent of the student named, have read this handbook, and agree to support my students in their effort to achieve success. I also promise to attend performances when possible and to assist the band boosters if I am able.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please return this page (hard copy) to the Band Room inbox by July 24, 2024