# Centennial High School

# Knights Band

2026 - 2027

Marching Band Handbook

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# 2026 Centennial Knights Marching Band Calendar (Updated 7/23/26)

**Weekly Practice Schedule**

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| Mondays | 3:45 – 5:15 (beginning August 10) |
| Tuesdays | 4:00pm – 7:00pm (beginning August 4) |
| Thursdays | 4:00pm – 7:00pm |

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| **Spring Semester 2025** | | | |
| 5/11 & 5/13 | Spring Camp | 4:00pm-7:00pm | CHS |
| 5/13 | Parent Meeting | 6:30pm-7:00pm | CHS |
| **July** | | | |
| 7/9 | Leadership Camp | 8:00am-12:00pm | CHS |
| 7/12 | Marching Band Registration | 3:00pm-5:00pm | CHS |
| 7/13- 7/17 | Band Camp | 12:00pm-9pm | CHS |
| 7/20 - 7/24 | Band Camp | 12:00pm-9pm | CHS |
| 7/24 | Mandatory Parent Meeting/Preview Show | 6:30pm | CHS cafeteria/stadium |
| **August** | | | |
| 8/3 | First Day of School | | |
| 8/4 | Practices Begin (Tues, Thurs) | 4:00pm | CHS |
| 8/10 | Monday practices begin | 3:45pm | CHS |
| 8/20 | Football (Centennial VS Dunwoody) | 4:30 pm | Blessed Trinity HS |
| 8/28 | Football (Centennial VS Johns Creek) | 6:30pm | CHS |
| **September** | | | |
| 9/4 | Football (Centennial VS Alpharetta) | 5:15pm | CHS – Senior Night |
| 9/11 | Football (Centennial @ South Forsyth) | 5:15pm | South Forsyth HS |
| 9/12 | Marching Band Saturday Practice | 8am – 3pm | CHS |
| 9/18 | Football (Centennial VS Cambridge) | 6:30pm | CHS |
| **October** | | | |
| 10/2 | Football (Centennial @ Blessed Trinity) | 5:15pm | Blessed Trinity HS |
| 10/3 | Marching Band Rehearsal | 8:00-3:00 | CHS |
| 10/5 | Fulton County Marching Band Exhibition | after school/evening | Cambridge HS |
| 10/9 | Football (Centennial @ St. Pius) | 5:15pm | St. Pius HS |
| 10/17 | Marching Band Competition | TBD | Flowery Branch HS |
| 10/23 | Football (Centennial VS Sprayberry) | 5:15pm | CHS – Homecoming |
| 10/30 | Football (Centennial @ Marist) | 5:15pm | Marist HS |
| **November** | | | |
| 11/6 | Football (Centennial VS Chattahoochee) | 6:30pm | CHS |
| 11/13 | Football Playoffs Begin | TBD | TBD |

**Other Dates TBD**

Uniform Fitting

Picture Day

**Additional Practices may be called as needed.**

**Inclement Weather – We hold rehearsals indoors if rain or excessive heat occur.**

**Marching Band Policies**

**Fees**

- All Members - $600
- Guard Additional Fees – $100
- Percussion Additional Fees – $100
- Rookie Winds and Percussion – $100 (Marching Band Shoes and Marching Band Bag)
- Senior Fees - $115 (Senior banners & activities)
- $200 Non-refundable deposit – February 27
    - Payment Plan
        - $200 – April 3
        - $200 – May 1
        - Remaining Balance – May 13

If you have financial hardships, please reach out to the directors and/or booster board. We have scholarships and fundraising options to help students and families in need. Do not let money be the reason that a student cannot participate.

**Extra-Curricular Eligibility**

All students wishing to participate in the marching band must be enrolled in a concert band class. Color guard students are exempt from this eligibility.

All students must provide a photocopy of a current GHSA medical physical (signed by a doctor & cannot be expired). Physicals must be completed prior to the start of band camp.

**Attendance Policies**

- All practices, performances, and events are required.
- Excused absence policy will reflect the school policy
    - e.g., Illness, death in family, etc.
    - Excused absence form must be filled out
- Unexcused Absences are all absences that do not fall under the excused absence policy
    - e.g., homework, work, lack of ride, etc.
    - Please communicate any difficulties with attendance. With enough notice we can provide for many situations so that students are able to attend all rehearsals.
    - Multiple unexcused absences may result in
        - Not being able to perform a show
        - Not being eligible for a Band Letter
        - Removal from the Marching Band
- Tardies will be handled in the same manner as absences
    - To be early is on time
    - To be on time is late

**Behavior Policies**

- Members of the CHS Knights Marching Band will adhere to all Fulton County and Centennial behavior policies at all events.
    - Any infraction of these policies will be handled on a case-by-case basis.
    - Excessive behavior issues can result in, but are not limited to
        - Loss of 3rd quarter break
        - Not being eligible for a Band Letter
        - Removal from Marching Band
- All Fulton County Bus Policies will be enforced on all trips

**Uniform Policies**

- Winds and Percussion are required to have the following
    - Black Long Socks
    - Blacks Marching Band shoes – purchased through fees
    - White Gloves – purchased through fees (replacements will be given at 1.00 each)
- Color guard Uniform is purchased through supplemental fees
    - Color guard instructor will provide additional policies for uniform storage and care
    - Additional uniform requirements will be provided by the guard instructor
- No Food or Drinks (other than water) are allowed to be consumed while wearing the Uniform Jacket
- During Football Games and Performances, the uniform must be fully worn, correctly.
- Band Show Shirt must be worn at all Games and Contests
    - If the uniform is taken off at Contests, students must stay in the Band show shirt and any other assigned clothing mandated by directors and/or instructors
        - e.g. Khaki shorts, blue jeans, etc.
- Uniforms will be stored at the school.
    - After away trips, students may turn in uniforms after all equipment is taken off the semi/trailer and put in the band room.
- All long hair must be able to be pulled up into a sock bun and fit into the shako
- No jewelry is allowed except for stud earrings.
- Cold Weather
    - Students may wear winter wear at cold football games only if the winter wear is in school colors.
    - Boosters will sell Band Spirit Wear for those interested.
- Any damage or loss of parts of the band uniforms will be billed to the student that the item is checked out to

**General Policies**

- Students are responsible for loading their own instruments
    - Alto Saxes and smaller instruments are loaded on the bus
    - Larger instruments are loaded on the trailer
- Students are expected to be courteous to all staff, chaperones, volunteers, and other students
- All students must stay through to the end of all football games, contests, or other marching band events
- Students must ride the bus to and from all events. Students may ride home with a parent ONLY if a written note from the parent is checked off by a chaperone/director at least 48 hours in advance.
- Students have the opportunity to letter in Marching Band. The criteria to letter are:
    - 100% attendance at **ALL** performances (competitions, football games, parades, etc.)
    - Maintain as a member in good standing