

Centennial High School

Knights Band

2026 - 2027

Marching Band Handbook



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2026 Centennial Knights Marching Band Calendar (Updated 1/15/26)

Weekly Practice Schedule

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

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	Location TBD
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	Potential Marching Band Competition	TBD	TBD
10/5	Fulton County Marching Band Exhibition	after school/evening	TBD
10/9	Football (Centennial @ St. Pius)	5:15pm	St. Pius HS
10/10	Potential Marching Band Competition		
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
11/7	Potential Marching Band Competition	TBD	TBD
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)
- \$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