

BAND APP: CHS THEATRE ANNOUNCEMENTS



What is BAND?

BAND is a free communication app for organizations. Users sign up for groups (called *bands*) where leaders post announcements, files, videos, and other useful tools. Users can also comment on posts when they have questions (so everyone can see the answer) and participate in small sub-groups (called *chats*).

How will C.H.S. Theatre use BAND?

Let's *band together!* We'll make postings when we have announcements or reminders. Although BAND has features that look like a social media platform (albums, reactions, etc.), since CHS Theatre already has a social media presence, we want BAND to be about essential or urgent information while maintaining safe communication practices.

How will students and parents use BAND?

Ding! Here's a reminder about an upcoming form deadline. Buzz! Here's an announcement about a change to our rehearsal location. You can use BAND only to receive posts, or you can interact. That's up to you!

GET STARTED



1. Download the BAND app on your phone or visit band.us and click "SIGN UP" (not "Log In").
2. Create a BAND account using your phone number, email, Facebook, or Google account. How you choose to interact with BAND is up to you, but since we're using it for important/urgent info, make sure it's not buried where you won't see it. Turn on notifications if needed.
3. Use the BAND URLs on the back to join a group, or search for the group name.
4. Click "Join." You'll receive a verification code to enter.

SAFETY/SECURITY [Review the BAND Terms of Service here.](#) Users may opt out at any time by using BAND settings to hide individual BANDs or to delete an account. Parents of children under age 18 may also use the "Set up supervision" feature in BAND settings, but we also recommend that parents subscribe to the same BANDs as their children.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INFORMATION

EMAIL

CHS staff members use email as their primary mode of outside communication. Contact Mr. Hamen at Jason.hamen@centerville.k12.oh.us or Mr. Cordonnier at mike.cordonnier@centerville.k12.oh.us.

WEBSITE

Our website is geared toward the general public with information about our program and supporting it. There's also a section specifically for parents/students to see cast/leadership lists, pay fees, view our calendar, and more. www.centervillehstheatre.com

ENEWS

We send an email newsletter when we have lots of information to share with parents and students about upcoming opportunities. Sign up on the website. BAND is our primary method of making announcements.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Students sign up for individual classes when assignments are completed online.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our Facebook page (**CentervilleHSTheatre**) is where we share fun pictures and posts about what's happening here. Similarly, our Instagram (**@CHSTheatreCo**) is run by S.T.A.G.E. officers.

PAPER

Everything we do comes with some kind of handout, form, calendar, or packet. Take time to review what you receive. Paperless options are often available on Band of the CHS Theatre website.

Next Level BAND

Here are some things you can do beyond the basics:

- **SEARCH HASHTAGS** Hashtags help filter information for the right group or topic.
- **INVITE OTHERS** When you click “invite,” you’ll see several options for sharing.
- **YOUR ROLE** Identify your role in the BAND. You might use “parent,” “stage manager,” your STAGE officer position, or your role in the show. **NOTE:** While it may be fun to create a goofy role, this doesn’t help others know who you are, and it does not promote safe communication.
- **INTERACT** For now, we have kept the parameters for posting and chatting pretty tight. We want you to use these tools when you need to, but no one wants a flood of notifications for pointless reasons, right?
- **DISCOVER** There are lots of BANDS out there for other interests. Beware of anything that asks you to make a purchase, and always be cautious when interacting with unknown people.



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BAND	PURPOSE	WHO SHOULD JOIN	URL TO JOIN GROUP
CHS Theatre	General announcements and reminders	Everybody! Students and parents	Band.us/@chstheatre
STAGE Officers	Officer planning and communication	Officers only	Band.us/@stageofficers
Fall Play	Rehearsal info	Cast, crew, leadership, parents	Band.us/@fallplay
Fall Musical	Rehearsal info	Cast, crew, pit orchestra, leadership, parents	Band.us/@fallmusical
Winter Play	Rehearsal info	Cast, crew, leadership, parents	Band.us/@winter play
Spring Musical	Rehearsal info	Cast, crew, pit orchestra, leadership, parents	Band.us/@springmusical
Pit Orchestra	Rehearsal info	Pit orchestra, parents	Band.us/@pitorchestra
Tech Prep	Class info	All tech prep students	Band.us/@techprep
Tech Prep Juniors	Class info	All tech prep juniors	Band.us/@techprepjuniors
Tech Prep Seniors	Class info	All tech prep seniors	Band.us/@techprepseniors
Advanced Acting/Directing	Class info	All AAD students	Band.us/@aad
Theatre 1 & 2	Class info	All Theatre 1 & 2 Students	Band.us/@theatre12
Area Conference	Reminders and announcements	Anyone attending area conference, parents	Band.us/@areacon
Ohio State Thespian Conference	Reminders and announcements	Anyone attending state conference, parents	Band.us/@statecon
International Thespian Festival	Reminders and announcements	Anyone attending ITF, parents	Band.us/@itfchs