



Dear CDO Band Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 band program at Canyon del Oro High School! My name is Ranee Schmuker, and I am entering my fifth year here with the CDO band program, and my second year as the Director of Bands. I graduated many moons ago with my B. A. in Music Performance and Instruction from Southern Utah University with an emphasis in clarinet and woodwind instruments. I have 4 kiddos of my own ranging in age from 5yrs to 18yrs, and have lived in Tucson for 11 years now.

It is important for me to note that your student, whether returning or incoming, is my WHY for being here. This purpose pushes me every day to be a better educator, parent, musician, and leader. There is a collective collaboration and desire to learn within the culture of this band program, and it is my intent to continue nourishing that culture, and expanding on the opportunities it organically provides.

I am a follower of “C’s”... 6 to be exact: *Communication, Consistency, Collaboration, Commitment, Compassion*, and of course *Creativity*. Your students will learn quickly that these 6 “C’s” are things I personally work on, as well as encourage and expect from them as well. This is how we grow our band Culture and Community...and look...there are two more “C’s” Guess it is time to change that to the number 8. 😊

I am very excited at the opportunity to get back to a new normal, and have big plans for this school year for my program classes. Please look at the Band Google Calendar for all dates, I have input them through the end of May 2022 for your planning purposes. Read through the program handbook which your student will be bringing a parent acknowledgment sheet home for you to sign. There is important information regarding absences and attendance and grading policies to learn.

I look forward to meeting you all, and of course getting to know and work with your students this year. Please feel free to email or call anytime.

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