



The Cathedral City High School Bands Seal

Designed and officially placed on all band stationery in 2001, the seal of the CCHS Bands stands as a visual representation of the mission, vision, and ideals of the Band Program at Cathedral City High School. The “interlocking CC” over a treble clef visually represents our commitment to quality music making as the foundation of our organization. The three Latin words “Praestantia,” “Gratia,” and “Domesticus,” state the ideals to which we apply ourselves as bandsmen and women at Cathedral City High School:

Praestantia – “Excellence” – The belief of the Cathedral City High School Bands is “Musical Excellence Without Excuse”. Excellence is defined as, “The quality of being excellent.” As young men and women in a performance-oriented organization; we will strive on a daily basis to be excellent in all that we undertake. As CCHS bandsmen and women, to be excellent is to always arrive at rehearsal prepared, with a positive attitude, willing to do our personal best to make OUR ensemble and thusly OUR performances the best they can be. Our ultimate goal is to perform with musicality, precision, polish, and passion. To be excellent is to work hard, be disciplined to perfect our craft, and always do what we can to improve.

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

Gratia – “Service” – As members of the CCHS Bands, we understand that what we do as musicians is larger than ourselves alone as individuals. Service is defined as, “to help, benefit; performance of official duties.” As young men and women in an organization that performs to thousands of people, we understand the **responsibility** that our participation requires. “Service” to the members of the CCHS Bands means benefiting and giving back to our community by carrying ourselves with class, and as positive representatives of our school and community whenever possible. Service further means to benefit our community and school by providing them opportunities to witness performances and concerts that allow them to be moved by our music making and performance level.

“Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you. Never excuse yourself.”

-Henry Ward Beecher

Domesticus – “Family” – As members of the CCHS Bands, we understand that what we do in performance cannot be done to the exemplary level we expect by one person alone. “Family” is defined as, “A group of people with common ancestry.” In the case of the young men and women of the CCHS Bands, our ancestry is music, as well as our basic humanity. The members of the CCHS Bands go out of our way to treat our fellow band members as family, fully realizing that everyone in our organization is important in allowing our performances to be at the level we expect, from first chair to last chair. CCHS bandmen and women treat each other with respect, caring and concern, as well as support and encouragement. We understand that we are dependent on each other to be successful, and we do everything in our power to take care of one another.

Legotum - “Legacy” - **One of the greatest** aspects of the Cathedral City High School Bands is our continuing pursuit of **Excellence** and a **Standard**. This pursuit has helped to establish a foundation that makes the CCHS Bands a unique and life-changing experience for those who chose to participate in the organization. With a remembrance of the many that have come before us, it is the current members of the CCHS Bands that remain the heart and soul of our continuing success. It is our belief in standards, acceptance of responsibilities, and sharing in the special relationships that allow the CCHS Bands to continue to function at an exemplary level of performance year after year.