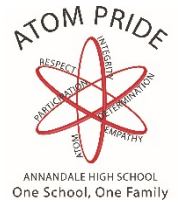




# ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

*Sixteen-Time Virginia Honor Band*



AHS Bands Weekly Update – 10/10/2017

Hello Annandale Band Families,

## **Director's notes:**

I hope everyone had an enjoyable experience at the Homecoming game, festivities, and dance as well as a relaxing day off yesterday. I am hopeful that many of our students were able to catch up on some work as I was. This week, as the Marching Atoms prepare for their final competition (schedule attached) before state assessment, it is critical to have everyone at rehearsal, on time, with all their necessary materials (*especially music and dot books*).

## **Dress Rehearsal for Symphonic Band**

Symphonic Band will have an after school dress rehearsal on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 – 4. Although this is called a dress rehearsal, we do not actually wear concert attire.

## **Fall Concert next week**

The Fall Concert is next week and will feature the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Atoms. The concert is Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in AHS's Watson Auditorium. The Marching Atoms will not rehearse on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Dress for Marching Atoms members is their marching band uniforms. Students who are not members of the Marching Atoms should wear dress clothes, preferably all black. Formal concert attire will be assigned prior to the Winter Concert for members of the concert bands.

## **Music Checks**

There will be music checks for the Marching Atoms on Wednesday (leadership) and Thursday (non-leadership) this week. All four parts of the show will be on this week's checks.

## **Wednesday Rehearsal Change**

The Marching Atoms will rehearse from 3 - 6 tomorrow due to the PSAT and early dismissal. I was unable to schedule the rehearsal right after dismissal due to faculty meetings. There will not be supervision between school dismissal (12:55) and rehearsal. Students should take advantage of this time to study and do homework and I am hopeful that finishing up earlier will work for most families' schedules.

## **Action Items**

1. Concessions help is needed for both tonight and tomorrow, especially adults to operate the grills. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/AHSBBconcessions17>
2. If you have not already, Marching Atoms should fill out this form in order to receive the correct size: <https://goo.gl/forms/T4zP4uCHIqQDK0EX2>

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## **Annandale Fall Parades**

On Saturday, October 28, the Marching Atoms will perform in the Annandale Fall Festival Parade. Students have traditionally dressed up by section for this parade in recent years. This should not be something that costs a lot of money, but more creative costuming! Costume ideas must be presented to Mr. Witkowski for approval by the section leader and approved by Tuesday, October 17. If there are not complete and approved costume ideas, we will wear uniforms instead. At the conclusion of the Fall Festival Parade, we will travel by school bus to the Wakefield Chapel neighborhood where we lead their Halloween parade then perform for them at the Sprague Center.

## **Social Media**

We're on Instagram (@AHSatomsBand)! We have 475 "likes" on our Facebook page and 223 followers on Twitter (@AHSatomsBand)! Have you followed us yet? Links to our pages are on our website, [www.annandalebands.org](http://www.annandalebands.org) "Like" us today!

## **This week's schedule:**

Monday – Student Holiday – Columbus Day

Tuesday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3 – 6 p.m.

Thursday – Marching Atoms Rehearsal – 3:30 – 6 p.m.

Friday – Away Football @ West Potomac H.S. – 5 p.m. report; no pizza served for away games

Saturday – Competition 3 @ Stafford Senior H.S. – see attached schedule.

## **On the horizon:**

October 17 – Fall Band Concert (Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Marching Atoms)

October 27 – Home Football vs. Hayfield S.S. – *Rising Atom Night*

October 28 – Annandale Fall Parades (8:30 report; 1:30 dismissal)

November 3 – Home Football vs. T.C. Williams H.S. – *Senior Night*

November 4 – VBODA State Marching Band Assessment @ Liberty H.S. in Bealeton

Thank you, always, for your support.

Go Atoms!

-Joseph Witkowski

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# MARCHING ATOMS

## ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

STAFFORD SHOWCASE @ STAFFORD SENIOR H.S.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017**

- 10:15 STAFF, EQUIPMENT CREW, FRONT ENSEMBLE, LEADERSHIP REPORT
- 10:45 **BAND REPORT – BOLDING STADIUM**  
[REHEARSAL DRESS: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, BLACK MARCHING SHOES. SUPPLEMENT WITH WARMER AHS SPIRIT WEAR IF WARRANTED BY COOLER WEATHER]  
-GUARD ARRIVE WITH HAIR DONE  
-FIGHT SONG DOWNBEAT ON FIELD AT 8:45 THEN WARM UP IN SECTIONS
- 11:00 FIELD REHEARSAL
- 12:00 ANNOUNCEMENTS / DISMISSAL / LOAD EQUIPMENT / LUNCH
- 13:45 LOAD BUSES  
[TALL BLACK SOCKS AND BLACK MARCHING SHOES REQUIRED TO BOARD BUS  
BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, AHS SPIRIT WEAR ON BUSES]
- 14:00 DEPART AHS FOR STAFFORD
- 15:30 ARRIVE AT STAFFORD SENIOR HS  
-UNLOAD EQUIPMENT  
-USE RESTROOM  
-GET DRESSED!  
[UNIFORM CHECKLIST: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, JACKET, TROUSERS, SHAKO, GLOVES, TALL BLACK SOCKS, BLACK MARCHING SHOES]
- 15:55 REPORT TO PRE-WARM UP  
-STRETCH OUT, BREATHING EXERCISES
- 16:25 – 16:55 OFFICIAL WARM UP
- 17:15 PERFORM @ STAFFORD SHOWCASE!
- 17:35 PM LOAD EQUIPMENT / CHANGE INTO AHS SPIRIT WEAR  
-SIT TOGETHER IN THE VISITOR STANDS  
-RESPECTFULLY AND SUPPORTIVELY WATCH OTHER BANDS PERFORM  
-EAT DINNER (PACK OR BRING \$ FOR CONCESSIONS)
- 20:15 AWARDS
- 21:00 (APPROX.) DEPART STAFFORD SENIOR HS FOR AHS
- 22:15 (APPROX.) ARRIVE AT AHS  
-PUT AWAY INSTRUMENTS AND UNIFORMS
- 22:30 (APPROX.) DISMISSAL