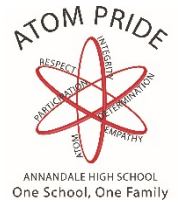




ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Sixteen-Time Virginia Honor Band



AHS Bands Weekly Update – 11/6/2017

Hello Annandale Band Families,

Director's notes:

The Marching Atoms finished their season with our best run of the show at VBODA State Assessment on Saturday. We earned an overall Excellent rating and I am proud of the students for their dedication and growth, especially in the final weeks of the season. Thank you to all the parents, families, and alumni who traveled to Bealeton to support the students! Also thank you to Mrs. White and everyone who helped with Senior Night; it was a wonderful celebration and tribute.

Kudos

Congratulations to Raymond P. who recently completed his Eagle Scout Board of review (on the night of the Homecoming game!), and has now achieved the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America. Also, bravo to Gaby P. for her performance with the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra in their first concert of the 2017-18 season yesterday. Gaby also successfully auditioned for VBODA Northern Virginia Senior Regional Orchestra. She will take part in rehearsals on Thursday and Friday and the orchestra will present a concert on Saturday at Marshall H.S. at 2:30 p.m. The concert is open to the public, so please consider attending.

All-District Band Auditions

Students who are members of Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band are *strongly* encouraged to audition! Remember to fill out this form: <http://tinyurl.com/AHSadb2017> and turn in the \$10 fee by this Friday, November 10th. All-District Band auditions are on December 9th at West Potomac H.S. All-District Band event is February 1-3 at Hayfield S.S. December 9th is an ACT day, but the ACT is being given at WPHS. If you plan to take the ACT and want to audition, I recommend taking the ACT at WPHS.

Jazz Ensemble

Jazz Ensemble is a class students take for credit. It meets after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. starting Tuesday, November 14. Jazz Ensemble is open to students who are enrolled in a concert band class. Exceptions are made for students who play guitar or bass who are enrolled in guitar or orchestra. We are currently in need of the following players: trumpet, trombone, drum set, guitar, bass, and piano. Interested students should see Mr. Witkowski. We have been able to work around some winter and spring sports schedules in the past.

End of Season Party

The end of season party for the Marching Atoms will be held at AMF Annandale Lanes on Saturday, November 18 from 3 – 5 p.m. Information will be distributed to students in class on Wednesday and Thursday as well as appearing in the booster blast. Guard members should see Mr. Witkowski for a handout.

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Marching Band Photos

Visit <http://paul.photostockplus.com/album/2679111/> to purchase portraits of your Marching Atom.

Social Media

We're on Instagram (@AHSatomsBand)! We have 484 "likes" on our Facebook page and 230 followers on Twitter (@AHSatomsBand)! Have you followed us yet? Links to our pages are on our website, www.annandalebands.org "Like" us today!

This week's schedule:

Monday – Student Holiday

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Wednesday – Band room closes at 3:30

Thursday – Band room closed after school

Friday – Mr. Witkowski @ SRO – No Pride Time in band room. Band room closed after school.

- All-District band intent and money due

Saturday – Senior Regional Orchestra @ Marshall H.S. – 2:30 p.m. concert

On the horizon:

November 18 – Marching Atoms end-of-season bowling party

December 7 – Winter Band Concert

December 9 – All-District Band Auditions @ West Potomac H.S.

Thank you, always, for your support.

Go Atoms!

-Joseph Witkowski

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