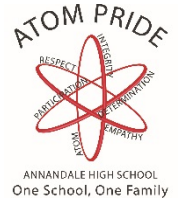




# ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL BANDS

Sixteen-Time Virginia Honor Band



AHS Bands Update – 5/15/2018

Hello Annandale Band Families,

## **Director's notes:**

I hope everyone is performing well on the many IB and SOL examinations that have been being administered recently. Keep prioritizing sleep and staying hydrated! Also, practice your band music!

## **Kudos**

To the 28 students who helped with the car wash this past Saturday. You raised \$1450 for the Annandale H.S. Band Boosters. This is exactly the kind of thing that makes all the difference. You helped to support the organization that does so much to improve our band program. Thank you! Also, thanks to Mrs. Untch for coordinating the day and all of the parents who chaperoned or otherwise helped out.

## **Pep Band – Atoms 5K**

We currently do not have enough people to do this. Please sign up ASAP; I will make a decision by Wednesday evening. We have been asked to provide a pep band for the Atoms 5K race again this year. The event is Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Report time is 7:30 a.m. The event should conclude by 9:30. Sign up here: <https://goo.gl/forms/jcZel6MedrUvfjjo1>

## **Concert and after-school rehearsals**

The AHS Bands Spring Concert is next week on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. There will be after school rehearsals in preparation with our guest conductors.

(Required) After-school rehearsals – Wednesday, May 23:

Concert Band – 3:15 – 4:15 (late bus available)

Symphonic Band – 4:15 – 5:15

Wind Ensemble – 5:15 – 6:30

## **Marching Band / Sports Physicals**

All students who plan to participate in marching band, a sport, cheer, or dance are required to have a pre-participating exam (physical) each year. Students can get this taken care of at AHS on Tuesday, May 22nd between 5:30 – 7:30. Enter through door 7. Cost is \$50 for pre-registered students, \$60 for walk-ins, \$20 for students who receive reduced-price lunch, and \$10 for students who receive free lunch. There is a new version of the physical form that can be found on the website below. Only the February 2017 version will be accepted. Pre-register by following the link below.

<https://www.fcps.edu/athletic.preparticipation.screenings>

## **Marching Band Dates**

Marching Atoms activities will begin on Monday, August 6. Please plan accordingly! Full calendar will be available at kick-off night.

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### **Concessions – We need your help!**

Please sign up to work a few shifts in the concessions stand for spring sports. We need everyone to pitch in just a little for this vital fundraiser that supports all band students. Sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f48a5a92daa8-2018>

### **Social Media**

We're on Instagram (@AHSatomsBand)! We have 496 "likes" on our Facebook page and 256 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 – Band room closes at 3:30

Tuesday – *NO Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal*  
Band room closed after school

Wednesday – Band room closes at 3:30

Thursday – *NO Jazz Ensemble Rehearsal*  
Drum Major Auditions – 3:30

Friday – Band room closed after school

### **On the horizon:**

*All events at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted*

May 22 – Physicals for marching band / sports @ AHS

May 23 – After-School rehearsals for spring concert

May 24 – Spring Concert (CB, SB, WE)

May 29 – 2018-19 Band Kick-off Night

June 4 – Band Awards

June 6 – AHSBB Meeting

June 7 – AHS Commencement

Thank you, always, for your support.  
Go Atoms!

-Joseph Witkowski

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