



## Annandale Bands Update – 10/8/2018

Hello Annandale Band Families,

**Director's Notes:**

The Marching Atoms had a successful outing at their second competition, "A Knight Under the Lights" at Spotsylvania H.S. where they finished fifth out of seven bands in class AA. We will use the feedback from this competition to continue on our upward trajectory toward the end of the season and ultimately State Assessment.

**Wednesday**

This Wednesday, October 10, the PSAT will be administered to sophomores and juniors; ninth graders will take the PSAT 8/9 test. This day is an early release day for students, who will be dismissed at 12:55. Guard will practice from 2:15 – 5:30 on Wednesday. Due to staff availability, the remainder of the band will rehearse at our normal time, 3:45 – 6:45. Students who are not able to go home and come back in time for rehearsal must report to the gymnasium after dismissal for a study hall. Teachers have meetings and there will be no supervision in the performing arts wing.

**Fall Concert Canceled**

We will not be performing a Fall Band Concert, as was originally scheduled for Tuesday, October 16. We will have marching band rehearsal from 3:45 – 6 p.m.

**Fall Fundraiser**

The annual AHSBB fall fundraiser, the citrus and poinsettia sale, kicks off Tuesday, October 9. Students will receive information in class or at Marching Atoms rehearsal this week. The community knows and expects this sale, so it is not too difficult to get sales. Every student should be able to sell at least 5 items. We need to have a strong fall fund raiser since Tag Day proceeds were down this year. This is the only fund raiser where we ask the students to sell a product. Proceeds enable AHSBB to provide high quality instruments, instruction, and uniforms to the students of the AHS Bands.

**Concessions Volunteers**

Please sign up to work concessions. We need every family to work 3 or 4 shifts minimum this fall. Sign up today! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaa822a57-jvvarsity>

**This Week's Schedule**

Monday – Student Holiday

Tuesday – MB Rehearsal – 3:45 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday – Guard Rehearsal – 2:15 – 5:30; MB Rehearsal – 3:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Thursday – MB Rehearsal – 3:45 – 6 p.m.

Friday – Home FB vs. West Potomac H.S. 5 p.m. Report

Saturday – Taste of Annandale (some band students perform; check it out!)

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## **Band Calendar**

The most accurate calendar is available at [www.annandalebands.org](http://www.annandalebands.org). If you have a google account, you can add our calendar to yours and then view it on your computer or mobile device. Directions on how to add a calendar to yours:

You can only add a calendar using a link if the other person's calendar is public.

1. On your computer, open [Google Calendar](#).
2. On the left, above "My Calendars," click Add + > From URL.
3. Enter the calendar's address in the field provided. The address needs to be an [ICAL link](#).
4. Click Add Calendar. The calendar will appear on the left side under "Other calendars."

Note: It might take up to 12 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.

The AHS Bands Calendar link is:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/2?cid=YWhzYXRvbXNiYW5kQGdtYWIsLmNvbQ>

## **Social Media**

We're on Instagram (@AHSatomsBand)! We have 513 "likes" on our Facebook page and 285 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!

## **On the horizon:**

*See full, most up-to-date calendar at [www.annandalebands.org](http://www.annandalebands.org)*

October 19 – Home Football vs. Mt. Vernon H.S. (Senior Night)

October 20 – MB Competition #3

October 26 – Away Football @ Hayfield S.S.

October 27 – Annandale Fall Parades & MB Competition #4

November 3 – MB State Assessment

Thank you, always, for your support and go Atoms!

-Joseph Witkowski

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