



Annandale Bands Update – 10/29/2018

Hello Annandale Band Families,

### **Director's Notes:**

It's VBODA State Assessment week for the Marching Atoms! We are coming off another great week and our strongest performance so far last Saturday. We are on the right track and have just three rehearsals remaining to clean, clarify, and perfect the show.

### **VBODA State Assessment**

On Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Marching Atoms will have our final performance of the season at the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association State Marching Band Assessment. This is our summative assessment for the season and it is critical that we have everyone in attendance. Parents, please attend this performance! *The students perform better when there is a big crowd cheering them on.* We perform at Liberty High School in Bealeton at 12:15. Look for a message from AHSBB regarding carpooling/caravanning. Bring family, friends, and neighbors!

### **Concessions Volunteers- Please Help! Just two nights remain; tonight is one!**

Please sign up to work concessions. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4caaa822a57-jvvarsity>

### **Fall Fundraiser – Ends Thursday!**

The annual AHSBB fall fundraiser, the citrus and poinsettia sale, has begun. Students received information in class or at Marching Atoms rehearsal last 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.

### **Marching Band Photos**

The individual portraits, group photos, and photos from the field taken by our professional photographer (my father) are available for purchase in many different formats including various sizes and items like buttons and mugs. Proceeds of sales are donated to AHSBB. These are great keepsakes and holiday gifts. Items can be viewed and purchased at <http://paul.photostockplus.com/event/2965303/>

### **The Monster March**

During Wednesday's Marching Atoms rehearsal, students are permitted to wear their costumes (so long as it does not impede their ability to march with perfect technique). This is a chance to show off costumes worn for the A-Blast contest or to wear whatever sections had planned for Saturday's canceled parade.

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## **Halloween Spirit Week – from AHS Leadership**

Monday, 10/29	Fall Colors Monday (fall colors day). Come dressed in your favorite shade of red, orange, yellow, or brown!
Tuesday, 10/30	Terrible Twosday (twin day). Pick a buddy and dress in your best matchy matchy outfits!
Wednesday, 10/31	<b>Halloween</b> (costume day)! Show off your trick-or-treating best! Make sure to be seen by the A-Blast to participate in their annual costume contest!
Thursday, 11/01	Sweater Weather Thursday (sweater day). It's getting a bit chilly outside...wear your coziest sweater to keep out the cold!
Friday, 11/02	Black Friday (black out). Wear as much black as you can!

## **This Week's Schedule**

Monday – MB Battery Rehearsal – 3:30 – 5

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

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

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

Friday – Off – Band room closes at 3:15

Saturday – VBODA State Marching Band Assessment – 7:45 a.m. Report – Schedule attached.

## **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 519 "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)

November 13 – Jazz Ensemble begins rehearsing

December 1 – All-District Band Auditions

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

-Joseph Witkowski

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# MARCHING ATOMS

## ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

### VBODA STATE ASSESSMENT – LIBERTY H.S., BEALETON, VA SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

7:30 AM STAFF, EQUIPMENT CREW, FRONT ENSEMBLE, AND LEADERSHIP REPORT  
-LOAD EQUIPMENT AT SHED

7:45 AM BAND REPORT – BAND ROOM

**SAT TESTING IS TAKING PLACE AT AHS. ENTER ONLY THROUGH BAND ROOM SIDE DOOR. WE ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE THE BAND ROOM FOR ANY REASON. UNIFORMS AND SHAKOS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE BAND ROOM ON FRIDAY.**

-EAT BREAKFAST  
GET DRESSED IN FULL UNIFORM

08:15 SENIOR SPEECHES – BAND ROOM  
[DRESS: FULL UNIFORM]

08:30 LOAD BUSES  
[FULL UNIFORM; JACKETS MAY BE REMOVED ON BUSES]

BUSES WILL DRIVE US TO AHS STADIUM WHERE WE WILL UNLOAD, DO A SINGING REP,  
THEN RE-LOAD

9:05 DEPART AHS FOR LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

10:25 ARRIVE AT LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL  
-UNLOAD EQUIPMENT  
-USE RESTROOM  
-GET DRESSED! [UNIFORM CHECKLIST: BLACK A-BAND TEE, RED BAND SHORTS, JACKET, TROUSERS,  
SHAKO, GLOVES, TALL BLACK SOCKS]

10:55 OFFICIAL WARM UP

12:05 ARRIVE AT GATE

12:15 PERFORM AT VBODA STATE MARCHING BAND ASSESSMENT!

12:35 LOAD EQUIPMENT / RETURN TO STADIUM FOR RATINGS

1:00 ANNOUNCEMENT OF RATINGS

1:15 FREE TIME TO WATCH BANDS AND VISIT CONCESSIONS  
-BRING \$ FOR CONCESSIONS OR PACK ANY ADDITIONAL SNACKS YOU'D LIKE

2:15 DEPART FOR ANNANDALE

3:30 PM(APPROX.) ARRIVE AT AHS  
-PUT AWAY INSTRUMENTS AND UNIFORMS

3:50 PM(APPROX.) DISMISSAL