

# Raider Notes

Atlee High School Band  
Mechanicsville, VA

July 20

## From Mr. Rozecki's Desk...

Greetings Raiders Band Families!

It is my pleasure to welcome all new families to the AHS Band Program! Your child is about to participate in one of the best activities that Atlee High School has to offer. The show music has just been completed and will be available on blackboard during the week of July 25. All students are encouraged to pick up the music and begin practicing parts before camp formally begins.

We will be holding our Band Camp Orientation at Atlee High School on Friday August 12 from 4:00-7:00PM. This is when Atlee Band Booster Members collect payments for fees and forms. Our New Parent Meeting is the same evening at 7:00PM in the Band Room. This is when new parents can ask questions to band booster board members about the band program!

Guard and percussion students will report to camp on August 1. New Marchers report to camp on August 8 and sectionals begin August 8. Please see the calendar for specific instrument sectional dates. Our first day of camp as a full band is August 12 for our annual Focus Session. This is the day we rehearse as a full ensemble and begin setting drill movements.

Full Band camp begins August 15. Each day we will be learning music and setting drill. On August 19 we will be hosting Scott Lang, an internationally recognized speaker and educator for the Hanover County Band Programs. Students from each of the 4 high schools will be at Atlee for this rare opportunity to meet and learn from the best lecturer in music education. Mr. Lang will be conducting a seminar and a leadership workshop for our students on Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-12:00pm. I highly encourage parents to attend this amazing seminar!

We will have our first annual pool party on August 26 from 8:00-10:00PM. There will be a nominal fee involved and students will need to sign up by August 12. I encourage all students to attend as we will have an evening of fellowship and fun!

I hope everyone is enjoying summer. Soon we will be working on our show and preparing to entertain audiences for what will surely be an exciting year for all!

Sincerely,

R. Paul Rozecki, Jr.  
Director of Bands

## Band Booster Information

On behalf of the Atlee Band Booster Board, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2011-2012 season. Last year was very successful for all facets of the band program, and I would like to thank Mr. Rozecki and his staff for all of their hard work. I would also like to thank everyone associated with the band boosters for all of their hard work; we could not put on such a successful show without it.

I would like to take a minute and address all of the new families that have joined the band program. We can use your help! If you are interested in joining the band boosters please join during orientation. We have positions in the board opening up this year and would love to have parents new and current to fill these positions. Yes, it does require you to forfeit some of your time, but it is a very worthwhile cause. I will be getting into more detail about this at the new parent night on Friday August the 12<sup>th</sup> and at our first general membership meeting which is on Thursday September the 1<sup>st</sup>. More details about these two meetings will be sent out by Mr. Rozecki in the near future.

I am looking forward to meeting the new families that have become a part of the band program. The students work very hard during band camp before school starts and at after school practices once the school year begins. To make the show a success it takes a lot of behind the scenes work on the part of the boosters. If you like meeting new people and having some fun in the process, please come out and support the band program by joining the boosters and donating a little bit of your time.

If anyone has any questions, I can be contacted through the band website ([www.atleeband.com](http://www.atleeband.com)), or you can send me a message through Mr. Rozecki. Again, welcome to the Atlee Raider band program!

*Blair Baughman*  
President  
Atlee Band Boosters

## Indoor Guard

Atlee is excited this year to offer a competitive indoor guard! This will be a separate audition process that will occur in November. A choreographer has been hired and is excited to be working with the guard. Look for more information about this during the fall.

## Competition Schedule

- Sept 17 Tucker free for all
- Sept 24 Stuarts Draft or Hermitage
- Oct 8 Deep Run
- Oct 22 JMU or Liberty USSBA
- Oct 29 VBODA

*\*\*Tentative dates*

## Pool Party!

The band is hosting a **POOL PARTY** this year for the end of band camp! It will be held on August 26. We will end camp early and reconvene at the Kings Charter Pool. We will celebrate the of camp and have some fun and do our traditional "Paper Plate Awards".

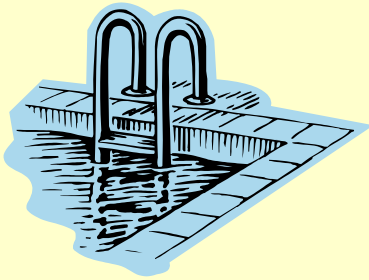
There will be a fee of \$5 per student. We will be collecting money and permission slips in advance once band camp begins.

Date : August 26

Time: 8 p.m. -10:00 p.m.

Where: Kings Charter Pool

What to bring: A snack to share



Spring Trip  
2012 will be  
announced in  
September.  
Stay tuned  
for details!

## Things to bring to band camp

COMPLETED FORMS (see Handouts on website after August 1<sup>st</sup>.)

CHECK/MONEY (for Band Camp Fee if not paid)

INSTRUMENT

MUSIC (Will be on Blackboard after July 25)

PENCIL (can be put in instrument case)

BAG Dinner (to eat on campus)

## Band Camp

Band Camp is one of our most productive parts of the school year as a band program. The worst thing you can do is to come unprepared! Hopefully this information will help you arrive prepared, and more importantly, help you be successful. You will find that working hard and then seeing the results of that hard work is something you will be really proud of.

### Tips for Band Camp

- \*Drink plenty of liquids in the days before camp starts to get your body hydrated.
- \*Use sunscreen every day and re-apply during breaks as needed.
- \*Bring your water bottle. AHS Booster will be supplying you with a reusable bottle to use every day. Please make sure you have it with you. We will have cups but sometimes they do run out. You will be given plenty of water/rest breaks.
- \*Wear a hat/visor and sunglasses
- \*Wear comfortable clothes: shorts, T-shirts and tennis shoes for marching. (Black or other dark colors and long jeans are not recommended)
- \*Eat well during the days before coming to camp

### Marching Show Music

Music will be on blackboard after July 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Percussion music will not be ready until  
August 1). Please download and begin to  
learn your part BEFORE sectionals!

# August Band Camp

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Percussion/Guard Camp 9a-4p	2 Percussion/Guard Camp 9a-4p  <b>Board Meeting 630p Band Room</b>	3 Percussion/Guard Camp 9a-4p	4 Percussion/Guard Camp 9a-4p  <b><u>Leadership Mtg.</u> 6:30PM</b>	5
8 New Marchers 9a-12n  Brass/Perc/Guard Sectionals 1p-4p	9 New Marchers 9a-12n  WW/Perc/Guard Sectionals 1p-4p	10 New Marchers 9a-12n  Brass/Perc/Guard Sectionals 1p-4p	11 New Marchers 9a-12n  WW/Perc/Guard Sectionals 1p-4p	12 FOCUS SESSION 4p-9p-ALL Dinner @ 630p*** Orientation 4p-7p^^  <b>New Parent Mtg @ 7p- Band Room</b>
15 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	16 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	17 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	18 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	19 Scott Lang Seminar 8a-12n Lunch @ 12n*** Band Camp 1p-5p <b>Fee Deadline!</b>
22 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	23 <b>Shoe Fittings 2:00PM</b> Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	24 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	25 Band Camp 3p-9p  Dinner Break @ 6p	26 Band Camp 3p-730p Dinner @ 530p Pool Party 8p-10p Location TBA
29 Band Camp 4p-9p Dinner Break @ 630p	30 Band Camp 4p-9p Dinner Break @ 630p	31 Band Camp 4p-9p Dinner Break @ 630p <b>9<sup>th</sup> Grade Night</b>	<b>September</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> – Parent Preview Night – 8 p.m.</b> <b>Students report time – 4p.m.</b> <b>Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.</b> <b>General Booster Meeting 7:45PM</b>	

**^^11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade orientation is 4p-530p,  
9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> is 530p-7p  
\*\*\*-Dinner Option Night**