

# RAIDER NOTES



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## From the Director's Desk

By Mr. Rozecki

We are almost out of July and heading into marching season! I hope all of you have had time to spend with family, enjoy a vacation and relax. With summer winding down and the dawn of a new marching season at Atlee, I would like to share a few thoughts with you.

When you arrive for band camp in August you are doing something that your peers are not; taking part in an activity that shapes your life in multiple ways. What other activity in the school allows you to learn time management skills, gain responsibility, gain capacity in leadership roles, work as a team to achieve a common goal, participate in an organization that is greater than any one person and have fun while doing it? As your leader in music I can say that teaching music is just one part of my job. Developing positive attitudes, shaping bright minds and teaching teamwork are a huge part of what I do every day.

Every year I write dozens of recommendations for students seeking scholarships and admissions to colleges and universities. I can say without a doubt that participation in marching band gives students an edge over the majority of their peers. While GPA, class rank and overall grades are valuable, co-curricular activities are just as important. Admissions officers want to see candidates participate, commit and follow through activities. Last year all marching band students at Atlee went to a 2 or 4 year college. I am proud to be working with the finest students at Atlee. You are the reason the marching band is the best and brightest organization at Atlee High School.

Finally, parents please support your children. Atlee is one of the premier band programs in the Commonwealth because we have such strong parental support.

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The Atlee Band Boosters are a great way to meet new people, make friendships, support your child and support the band program. I know that without help from parents I could not do my job successfully.

Sincerely,

R. Paul Rozecki, Jr.

## Band Booster Information

By Blair Baughman, President

Hello from the Atlee Band Boosters. My name is Blair Baughman and I am the President of the Band Booster Board for the 2010-2011 season. I would like to welcome all of the new parents to the Atlee program. The Atlee Band program enjoyed a very successful year last year and they have set their sights high for this year. It will mean lots of hard work from every member of the band and Mr. Rozecki and his staff.

Having been a member of the Booster organization for two years, I can truthfully say that it has been very rewarding. Not only have I met lots of great people, but I have been able to participate in and watch my daughter perform in something that she truly loves.

The fee for this rewarding experience is very small. First, join the Band Boosters. The membership is only \$15.00 per family per year. The last thing is some of your free time. So please come out to the new parent meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. in the band room to meet the board and we will answer any questions you might have. I look forward to seeing you.

## Information and Forms Due

By Mr. Rozecki

### Medical Forms

Medical Forms are attached to this newsletter and are available on the website. Please fill out and submit the **first day** your child reports to band camp. Remember to turn in a copy of your child's photo ID and insurance card **FRONT AND BACK**. The form must be signed!

I know we live in a time where identity theft is present. If you are concerned about putting yours or your child's social security number on paper you **do not** have to put it on the form. Just understand that in the unlikely event that your child may need treatment at a hospital, the admittance desk requires it and may delay services.

I am the only individual who keeps the original medical forms with this sensitive information. Our parent nurses who travel with us get a copy of the form without the SSN numbers. At the end of the school year, all forms are shredded and destroyed.

Students must submit completed medical forms before they can participate in camp activities. **PLEASE BRING ON THE FIRST DAY YOU REPORT TO ATLEE IN AUGUST!**

### Band Handbook

The band handbook will be distributed to all students on Friday August 13 at the end of our Focus Session. This book contains important information, rules and regulations for students. Please make sure to read, sign and turn in the contract page by Monday August 17. Students must have submitted signed handbook contracts before they may participate in camp activities.

### Shoe/Glove Fittings

Shoe/Glove fittings are August 23 at 2:00PM. Shoes and gloves are not covered in your marching band fee. Shoes are \$30.00 and gloves are \$8.00 for two pair for wind and percussion students. Guard members' shoes are the same price but guard gloves are

approximately \$15.00 a pair. One pair of guard gloves will easily last 1 or more seasons. **Check should be made payable to Atlee Band Boosters**

### Instrument Rental

The Instrument Rental form is attached to this newsletter. If you are renting a school owned instrument (Tubas, Sousaphones, Mellophones, Horns, Bari Sax, Bass Clarinet, Baritones) that you complete the form and pay the instrument rental fee of \$40.00. If you play multiple instruments (Sousaphone/Tuba, Horn/Mellophone) you only have to pay \$40.00. **Do NOT pay this when you pay your school fees. Make sure checks are made payable to Atlee High School.**

### Money/Check Drop Box-

The Band Boosters have a money drop box inside the band office as you walk in. **NEVER give Mr. Rozecki money or checks that are made out to the band boosters.** Students should place cash in envelopes with their name on it before dropping into the box. Checks do not have to be in an envelope but need to have the students name in the memo.

**DO** give Mr. Rozecki checks and cash that is for Atlee High School (ie. Instrument rental fees). Mr. Rozecki will also give activity receipts for fees that are paid to the school.

### Class Fees

If you are enrolled in a band class the fee is \$20.00 per class. That means that if you are participating in 2 classes the fee is a total of \$40.00. This fee is paid at the school when you pay your other class fees. **This applies to ALL students enrolled in the band program.**

### Band T-Shirts

Included in marching band fees is the themed T-Shirt for the marching show. Sometimes it is a good idea to purchase a second T-Shirt. This is optional and the cost is \$10.00 per shirt. Parents you are welcome to order T-Shirts too!

## Band Camp Information

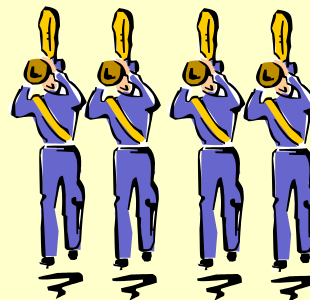
By Mr. Rozecki

### What will student marchers need for Band Camp?

- A hat is a good idea
- Personal water bottle, water will be provided
- Sunscreen with a high SPF
- Light, loose-fitting clothing which meets school dress code requirements. If you think that something might be too tight or too short or too revealing, it probably is.
- Sneakers and socks **NO FLIP FLOPS**
- Instrument, and or flags and Music
- Pen/pencil
- A good breakfast and lunch **BEFORE** arriving to camp. **Be sure to drink plenty of fluids as well before arrive to camp**
- A packed dinner and snacks to eat during camp. We will usually take a meal break about 6 p.m. The boosters will offer some special food items for sale on various days more information will be coming about these days.

### What if the temperature gets very hot during Band Camp?

While August temperatures can be very hot, student's safety is paramount for all of us. Every effort will be made to conduct rehearsals on the practice field whenever possible. Mr. Rozecki however, will refer daily to weather forecasts and Hanover County's recommendations and will



move rehearsal indoors when temperatures and /or heat indexes get extreme. Water breaks will be given in order to keep students hydrated. A wet towel across the back of the neck can be very cooling.

### What should I, as a parent, expect my child to experience during Band Camp?

Band camp is a rigorous, stimulating, tiring, and exhilarating experience for the student marcher and for their parents. Your child will get very tired and will need to get a good amount of rest in order to keep up. Likewise, getting good balanced meals during the day before camp will fuel them during camp. There may be some occasional frustrations when fatigue hits-they may question whether they can do it or whether the work is worthwhile. Your parental encouragement can significantly assist your child as they go through their daily schedule. Their effort is certainly "worth it" and will pay off in immeasurable ways for the rest of his or her life!

## Upcoming Events and Dates to Remember

By Mr. Rozecki

Aug 2-5-GUARD CAMP 9a-4p @ AHS Commons

Aug 2-6-PERCUSSION CAMP 9a-4p @ AHS

Aug 9-12 New Marchers 9a-12p and sectionals 1p-4p as indicated by section on calendar

Aug 13-Focus Session 4p-9p-ALL MEMBERS

Aug 16-20-Band Camp 3p-9p

Aug 23-Shoe Fittings-2p (New Marchers and Guard)

Aug 23-27-Band Camp 3p-9p

Aug 27-No Talent-Talent Show, 8p Auditorium

Aug 31-Pot Luck Dinner 6p, Preview Show 8p

### Band Camp Check List (Marching band students only):

- ✓ Completed Medical Form that is signed
- ✓ Copy of my child's Photo ID
- ✓ Copy of my child's insurance card front and back
- ✓ Completed Instrument Rental Form (if this applies) and \$40.00
- ✓ All Band Camp Fees are paid (if you need additional time, please let Mr. Rozecki know)
- ✓ Money for shoes and gloves if needed
- ✓ Water Bottle and packed food for dinner break
- ✓ Tennis shoes
- ✓ Music, flags, pencils
- ✓ Positive Attitude!