

AHS BAND

JUNE 2011 NEWSLETTER

FALL SHOW MUSIC

Music for the fall show, featuring the music of American Composers, is included in this mailing. Students should contact Mr. Williams at 256-233-6636 if they need help with it.

BAND CAMP 2011

The 2011 band camp fee will be \$250. Payment may be placed in the wooden box on the wall in Mr. Williams's office, mailed to the band's post office box: AHS Band, P.O. Box 166, Athens, AL 35612 or turned in at the July 11th band parents meeting.

Payment must be received in full by the July 11th Band Parent Meeting in order for your student to attend camp. Please make your check payable to AHS Band Parents and include your child's name and "band camp" on the check to ensure proper credit. A list of items needed for band camp will be included with the July newsletter.

Parents are invited to come to band camp on the evening of Thursday, August 4th to watch rehearsals at 6:00 p.m. There is a possibility we will have a cookout as well. There would be a charge for the dinner. This will be an opportunity for parents to see the DuBose facility and to see a small segment of the many hours their student puts in to learning and perfecting the field show. Directions will be given in the July newsletter.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION AND OVER THE-COUNTER MEDICATION FORMS

Enclosed are important medical and parental consent forms. These forms are kept in a binder and will travel with the band at all times. They are good for all 2011-2012 band activities. Be sure to update these forms when any contact information and/or telephone numbers change. **All forms must be completed and turned in at the July 11th meeting.**

1. Athens High School Band Medical Form & Parental Consent:

This is printed on gold paper and is required by Alabama law. If possible, bring this completed, notarized form to the July 11th meeting. A Notary Public must witness your signature. If you are unable to get this done before July 11th, a Notary Public will be available at the meeting to do this for you (free of charge).

2. School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization:

This form is required by Alabama law. You will need to complete one of these forms for each medication your child will be taking. Only one medication may be listed on each form. You may download additional copies of this form from the Athens City Schools website at www.acs-k12.org.

This form is to be used for over-the-counter medications. You must list the appropriate dosage for the student (ie: Tylenol 500mg, 2 tablets every 4 hours or Advil 200 mg, 1 tablet every 4 hours). You must also indicate the specific reason and symptoms for taking the medicine (ie, headache, knee pain). Parent's signature is required before any OTC medicines may be administered. A physician's signature is not required for OTC medicines within manufacturer's recommended dosage.

This form is also to be used for prescription medications. The same information noted above is also required. In addition, prescription medications require both a physician and parent signature.

3. Over the Counter Medication Sample Packet Order Form

In lieu of each parent providing us with common OTC medications, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase a sample supply packet of Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen (\$1 for either or both). They will then be available if needed by your student for the entire school year at band events (after regular school hours). Please note that a School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization form is required for each of the OTC medications you order.

MEDICATIONS FOR BAND CAMP

All medications for band camp must be turned in to the school nurse, Nadine Rockwell, in the band room on July 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the Freshmen and Sophomores and on July 21st from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the Juniors and Seniors. No medication will be accepted on luggage check-in day.

Prescription medications must be in the original pharmacy labeled bottle. The label instructions must correspond with the instructions provided on the "School Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization" form. The pharmacy label must provide the student's name, medication name, strength of medicine, dosage, and time to be given. Send only the amount of medicine needed for the length of the trip. Place these medications in a Ziploc bag with the student's name visibly marked on the bag.

OTC medications (other than those purchased on the Over the Counter Medication Sample Packet Order Form) must be in the original container with the student's name visibly marked on the container **then** put in a Ziploc bag with the student's name visibly marked on the Ziploc bag. Travel sizes are strongly recommended.

No medications, including inhalers and Epi-pens may be carried by any student to band camp. Nicole Beasley, a registered nurse, will travel with the band to camp and will dispense medications as prescribed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nadine Rockwell, RN, the Athens City School Nurse, at 256-874-6184 or 256-230-0403.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

A summer schedule is being mailed to you. If your student will be out of town on vacation on any of the practice dates, you must let Mr. Williams know ahead of time; otherwise, **attendance is expected**. You may call him at 256-233-6636 or e-mail him at steve.williams@acs-k12.org.

UNIIFORM FITTINGS

All musicians will be fitted for their uniform at their sectionals. A parent will be there after the sectional to fit the students. Please plan on staying at least 1/2 hour past the ending time of the sectional. We will need parents to assist in turning up and sewing hems, pressing, sanitizing the shakos (hats), buttoning the citation cords and sashes on the uniforms, etc. If you would like to help, please contact Denita McElyea at 256-233-8595 or e-mail her at denitamcelyea@pclnet.net. Your student will be notified when pictures in uniform will be taken for the football program.

BUSINESS AND SENIOR ADS FOR THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

The band sells ads for the football program each year so that band members can have their pictures included in the program. A one page ad is \$150. It will feature your business ad on the bottom 1/4 of the page and pictures of our band members on the top 3/4 of the page. Your child's picture will be the first picture on the top row. A half page

ad is available for \$85 and a quarter page ad is available for \$65. Ads to honor your senior band member are also available. Contact Barbara Parnell at 256-998-1212 or bparnell@christopherrealty.com if you would like to purchase either type of ad. Ads must be submitted by July 11th and only digital photos will be accepted.

FAIR SHARE QUOTA 2010

The band budget is funded by the profit that we make from concessions and the fair share quota fee paid by our band parents. This money is used to pay band expenses such as transportation, uniform upkeep and repair, supplementary staff for majorettes, color guard and percussion, music and drill arrangements for our fall show, fuel and maintenance for our band truck, drinks and snacks provided at games and competitions, etc.

The fair share quota for this year will remain at \$290 per student. The quota will be due in installments with dates which coincide with band fundraisers. We strongly encourage you to participate in these fundraisers in order to limit your out of pocket expenses. The 1st payment of \$100 will be due one week after the rib sale ends. The 2nd payment of \$64 will be due one week after the magazine fundraiser ends. The 3rd payment of \$64 will be due one week after the citrus fundraiser ends. The remaining balance is due one week after the chicken stew fundraiser ends. All balances are due in full by December 1st.

Band Social

On Monday, August 15th, the band will preview its field show for the parents at 6 pm in the north parking lot. We will then go to the cafeteria for the senior parents to present a skit (whose sole purpose is to embarrass their senior as much as possible). There will also be a slide show of band camp, band camp awards, and a short band parent's meeting. This is always a fun evening for both parents and students, so please make plans to attend. More info to follow in July newsletter.

AHS BAND DIRECTORY INFORMATION

You are being mailed an AHS Band Directory Information form. If you did not turn in one of these forms at the June 6th meeting, please fill it out and send it to the band's post office box: AHS Band, P.O. Box 166, Athens, AL 35612 as soon as possible. We use e-mail reminders to get out last minute information, uniform requirements for various events, ball game directions, fundraiser information, etc. during the marching season.

NEXT BAND PARENTS MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 11th at 7 pm.