Welcome to Raider Band 2016-2017! We are excited to have you and your student become active participants in an exciting program that currently serves 1 out of every 10 students at Alpharetta High School. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with questions regarding the registration process and we will try to assist in any way possible. Just like any successful organization for which your child participates, your participation and involvement will not only support your student but will be rewarding to you as you watch, chaperone, volunteer, make new friends, and share in the fun and excitement shared by your student as they participate in band.

**What is ABBA**
Alpharetta Band Booster Association. ABBA is a 501c3 (non-profit) corporation made up of all current AHS band families. The key purpose of ABBA is to provide services and financial support to the band program and to support Mr. Walsh and Mr. Jenkins in all band activities. The ABBA board members are nominated and elected to a two year term. Transitions on the board occur every spring with the vote occurring at the spring concert.

**Band Website**
The Alpharetta Band website is [www.alpharettaband.org](http://www.alpharettaband.org) ---- this is the most reliable source of information as related to what is happening in the band program. There is a calendar that is kept up to date with all band activities and the director’s post announcements frequently to the band website. Please take a look around and check this site often for key information.

**We Need Your Help**
VOLUNTEER......VOLUNTEER......VOLUNTEER... There is a tremendous amount of volunteer hours required every summer, every football season, every concert season, and every school year to make our band program a success. Do you want your child to have the best experience possible? If so, then you need to give back with your time and talent. PLEASE stop by the volunteer station on registration day. ABBA’s single most important fundraiser is running concession booths at Verizon Amphitheatre and the season runs from April – October. Each family needs to volunteer a minimum of 5 shifts at Verizon in order for our program to support this fundraiser. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS NOW! Click on the following link and select the 5 shifts you would like to cover:
[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a49aaa72da64-verizon](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a49aaa72da64-verizon)
**Alpharetta High School Band Boosters Association (ABBA)**  
**2016-2017 Registration**

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| **Marching band**| • Week long band camp at Rock Eagle including meals, rooms, and transportation  
• Local marching competitions including transportation  
• Weekend competition trip to Florida including transportation and rooms.  
• Dinner prior to each football game.  
• Dry cleaning for marching uniform  
• Marching music and show design  
• Waters and snacks throughout season  
• Special instructors and more. | True Cost per student = $937  
Actual Fee to be paid = $700 |
| **Color Guard**  | • Week long band camp at Rock Eagle including meals, rooms, and transportation  
• Local marching competitions including transportation  
• Weekend competition trip to Florida including transportation and rooms.  
• Dinner prior to each football game.  
• Full costume  
• Shoes for marching  
• Flags, props, and supplies  
• Marching music and show design  
• Waters and snacks throughout season  
• Special instructors and more. | True Cost per student = $1,376  
Actual Fee to be paid = $1,100 |
| **Concert band** | • Winter concert clinic with special instruction for each instrument  
• Concert band music  
• Special instructions and guests clinicians  
• Concert equipment and instruments  
• Transportation for performance evaluation  
• Special awards  
• Administrative expenses | True Cost per student = $290  
Actual Fee to be paid = $250 |

**IMPORTANT NOTES:** If a student is in both marching band and concert band the total fee $700 + $250 = $950.

**One Time Fees - all rising 9th graders and students new to AHS Band program**  
Marchers - must purchase marching shoes - $45  
Concert - females must purchase AHS concert dress - $70. Males will incur an annual tux rental - $50

**Color Guard One Time Fees – all rising 9th grade and new students to the AHS CG program**  
Color Guard Warm-up, CG Duffle bag, CG equipment bag - total for all three - $170
**Payment Policies**

- Payments can be made by cash, check or credit card (Visa, MC, Discover)
- Payments made by credit card will be charged a 2% premium
- Families with multiple students will receive a $20 discount (applied to both students)
- Payment made in full on the day of registration (April 14, 2016) will be discounted as follows: Marching Band/Color Guard - $50; Concert Band Only - $10. **No exceptions for payments after registration day.**
- 3 part payment plan - equal payments – no discounts allowed
  - Payment #1 - Registration Day
  - Payment #2 - May 15th
  - Payment #3 - July 1st
- Any balances remaining after July 1st will incur a $50 late fee
- Marching band balances must be paid in full in order to attend band camp
- Extended payment plans - to be arranged by contacting current band treasurers directly. All arrangements MUST be finalized no later than May 15th

**Refund Policies**

- If a student drops from marching band after full payment is received:
  - April – June 1st - 100% refunded
  - June 1st – June 17th - 50% refunded
  - After June 17th - No refunds

**Gold Membership**

- A program for band families that would like to assist the program and other students by providing additional financial support
- The annual Gold Membership fee is $200. The amount that is tax deductible is $90 and a tax receipt will be provided at the time of enrollment.
- Gold Members receive the following items as part of their membership
  - 2 Seasonal band t-shirts - value = $15
  - 2 AHS football tickets for all home games (playoffs not included) – value = $70
  - Free parking at all home football games (playoffs not included) – value = $25
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ABBA Co-treasurers:

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**MARCHING BAND CAMPS --- SAVE THE DATES**

- **Color Guard Camp --- Mon, July 18– Fri, July 22**
- **Percussion Camp --- Mon, July 18 – Fri, July 22**
- **Rookie Camp --- Rising Freshmen and any new marchers ----
  Wed, July 20– Fri, July 22 – Alpharetta High**
- **Band camp (all marching band members) -----**
  Mon, July 25 – Fri, July 29 - Rock Eagle - Eatonton, GA.