

# Vandegrift High School Band

## Weekly Announcement Sheet

August 19-23, 2024

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### Weekly Schedule

Week of August 19, 2024 - After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

**Monday, August 19** – [Policies/Protocols/Handbook form](#) due to Google Classroom; No after school events

**Tuesday, August 20** – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Mr. Dixon brass masterclass in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band 1

Wind Ensemble woodwinds, individual practice on region music today

**Wednesday, August 21** – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-550pm)

**\*\*Rehearsal in Monroe Stadium**

**Thursday, August 22** – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

**Friday, August 23** – No after school events

Week of August 26, 2024 - After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

**Monday, August 26** – No after school events

**Tuesday, August 27** – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

**\*\*Beth Fabrizio Woodwind Clinic**

**Wednesday, August 28** – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-550pm)

**\*\*Beth Fabrizio Woodwind Clinic**

**\*\*Rehearsal in Monroe Stadium**

**Thursday, August 29** – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Mr. Bennett Clinic w/brass during classes – Concert Instruments for Wind Ensemble

**\*\*Beth Fabrizio Woodwind Clinic**

**Friday, August 30** – Home Football vs. Dripping Springs (Monroe Stadium)

**\*\*See schedule on p.2**

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## IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION

### JOIN THE MARCHING BAND & VISION REMIND – (Class Code - [@vhsbandvdc](#))

Remind is the app. the directors (and LISD) will use to text students and families important updates and information.

### JOIN THE MARCHING BAND GOOGLE CLASSROOM – (Class Code - [oatzz15](#))

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NiU2MzU1MTQ0NDQy?cic=oatzz15>

- Join the Google Classroom
- Check your part assignment (listed by band)
- Print all show music

**MUSIC PRINTING** – ALL MUSIC FOR PRINTING IS ONLINE using the information found above. Please be sure you have the following music printed. As more music is added we will notify students:

- Fundamentals Packet (Woodwinds and Brass)
- Chasing Infinity - Part 1, 2, and 3
- School Song
- Fight Song
- Stand Tunes (Everything listed on Google Classroom including the new tunes for '24)
- ONLY CHASING INFINITY NEEDS TO BE MEMORIZED. Please only focus on the memorization of your show music. All other music will be used in your flip folder.

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SLIDES and Policies/Procedures/Handbook Form

Please see the **SLIDES** we reviewed today that contain information about policies, protocols, and procedures for our program. The signature page from our Band Handbook/Policies and Procedures is due by Monday, August 18th -- signed by parents and students. Students can access this on Google Classroom; parents can access it [HERE](#).

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## INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

### Other Important Upcoming Events

- August 27, 350-620pm
- August 28, 350-550pm
- August 29, 350-620pm
- August 30
- September 2
- September 6
- September 12
- September 14
- September 16
- September 20
- September 21
- September 23
- September 27

**Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**  
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**FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Dripping Springs (HOME)**  
**Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**  
**FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Cedar Park (Away)**  
**FOOTBALL - Vandegrift @ Stony Point, Dragon Stadium (AWAY)**  
**Dripping Springs Drumline Contest**  
**TMEA Region Jazz Auditions**  
**Contest Preview Performance**  
**BOA Austin Contest (Round Rock)**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Vista Ridge (HOME) - 8th Grade Night!**

### FOOTBALL GAME - WEEK 1

**Game Day Schedule – HOME - Vandegrift vs. Dripping Springs**

**Friday, August 30, 2024 - 700 PM**

**Monroe Stadium, 9600 McNeil Dr. Austin, TX 78750**

715 AM – Student Leadership Team Meeting

815 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the game to the band hall

- Black Marching Shoes & Black Socks
- Black Performance Wear
- Instrument (cleaned and polished)
- Flip Folder
- Water Jug (full)

240 PM – Wind Ensemble Brass, Low Reeds, and Drumline dismissed from class - “Parade” preparation

255 PM – Wind Ensemble Brass, Low Reeds, and Drumline – “Parade”

308 PM – Released from School (Pit Time)

335 PM – Pre-Game Run Through in Stadium

435 PM – Inspection

450 PM – Dinner

545 PM – Get Dressed in FULL UNIFORM

600 PM – Concert Arcs/Warmup (water jug, instrument, garment bag, flip folder)

618 PM – In Two’s – ready to move to stadium

620 PM – Depart for Stadium

625 PM – Setup Arcs near Stands (Pregame)

630 PM – On the starting line to Perform

### **635 PM – Perform! (PREGAME)**

645 PM – Pre-Game (School Song, Fight Song, etc.)

700 PM – Kick Off

\*\*815 PM – Half Time – Kicking for Cash and **Legacies Tune “Born this Way”**

\*\*945 PM – Game Concludes (School Song, Fight Song, Announcements)

\*\*These times are approximate and will depend on the length of the football game.

#### **Uniform Expectations - Haircuts (Required to wear the marching uniform.)**

- Students with **long** hair will need to put it up in a bun with hairspray before loading the bus. Hair must be worn appropriately at all times when in uniform.
- Students with **shorter** hair must trim hair so that it does not touch the collar of the jacket and must be above the top of the ear.
- Please plan accordingly to have a haircut before the first game if needed

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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Private Lesson Enrollment Form - NOW OPEN!**

All wind and percussion students should enroll for private lessons for the 2024-25 school year. If you are new to lessons and have not taken them before, THIS IS FOR YOU TOO! Private lessons are invaluable one-on-one sessions for students to receive instrument specific instruction on any aspect of musical performance.

Click [HERE](#) to enroll in private lessons.

Questions? Email Mr. Norris at [kyle.norris@leanderisd.org](mailto:kyle.norris@leanderisd.org)

#### **MAKEMUSIC/SMARTMUSIC Assignments for Woodwinds and Brass**

SmartMusic/MakeMusic assignments will be posted soon. These assignments focus on the technical moments of the marching show. There are 3-4 of them for all to complete. Minimum score to play those parts in performance is 96%. Students will be graded on completing the assignments, not on how the computer scores them. Students who complete the assignments to the best of their ability will receive a passing grade.

#### **Join the Booster facebook page!**

A great way for parents to keep connected with the program throughout the year is the Vandegrift Band & Vision Booster Club facebook page.

#### **Booster Meeting Slides from August 6, 2024**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Tuesday booster meeting! If you were unable to attend, please review the slides for contact information for the booster club, opportunities for volunteering, updates on March-a-Thon, and the 2024-2025 budget: [Booster Slides](#). If you have any questions, please reach out to Jessica Cance at [president@vhsband.com](mailto:president@vhsband.com)

#### **Photography - See wonderful photos of your band and Vision members**

Our photography team is already hard at work capturing the joy and hard work of our students! Pictures are available at <https://vhsband.smugmug.com/> and the password is 24ChasingVHS.

#### **Required Forms - All 2024-2025 Members**

- [New-to-Program Meeting Slides](#)
- [Forms](#) (Due by Registration - 7/27/24)
  - Physical - [Physical Form](#)
  - Dietary Needs - [Dietary Needs Form](#)
  - Uniform/Attire Sizing (Winds/Percussion Only) - [Uniform Fitting Form](#)
  - Mentor/Mentee Signup - [Mentor Signup Form](#)
  - Rank One Forms (available mid-May 2024) - [RankOne Signup Link](#)
  - Directory - [Directory Form](#)

#### **Physicals - Required**

The 2024-2025 Physical Form is now available on the VHS Band website. [Physical Form](#). You will turn this in on Registration Day on July 27th. Your student will not be able to attend summer band without a physical form on file.

- If your student has had a physical since Dec 1, 2023, you can drop it to your doctor to complete as their past physical will cover all of band season.
- If your student has not had a physical since Dec 1, 2023, schedule a physical before July 27th and bring the physical to be completed by the doctor so you can turn it in on July 27th Band Registration day.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

All volunteer signups are posted at the [VHS Band Volunteer](#) portion of our website. These opportunities include: chaperones, hospitality/hydration, and pit vipers.

### **Vision Volunteering**

Thanks to those who have signed up to volunteer, we still have some spots open, please visit the [Vision Volunteer Sign-up](#) page and find fun ways to become involved with supporting your Vision dancer through the season, whether your student prefers to keep you at a distance or involved directly with the dance company, we have a role for you!!

I am also looking for volunteers who can help cut & sew sleeves for **Vision props** that will be used in the show this year. This is a simple task that involves cutting material and machine sewing to create sleeves to protect the props for the season. I am excited to dust off my Singer and get busy. Please contact [Visionchair@vhsband.com](mailto:Visionchair@vhsband.com) or call Mary Sullivan on 512-7122844 for details.

### **Phone Donation - Ultimate Drill Book**

We will be using a drill learning application this year for the marching season named Ultimate Drill Book (UDB). This application requires a smart device to work. Because of this, we are looking for any used phones that you or your students no longer use that you are willing to donate to the band program for those that do not have access to a smartphone. The app works on **iPhone 7's or later** or Android phones running on **Android 7.1 or later**. Any charging chords that go with it would be much appreciated as well, especially for the older modeled phones. Make sure the phones are wiped and are free of any personal information before donating to the band.

### **Vision Tee Shirts**

Reminder, we will be closing orders for Vision Tee Shirts on Wednesday 8/21, these shirts will not be available for purchase after 8/21, so please order ASAP. Vision Tee Shirts are available for purchase through our Spirit Wear online store, navigation as follows:-<https://vhsband.com>>For you>Shop>Once Per Year Special Items

The Vision Dance Company [Black Tee](#) is recommended for all family members, to show your Vision spirit at football games and events. We offer the same shirt in [White](#) for parents of Vision Seniors to purchase.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Official Band Calendar:** Please visit our official calendar at [vhsband.com](http://vhsband.com). This calendar will be maintained and updated on a regular basis. [www.vhsband.com/calendar](http://www.vhsband.com/calendar)

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## **STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Staff Responsibilities** – Please see below about which staff member to contact to get the quickest possible response to the listed subject matters.

- **Jarrett Lipman** – Calendar, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band 2, Program Administration
  - [jarrett.lipman@leanderisd.org](mailto:jarrett.lipman@leanderisd.org)
- **Kyle Norris** – Private Lessons, Symphonic Band, Wind Music Coordinator
  - [kyle.norris@leanderisd.org](mailto:kyle.norris@leanderisd.org)
- **Tristan Murray** – Lockers, SmartMusic, Region Band, Concert Band 1, School Owned Inventory
  - [tristan.murray@leanderisd.org](mailto:tristan.murray@leanderisd.org)
- **Joe Hobbs** – All things Percussion, Transportation
  - [joe.hobbs@leanderisd.org](mailto:joe.hobbs@leanderisd.org)
- **Katie Hopkins** – All things Vision Dance Company
  - [katie.hopkins@leanderisd.org](mailto:katie.hopkins@leanderisd.org)

***"It always seems impossible until it's done." - Nelson Mandela***