

Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

November 18 - November 22, 2024

www.vhsband.com

Weekly Schedule

Week of November 18, 2024

- **Monday, November 18 – TMEA Region Orchestra Auditions - Winds/Percussion @ VHS**
 - Tom Bennett Clinics during Symphonic Band and Concert Band
- **Tuesday, November 19 – Jazz Band Auditions 3:50-6:00pm/TMEA Mock Auditions for some instruments**
 - Tom Bennett Clinic during Wind Ensemble
 - Joe Dixon Clinics during classes (Trombones auditioning for TMEA)
- **Wednesday, November 20 – TMEA Mock Auditions for some instruments**
- **Thursday, November 21 – PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAME vs. Sotomayor @ Alamo dome**
 - **PARADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL 740am;** Drumline and Wind Ensemble Brass/Low Reeds
 - **TMEA Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert**
 - Vision Dance Company Applications Due
- **Friday, November 22 – TMEA Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert**

Week of November 25, 2024

- **Monday, November 25 – TMEA Optional Region Band Hearing Times ([Sign-up](#))**
- **Tuesday, November 26 – No Events**
- **Wednesday, November 27 – No Events**
- **Thursday, November 28 – Happy Thanksgiving – No Events**
- **Friday, November 29 – No Events**
 - **PLAN FOR POSSIBLE PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAME – ALL BAND ATTENDS**
- **Saturday, November 30 – No Events**
 - **PLAN FOR POSSIBLE PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAME – ALL BAND ATTENDS**

***The remaining scheduled is posted on the VHS Band Calendar at www.vhsband.com*

IMPORTANT STUDENT INFORMATION

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

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

JOIN THE MARCHING BAND GOOGLE CLASSROOM – (Class Code - oatzzi5)

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjU2MzU1MTQ0NDQy?cjc=oatzzi5>

- 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)
- School Song and Fight Song
- Stand Tunes (Everything listed on Google Classroom including the new tunes for '24)

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAY-OFF GAME DAY SCHEDULE: AWAY Football Game, Thursday November 21, 2024

Vandegriff vs. Austin High School - at Alamodome / AWAY

Bring all items needed for performance

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

130 PM – Released from School (EARLY DISMISSAL)

145 PM – Dress into blacks

200 PM – Load equipment (Charter buses, Equipment truck)

235 PM – Butt in seat

245 PM – Depart VHS

500 PM – Arrive/Unload/Eat dinner in SA/Dress

600 PM – Enter the tunnel/into the stands

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

700 PM – Kick Off

****815 PM – Halftime: VHS Legacies Performs / Band plays short tune**

****945 PM – Game Ends, Dismissal**

****1015 PM – Load**

****1045 PM – Departure**

****100 AM – Approximate return to VHS**

****All of these times are approximate and depend on the length of the football game.**

Other Important Upcoming Events

December 5	TMEA Region Band Auditions - Phase 1
December 7	TMEA Region Band Auditions - Phase 2
December 9	Winter Concert (SPAC)
December 9	VDC - Vision Mock Audition
December 10	VDC - Vision Auditions
December 12	2024 Medal Ceremony
December 13-14	TMEA Region Band Clinic and Concert
December 15	Christmas Carols in Steiner Ranch
December 18-20	Percussion Midwest Clinic (Chicago, IL)
December 20	LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER!
January 6	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development
January 7	First Day of the Semester!
January 11	TMEA Area Auditions

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

REGION MASTERCLASSES (Dates Below)

- November 18 – Normal schedule
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NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS (11-18-24)

Band Toy Drive in Support of Dell Children's Hospital

Bring in an unwrapped toy for charity! We will be hosting our annual TOY DRIVE in support of Dell Children's Medical Center. We would love for every student to bring at least one new, unwrapped toy. Your donations can be dropped off in the band hall and placed in the container outside Mr. Lipman's office window starting November 14th.

Need Ideas -- View our Amazon Wish List:

Shop directly from our Amazon wish list. Select BAND AND & VISION HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE as the shipping address to send your donation directly to the school.

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/27O2U9M0K6T6O?type=wishlist&filter=purchased&sort=default&viewType=list>

If you have questions, please reach out to our student coordinator, Sebastien Patel, at

sebastien.patel25@k12.leanderisd.org.

Uniforms

Marching season is over, now concert season is upon us! Next week and going forward, we will continue to pull students from their concert band classes to measure them for tuxedos and concert dresses. We will be in the closet from 8:15 am - 11:55am, and from 12:30pm - 3:00pm. We will explain everything about fitting; don't worry! Each day we could use volunteers for measuring and sewing/making alterations.

As the football team advances through playoffs we still need help in the closet before and after games, and during games with plumes.

Please send an email to uniforms@vhsband.com if you'd like to help!

Save the Date for the UIL Medal Ceremony!

We will have a ceremony on December 12, starting at 7:00pm in the gym with a reception to follow (with dessert) in the cafeteria. We will need volunteers to help with set up and clean up, so be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet as well as additional details about the ceremony coming soon.

Please pick up your Spirit Wear orders

There are still a large number of spirit wear orders in the gray tub in the band hall. Please encourage your students to grab the orders as soon as possible. If you have an order from the jewelry pop-up that you have not picked up yet, please reach out to Cynthia at spirit@vhsband.com.

There are some heavy Band hoodies, Viper stadium blankets, and knit beanies for sale to help with the cooler temps. Hoodies: [Hoodie with Band Logo; heavy weight, pullover | Vandegrift HS Band & Vision Booster](#) Blankets: [Viper Stadium Blanket | Vandegrift HS Band & Vision Booster](#) Beanies: [Black Beanie with V Logo | Vandegrift HS Band & Vision Booster](#)

All the jewelry orders are in; please email spirit@vhsband.com to arrange pick up since I do not want to leave these in the gray tub in the band hall.

Chasing Infinity ornaments are still in stock, order here: [Chasing Infinity Ornament \[Official\] | Vandegrift HS Band & Vision Booster](#)

ARCHIVED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Caroling in Steiner Ranch

Attention all Band Alumni and Resident Musicians! Dust off your instruments and join the Vandegrift Band for Sounds of the Season in Steiner. It will be a fun-filled time of holiday music for the community on December 15th, from 4:30-6:30 pm at Town Square Park. To participate, please make sure to sign up by Nov 30th. We kindly ask that participants have their own instrument and practice independently in preparation for the event. Sheet music will be provided by December 1st. We can't wait to see you there! Alumni/Parents Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/5jmWAYunmzHQTIGE8>

10/1 Booster Club Meeting Slides

Thank you to everyone who attended the booster meeting, either in person or through Facebook Live. We discussed the schedule and reminders for the season, reviewed our fundraising accomplishments, provided an overview of the budget to date, presented volunteer opportunities, and other miscellaneous items. The slides are available here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OWQ60Kvst19FszluwfbPn0PLcXYkHa164lr_KjFzNmE/edit?usp=drive_link If you have any questions, please reach out to Jess Cance at president@vhsband.com.

PARENTS: Join the Booster facebook page!

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

STUDENTS & PARENTS: Photography - See wonderful photos of your band and Vision members

Our photography team is behind the scenes, capturing the joy and hard work of our students! Pictures of rehearsals, events (e.g., back to school party at Main Event), and soon football games and competitions, are available at <https://vhsband.smugmug.com/> and the password is 24ChasingVHS.

Please remember that the videos shared on Smug Mug cannot be shared or posted on other websites, like YouTube. We have permission to video the performances for educational purposes, but any sharing beyond the Smug Mug posting is considered copyright infringement.

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.

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](#)

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
- **Kyle Norris** – Private Lessons, Symphonic Band, Wind Music Coordinator
 - kyle.norris@leanderisd.org
- **Tristan Murray** – Lockers, SmartMusic, Region Band, Concert Band 1, School Owned Inventory
 - tristan.murray@leanderisd.org
- **Joe Hobbs** – All things Percussion, Transportation
 - joe.hobbs@leanderisd.org
- **Katie Hopkins** – All things Vision Dance Company
 - katie.hopkins@leanderisd.org

*“How lucky are we to have such a treasure of memories.” -
Claudia Taylor “Lady Bird” Johnson*