

Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

October 28 - November 2, 2024

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Weekly Schedule

Week of October 28, 2024 - **Week C Hearing Times**; After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, October 28 – No Events today

Tuesday, October 29 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Joe Dixon Clinics in Classes

Beth Fabrizio & Katie VanDoren after school

Wednesday, October 30 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-550pm)

Tom Bennett clinics classes and at rehearsal; Beth Fabrizio and Ron Morrison in town

Thursday, October 31 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm) - BAND-O-WEEN

Beth Fabrizio in town

Friday, November 1 – Away Football vs. Westwood @ Kelly Reeves - Leave after halftime

Saturday, November 2 – UIL Area H Marching Competition - Judson ISD Rutledge Stadium (Converse, TX)

Week of November 4, 2024 - **Week C Hearing Times**; After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, November 4 – No Events today/No School today

Tuesday, November 5 – No school / We DO have practice

Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (400pm-630pm)

Percussion - Midwest Rehearsal 100-330pm

Wednesday, November 6 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (400pm-600pm)

Pep Rally in School - All band and vision attend

Andrew Markworth in town

Rehearsal in Monroe - parents invited to full run at the end of the rehearsal (545pm)

Thursday, November 7 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Friday, November 8 – Home Football vs. Round Rock @ Monroe - Leave after halftime

Parade before school - WE Brass/Lows/Drumline

Saturday, November 9 – Bands of America San Antonio Super Regional

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)
- Chasing Infinity - Part 1, 2, and 3
- School Song and 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.

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME DAY SCHEDULE: AWAY Football Game, Friday November 1st, 2024

Vandegriff vs. Westwood High School

Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 10211 West Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78717

Bring all items needed for performance

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

240 PM – Released from School (EARLY TODAY)

300 PM – Run Through Rehearsal - Stadium

355 PM – Inspection

405 PM – Eat, Load Truck at the Stadium

505 PM – Load

520 PM – Butt in Seat

525 PM – Depart

625 PM – Arrive and Unload at Kelly Reeves

***Wind Ensemble into stands ASAP for school song*

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

700 PM – Kick Off

****815 PM – Halftime: VHS Legacies and Band perform first ("Anyway You Want It" Legacies Tune)**

****830 PM – Leaving after halftime / pack and load**

****900 PM – Depart Kelly Reeves**

****945 PM – Approximate return to VHS**

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

PERFORMANCE - UIL Area H Marching Contest

Saturday November 2nd, 2024

Judson ISD Rutledge Stadium, Converse, TX (San Antonio Area) - **900 S Seguin Rd, Converse, TX 78109**

[Link to purchase TICKETS](#) for UIL AREA H Marching

715 AM – Band Hall Opens

815 AM – Rehearsal

915 AM – Load at Parking Lot

925 AM – Inspection, Breakfast and Dress

1020 AM – Butt in Seat

1030 AM – Depart VHS 2.5 hours travel

100 PM – Arrive and Unload (2.5 hours before)

115 PM – Lunch

145 PM – Dress

210 PM – Pit Warm-up

225 PM – Winds, Battery, and Vision Warm-up

330 PM – Performance

400 PM – Debrief, change out of uniform, and hang inside/nap at Judson HS PAC

515 PM – Dinner - served at Judson

700 PM – Finals Begins

1000 PM – Awards

1100 PM – Load

1130 PM – Depart

145 AM – Approximate return to VHS

Other Important Upcoming Events

- October 29, 350-620pm
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- October 31, 350-620pm
- November 1
- November 2
- November 4 & 5
- November 5, 400-630pm
- November 6, 400-600pm
- November 7, 350-620pm
- November 8
- November 9
- November 10 & 11
- November 14, 700pm
- November 15

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- *Band/Vision leave after halftime due to Area on Saturday*

UIL Area Contest - San Antonio, TX (ALL DAY) ALL BAND/VISION

No School

Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)

- *Tubas rehearse staggered today; 445-715pm*

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- *Final Run Through in Monroe; open to parents*

Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)

FOOTBALL - Vandegriff vs. Round Rock (Home) - Monroe Stadium

- *Band/Vision leave after halftime due to Area on Saturday*

Bands of America San Antonio Super Regional - Alamodome

UIL State Marching Contest Contest (Pending Advancement)

- *San Antonio, TX Alamodome*

Vision Dance Company Informational Meeting

Potential Playoff Football Game

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)

	Monday AM	Tuesday AM	Wednesday AM	Thursday AM
Band Hall	Saxophone	Euphonium	Trumpet	Tenor Trombone
Ensemble Room	Tuba	Flute	Bassoon	Horn
Kitchen	Bass Trombone		Oboe	Bass Clarinet
PAC	Clarinet			

- October 28 – Normal schedule
- November 4 – No MONDAY or TUESDAY Masterclass (Student Holidays)
- November 11 – NO MASTERCLASSES (UIL State Trip)
- November 18 – Normal schedule

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS (10-28-24)

Chasing Infinity ornaments available

Chasing Infinity ornaments are available for purchase at [here on our Booster Store](#)

ARCHIVED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Caroling in Steiner Ranch

Attention all Band Alumni and Resident Musicians! Dust off your instruments and join the Vandegriff 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!

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/5jmWAvunmzHQTGE8>

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.

STUDENTS & PARENTS: 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

STUDENTS AND PARENTS: 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.

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.

STUDENTS & PARENTS: 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.

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](#)
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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
- **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

“I shall pass this way but once; any good that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being; let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”