

# Vandegrift High School Band

## Weekly Announcement Sheet

December 2 - December 7, 2024

[www.vhsband.com](http://www.vhsband.com)

### Weekly Schedule

#### Week of December 2, 2024

- **Monday, December 2 – Percussion Mock Audition; Jazz Orchestra Saxophone Sectional 400-600pm**
- **Tuesday, December 3 – Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal (Varsity) 400-700pm**
  - **Before School Rehearsal: Wind Ensemble & Concert Band 2 - 645-800am w/Perc and Double Reeds**
- **Wednesday, December 4 - BAND/VISION COME TO BAND HALL DURING PIT - MEET w/COACH & FB CAPTAINS**
  - **Before School Rehearsal: Symphonic Band - 645-800am w/Perc and Double Reeds**
  - Vision Dance Company: Audition Clinic 500-700pm
- **Thursday, December 5 – TMEA Region Band Auditions (Phase 1)**
  - Vision Dance Company Optional Rehearsal/Open Gym
- **Friday, December 6 – PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAME vs. Harlan @ Texas State University**
  - **Before School Rehearsal: Concert Band 1 - 645-800am w/Perc and Double Reeds**
  - **PARADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL 800am;** Drumline and Wind Ensemble Brass/Low Reeds
- **Saturday, December 7 – TMEA Region Band Auditions (Phase 2)**
- **Sunday, December 8 – PERCUSSION MIDWEST CONCERT in VHS PAC 4pm - All Invited**

#### Week of December 9, 2024

- **Monday, December 9 – Winter Band Concert at South PAC (Cedar Park HS)**
  - **Before School Rehearsal: Wind Ensemble & Concert Band 2 - 700-800 w/Perc and Double Reeds**
  - Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal 740-805am
  - Vision Dance Company: Mock Audition 500-800pm
- **Tuesday, December 10 – Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal (Varsity) 400-630pm & VDC Audition 400-800pm**
- **Wednesday, December 11**
- **Thursday, December 12 – UIL Silver Medal Ceremony 8pm**
- **Friday, December 13 – TMEA Region Band Concert & Clinic/POSSIBLE PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAME**
  - **PARADE THROUGH THE SCHOOL 800am;** Drumline and Wind Ensemble Brass/Low Reeds
- **Saturday, December 14 – TMEA Region Band Concert & Clinic/POSSIBLE PLAYOFF FOOTBALL GAME**

*\*\*The remaining scheduled is posted on the VHS Band Calendar at [www.vhsband.com](http://www.vhsband.com)*

**\*\*Percussion MIDWEST rehearsal schedule is listed on Page 3**

## 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>

**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, Friday December 6, 2024

Vandegrift vs. Harlan High School - at Texas State University / HOME

#### Bring all items needed for performance

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

#### **\*\*In the event of RAIN:**

**\*\*JEANS**

**\*\*WARM CLOTHES/VANDEGRIFT ATTIRE**

**\*\*RAINCOATS**

**\*\*CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR BUS RIDE HOME**

100 PM – Dismissed from Class

120 PM – Rehearsal on the Band Field

220 PM – Load Equipment

310 PM – Butt in Seat

320 PM – Departure

530 PM – Arrive/Unload/Eat dinner/Dress

630 PM – Enter the tunnel/into the stands

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

730 PM – Kick Off

**\*\*845 PM – Halftime: VHS Legacies Performs / Band plays short tune**

**\*\*1020 PM – Game Ends**

**\*\*1030 PM – Approximate load and depart, snack for the ride home**

**\*\*1230 AM – Approximate return to VHS**

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

**ALUMNI AND CRMS/FPMS SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS INVITED TO PERFORM**

**[SIGN-UP HERE](#)**

### **Other Important Upcoming Events**

|                |                                                              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 5     | <b>TMEA Region Band Auditions - Phase 1</b>                  |
| December 7     | <b>TMEA Region Band Auditions - Phase 2</b>                  |
| December 8     | <b>Percussion Concert - Midwest Sendoff - 4pm at VHS PAC</b> |
| December 9     | <b>Winter Concert (SPAC)</b>                                 |
| December 9     | <b>VDC - Vision Mock Audition</b>                            |
| December 10    | <b>VDC - Vision Auditions</b>                                |
| December 12    | <b>2024 Medal Ceremony</b>                                   |
| December 13-14 | <b>TMEA Region Band Clinic and Concert</b>                   |
| December 15    | <b>Christmas Carols in Steiner Ranch</b>                     |
| December 18-20 | <b>Percussion Midwest Clinic (Chicago, IL)</b>               |
| December 20    | <b>LAST DAY OF THE SEMESTER!</b>                             |
| January 6      | <b>NO SCHOOL - Staff Development</b>                         |
| January 7      | <b>First Day of the Semester!</b>                            |
| January 11     | <b>TMEA Area Auditions</b>                                   |

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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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## **Winter Concert - Leander ISD South PAC (Cedar Park HS)**

**Monday, December 9, 2023, 630 PM**

### **Winter Concert Notes**

- As a reminder, the Winter Concert will be at the Leander ISD South PAC which is located at CPHS. Students must provide their own transportation to/from CPHS.
- All Concert Attire can be checked out after school on Monday.
- All Concert Attire must be checked back on Tuesday before school.
- Students wearing a Tux – be sure you have a clean white undershirt, long black socks and black dress shoes.
- Students wearing a Dress - be sure that you wear the same shoes you did for your fitting.

### **Winter Concert Band Itinerary**

This is one of the two concerts each year where the students have an opportunity to listen to each band play. The expectation is that ALL students stay for the duration of the concert and listen to their peers perform.

#### **Wind Ensemble**

545 PM – Arrive, FULLY DRESSED, at South PAC and report to Stage for Warm Up

600 PM – Warm Up on Stage

630 PM – Concert Begins

\*Wind Ensemble will perform first, then stay fully dressed, and move back to reserved section to watch remaining bands

#### **Concert Band 2**

545 PM – Arrive, FULLY DRESSED, to Cedar Park Band Hall with Instrument and Music

600 PM – Warm Up in Band Hall

630 PM – Move to PAC, join Wind Ensemble at approximately 640pm

\*The Concert Band 2 will perform 2nd, then stay fully dressed, and move back to reserved section to watch remaining bands

#### **Concert Band 1**

600 PM – Arrive, FULLY DRESSED, at South PAC with Instrument and Music

615 PM – Full Band will be seated in section reserved for band students

630 PM – Concert Begins, watch Wind Ensemble, move to band hall for warm-up after

\*The Concert Band 1 will perform 4th, after the Jazz Orchestra. Concert Band 1 stay fully dressed, and move back to reserved section to watch Symphonic Band

#### **Symphonic Band**

600 PM – Arrive, FULLY DRESSED, at South PAC with Instrument and Music

615 PM – Full Band will be seated in section reserved for band students

630 PM – Concert Begins – Symphonic Band performs 5th, after Concert Band 1. Symphonic Band watches Wind Ensemble and Concert Band II, then moves to band hall to warm-up

## PERCUSSION SCHEDULE 12/2 - 12/8

### Monday 12/2:

AM - Rarick and Walker

Pit - Rarick piece

PM - Percussion Mock Auditions (all percussion students)

### Tuesday 12/3:

AM - Ignis, Rainbow and Blaze

Pit - No rehearsal

PM - 3:50 Dance of the Jesters

4:20 Thy Kingdom

5:45 Run Mozambique

### Wednesday 12/4:

AM - Rarick and Walker

Pit - Rarick

PM - 3:50 Walker (possibly with Soloist)

4:30 Thy Kingdom

5:45 Mozambique

### Thursday 12/5:

AM - Thy Kingdom (split woods and metals)

Pit - No rehearsal (practice region music)

PM - No rehearsal (Phase 1 Region)

### Friday 12/6:

AM - No rehearsal

Pit - No rehearsal

PM - Run full program 3:50 - 5:30

### Reminder:

**Midwest Send Off Concert on 12/8 in the VHS PAC @ 4:00PM**

Parents and family are encouraged to attend!

Call time is 1:00PM, we'll release on stage that afternoon

Concert Blacks is the attire

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## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS (12-2-24)

### **Band Toy Drive in Support of Dell Children's Hospital**

If you haven't had a chance to donate to our holiday Toy Drive, we would love it if you could pick up a toy to donate while you are Christmas shopping. With Black Friday sales still underway, it's a great time to get some toys for the kids at Dell Children's. We have already collected over 60 toys in the first few days. Let's keep the momentum going!!

To participate in our toy drive: Bring in a new, unwrapped toy! Your donations can be dropped off in the band hall and placed in the container outside Mr. Lipman's office window. Or ship directly via the Amazon link below.

### **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](mailto:sebastien.patel25@k12.leanderisd.org).

### **Spirit Wear**

Celebrate our silver medalists with a custom t-shirt! Order here by **December 15:**

<https://vandegrift-hs-band-and-vision-booster.square.site/product/2024-uil-6a-silver-medalist-tee/217>

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. Any questions or issues finding the grey tub in the band hall, please reach out to Cynthia at [spirit@vhsband.com](mailto:spirit@vhsband.com).

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

### **New Volunteer Opportunities - Region Band Auditions and Silver Medal Ceremony**

We need all hands on deck to make these events possible, so please help where you can. Thank you! Any questions - please reach out to Kathleen Vigil at [vp@vhsband.com](mailto:vp@vhsband.com)

#### ***Region Band Auditions – Thursday, December 5 and Saturday, December 7***

VHS is hosting the Region Band Auditions this year and we need lots of volunteers to help make it possible for our students, plus band students from many other Central Texas high schools, to compete on these days. We will be using rooms all over VHS for these auditions and need help setting up and cleaning up each room. We also need room monitors in each location to help the process run smoothly. If you sign up, more information will be sent this week once times and locations for each room have been finalized. Sign up here: [Region Band Audition Sign Ups](#)

#### ***Silver Medal Ceremony – Thursday, December 12***

We need lots of volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up in the gym, cafeteria, and Main Street. Please lend a hand and help make it possible for our students to celebrate another amazing marching season:

<https://vhsband.com/volunteering/signup-medal-ceremony/>

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## 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/5jmWAYunmzHQTtGE8>

### **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\\_KjFzNmF/edit?usp=drive\\_link](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OWQ60Kvst19FszluwfbPn0PLcXYkHa164lr_KjFzNmF/edit?usp=drive_link) If you have any questions, please reach out to Jess Cance at [president@vhsband.com](mailto: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.**

### **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](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)

*“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” - Maya Angelou*