

Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

September 23-27, 2024

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Weekly Schedule

Week of September 23, 2024 - After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, September 23 – No School, No Events - TMEA Region Jazz Auditions at Cedar Ridge HS (if enrolled)

Tuesday, September 24 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Mr. Dixon w/low brass during classes today

Wednesday, September 25 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-550pm)

Mr. Morrison clinic today during evening rehearsal

Thursday, September 26 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Friday, September 27 – Home Football vs. Vista Ridge @ Monroe Stadium / 8th Grade Night

Wind Ensemble and Drumline PARADE before school today (7:30am)

Week of September 30, 2024 - After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, September 30 – LISD Festival of Bands (see schedule on p.3)

Tuesday, October 1 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Band Booster Meeting 7-830pm

Wednesday, October 2 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-550pm)

Gino Cipriani clinic today during evening rehearsal

Thursday, October 3 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Gino Cipriani in classes today

Friday, October 4 – Away Football vs. McNeil @ Dragon Stadium – 201 Deep Wood Drive, Round Rock TX, 78681

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.
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INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue 24	92°/71°	 Partly Cloudy	24%	NNE 4 mph	▼
Wed 25	91°/67°	 Partly Cloudy	24%	N 10 mph	▼
Thu 26	90°/63°	 Sunny	3%	N 9 mph	▼
Fri 27	91°/65°	 Sunny	3%	NNW 6 mph	▼

GAME DAY SCHEDULE: HOME Football Game Friday, September 27, 2024

Vandegriff vs. Vista Ridge - 7:00 PM (8th Grade Night!)

Monroe Stadium, 9500 McNeil Dr. Austin, TX 78750

Bring all items needed for performance

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

7:00 AM – Student Leadership Team Breakfast

7:40 AM – Wind Ensemble Brass, Low Reeds, and Drumline Home Game Parade around Campus

8:25 AM – Wind Ensemble Brass and Woodwinds rehearse with Legacies

3:08 PM – Students are released to “End of Day” PIT (Band students report to band hall)

3:30 PM – Run Through Rehearsal - Stadium

4:30 PM - Middle School Rehearsal

5:00 PM – Dinner

5:30 PM – Get Dressed in **UNIFORM**

6:00 PM – Standing in **Stadium Block** out back of band hall/Tune

6:15 PM – Move to Stadium

6:25 PM – Drop water jugs on Side 2 track, by stands

6:30 PM – Steppoff to perform

6:35 PM – Perform! (PREGAME)

6:45 PM – Pre-Game on track (School Song, Fight Song, etc.)

7:00 PM – Kick Off/Move into stands beginning of 1st quarter

8:15 PM – Half Time – Perform with Legacies and **8th Grade Night Performance! - What I Like About You

**9:45 PM – Game Concludes (School Song, Fight Song, Announcements)

**10:00 PM – Students Back in Band Hall and Dismissal

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

PERFORMANCE - LEANDER ISD FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Monday, September 30, 2024

Gupton Stadium, 200 Gupton Way Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613

This event will feature all six LISD high school marching bands in exhibition performances. There will also be a mass band performance with all middle school bands. Tickets: CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED ONLINE - [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

3:00 PM Dismissed from Class

3:15 PM Run Through on Band Practice Field

4:00 PM Load at Practice Field

4:10 PM Inspection and Dinner

5:10 PM Load Buses

5:20 PM ****BUTT IN SEAT****
 5:30 PM Depart VHS
 6:30 PM Arrival - Gupton Stadium, 200 Gupton Way Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613
 7:05-7:35 Warmup (Area A)
 7:35 PM Move to Field
 7:45 PM Front Ensemble/Prop Stadium Arrival Time
 7:50 PM Band/Battery/Vision Stadium Arrival Time
8:00 PM Viper Band and Vision Dance Company Performs!
 8:15 PM Load Front Ensemble/Band Moves to Retreat Block
 8:20 PM All bands staged for Mass Band Performance
 8:30 PM Mass Band Performance with all HS/MS Bands
 8:45 PM Festival of Bands concludes/Load
 9:30 PM Depart Gupton Stadium
 10:00 PM Arrive at VHS

Other Important Upcoming Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> September 30 October 1, 350-620pm October 2, 350-550pm October 2, 700-830pm October 3, 350-620pm October 4 October 8, 350-620pm October 9, 350-550pm October 10, 350-620pm October 11 October 14, 400-630pm October 15, 350-620pm October 16 October 17, 350-550pm October 18 | <p>LISD Festival of Bands at Gupton Stadium (All and Vision perform)
 Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)
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 Band Booster General Meeting
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 FOOTBALL - Vandegriff vs. McNeil (AWAY) - Dragon Stadium
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 FOOTBALL - Vandegriff vs. Cedar Ridge (HOME) - Senior Night!
 Monday Rehearsal - No School (required for all Band/Vision members)
 Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)
 UIL Region 32 Marching Contest
 Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)
 FOOTBALL - Vandegriff vs. Manor (AWAY) - Manor High School Stadium</p> |
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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			

- September 30 – No TUESDAY Masterclass (Festival of Bands on Monday)
- October 7 – Normal Schedule
- October 14 – NO MASTERCLASSES (Student Holiday, UIL Region, PSAT)
- October 21 – No THURSDAY Masterclasses (Homecoming Parade on Wednesday)
- October 28 – Normal schedule
- November 4 – No MONDAY or TUESDAY Masterclass (Student Holidays)
- November 11 – NO MASTERCLASSES (UIL State Trip)
- November 18 – Normal schedule

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Uniforms

The Uniform team is looking for volunteers to wash gloves (after each performance day), and uniform tops and bibs (after Oct 4 and Oct 25 performances). We're still looking for Uniforms Deputy, too! Reach out to Jade Polk (uniforms@vhsband.com) if you're interested!

Volunteers Needed for Festival of Bands

We need two parent volunteers to help at Festival of Bands on Monday, September 30 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Volunteers will help as Crossing Guards to stop traffic on Vista Ridge Blvd. as bands cross from the warm up areas at Vista Ridge High School to perform at Gupton Stadium. Volunteers will be provided with safety equipment and given instructions when they arrive. Since Vandegriff performs last, you can follow the band after they cross from their warm up to watch the performance at Gupton Stadium! If you are interested in helping out, please email Kathleen Vigil at vp@vhsband.com.

Senior Night Volunteers Needed

We will be opening up sign-ups to volunteer for senior night (October 11) soon. This is a great opportunity for junior, sophomore, and freshmen parents to honor our senior band and vision students. Stay tuned!

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.

PARENTS: 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

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.

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.

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

**“Far and away the best prize that life offers is the
chance to work hard at work worth doing.” -Teddy
Roosevelt**