

VIERA HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

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We are in immediate need parents/guardians to help in the following areas:

Football Game Concessions - product purchasing and gameday set-up

Uniform Management/Upkeep - fitting uniforms for students & maintaining/fixing uniforms

Chaperone Coordination - coordinating chaperone sign-ups for band camp, games, & other events

Communication (WhatsApp & Social Media) - managing the WhatsApp group(s) & sending messages as needed

Write to Julie Akhter at jfkane@gmail.com
if you would like to take the lead in one of these areas!

Feel free to reach out to Mr. Eggen & Ms. Dix as well at
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Welcome to the Viera High School Instrumental Music Program! We thank you for your interest in the band & orchestra program. Membership in the marching band is a big commitment for both you and your student. With your help, we can give your child the ultimate musical experience in a safe, fun, and social atmosphere. Your child will never forget their years as a member of our band program and the **Marching Hawks!**

Below are all the details that will help your student be a successful member of the Marching Hawks.

We have a **Parent WhatsApp** group! We use WhatsApp to share timely updates, reminders, and opportunities throughout the season. To stay connected and informed, please download WhatsApp and join the Marching Hawks group here:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BvMcNozSflrFd2M13yDqt5>

COSTS & FEES – Most annual fees are paid up front. Other fees, if any, will be announced as events come about. Please note – it is the policy of the VHS Instrumental Music Program to never exclude any student from a mandatory activity due to financial hardships. If you are not in the position to pay all fees immediately, please see a director to set-up a payment plan.

KEEP IN TOUCH – www.vieramusic.com is set-up to help answer most questions before you ask them! Check the website often as it is updated almost daily. You can join the parent/guardian WhatsApp group as well:

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REINFORCE PROGRAM STRUCTURE – The main rule that we need help enforcing is attendance. Attendance at rehearsals and performances is a grade as mandated by Brevard County's adoption of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. Please make sure your child is at every rehearsal – go home today and check your schedule in advance. Change any doctor appointments away from rehearsal days and do not plan family vacations that leave on a Friday until marching season ends (**THIS INCLUDES LABOR DAY!**). Students can get extra help in other classes after school on Mondays and other non-rehearsal days. Music lessons should also be scheduled accordingly.

THE VIERA HIGH INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PARENT ORGANIZATION (VIMPO) – This is a parent-based group dedicated to providing volunteers and raising funds to support and maintain a quality instrumental music program at Viera High School. Each parent/guardian of a band & orchestra student is automatically a member of this group and are highly encouraged to attend all instrumental music activities.

The goals of the Viera Instrumental Music Parent Organization are to provide support to the band/orchestra program through various volunteer opportunities, to encourage students to strive for excellence in the art of music and develop musical spirit, to give optimistic and positive support to the Instrumental Music Director(s) and all members of the band & orchestra, and to develop community awareness of the efforts of the band & orchestra students and appreciation for their achievements.

Volunteer Opportunities include but are not limited to:

CHAPERONES: The Marching Hawks are required to have 1 chaperone for every 10 students at every major event, including home and away football games. This means we are required to have ~20 chaperones at every game. Brevard Public Schools requires all chaperones and volunteers to be fingerprinted/background checked; a document will be provided to help guide parent/guardians through this process.

UNIFORMS: This group will help measure, sew, and maintain Marching Band uniforms.

CONCESSIONS CREW: Plan, shop, inventory, and maintain concession supplies, as well as run the concession stand sales for home games.

FUNDRAISING: Assist the Directors in creating and implementing fundraising programs. This may include the distribution and collection of materials, and other duties. We have a long-term goal of raising over \$125,000 in order to purchase new marching band uniforms by 2024!

AWARDS CEREMONY COORDINATORS(s): Schedules and plans the venue of the annual awards ceremony, under the direction of the directors. Works with outside vendors to supply food, decorations, trophies, etc.

All of the above comes together to create a successful instrumental music program. Thank you for your contributions to the program. Without you, nothing would be possible!