

Vandegrift High School Band

Summer Announcement Sheet No. 3

July 2024

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SUMMER BAND!

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| • July 22-25, 7am-8am | Voluntary Workouts! – Band Practice Field |
| • July 22-23, 8:30am-4:30pm | Leadership Training (Leadership team members) |
| • July 24, 8am-4pm | Leadership Workday (Leadership team members) |
| • July 26, 10am-5pm | Leadership Workday (Leadership team members) |
| • July 22-24, 26, 8am-4pm | Percussion Rehearsals (required for all Percussion members) |
| • July 25, 8am-4pm | Percussion Clinic at Texas Bandmasters Convention in San Antonio |
| • July 22-26, 8am-4pm | Vision Rehearsals (required for all Vision members) |
| • July 27, 8:30-11:00am | VHS Band Registration (required for all Band/Vision members) |
| • July 29 | NO SUMMER BAND - This is a district required PD Day for all Staff. |
| | ▪ This is a great day for appointments and lessons! |
| • July 30-August 2, 7am-4pm | Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band/Vision members) |
| • August 3, 8am-12pm | March-a-thon (required for all Band/Vision members) |
| • August 5-9, 7 am-4 pm | Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band/Vision members) |
| • August 6, 7 pm | Band Procedures and Band Booster Meeting (required for one parent) |
| • August 9 | Band Photos |
| • August 12, 5pm-8:30pm | Summer Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members) |
| • August 13, 7 am | Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (required for all Band/ Vision members) |
| • August 13, 8:30am-11am | Summer Band Rehearsal (required for all Band and Vision members) |
| • August 14 | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL! |
| • August 15, 3:50-6:20 pm | Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members) |
| • August 16, 5:30pm | End of Summer Band Main Event Party! |
| • August 30, FOOTBALL | Vandegrift vs. Dripping Springs (HOME) |

***Students will need to bring lunch for all Summer Band Rehearsals, Vision Camp, and Percussion Camp Rehearsals. There will be an hour-long lunch during all these rehearsal days.*

STUDENT INFORMATION

Expectations prior to Summer Band

REQUIRED MATERIALS - All students will be required to have the following items for summer band:

- Athletic shoes (running, cross-training, etc); students will not be able to participate without the correct shoes
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Loose and comfortably fitting athletic shorts
- LIGHT COLORED comfortably fitting t-shirts
- Water Jug (**you will receive this at registration**)
 - Students will not be allowed to participate without a FILLED water jug
- Flip Folder with stand tunes
 - You can purchase this at registration if you are a new band student or if you lost your flip folder)
- Fanny Pack - We will be using an application called UDB for drill learning. This will require access to a smartphone. We will be collecting old cell phones later this summer to provide for students who need one.

PREPARE! The more physically and musically prepared you are, the more successful you and the entire group will be. Remember that great individuals and great organizations START STRONG and START FAST.

MEMORY WORK. All Brass and Woodwind players should arrive at Summer Band with Part 1 and 2 of our Show, MEMORIZED. We will begin hearing times for this music individually on the first day of summer band. Preparation of this music will help determine Varsity and Non-Varsity positions. All show music and part assignments can be found by doing the following:

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:

- Chasing Infinity - Part 1 and Part 2
- School Song
- Fight Song
- Stand Shorts
- 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.

GO OUTSIDE!! We will be outside from 7-11am each day of summer band and we WILL BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE! Get outside now and get used to outdoor activity. Whether this is running, working out, playing basketball, hiking, etc, consistent outdoor activity will REALLY HELP prepare you for summer band. This will help you focus on playing and marching well!

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Voluntary Workouts! – July 22 - 25 @ 7:00 AM

Voluntary workouts are a chance for students to come and do some light stretching, jogging and core workouts with the band staff and leadership team. These are not required, but encouraged as a fun introduction to summer band. These are fun, all-inclusive workouts for students at all fitness levels. Please bring a water bottle and proper footwear/workout clothing. These workouts last approximately 45 minutes. Voluntary workouts will be important this year MORE THAN EVER!! Please make plans to attend if you are in town.

Student Leadership Camp Information

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about Student Leadership Camp and Workdays.

Optional MAKEMUSIC/SMARTMUSIC Assignments for Woodwinds and Brass

SmartMusic/MakeMusic assignments are now posted on Google Classroom. These assignments, while not required, will help students learn and prepare music to ensure a smooth experience at camp.

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.

- If your student has had a physical since Dec 1, 2023, you can drop it to your doctor to complete as their past physical will cover all of band season.
- If your student has not had a physical since Dec 1, 2023, schedule a physical before July 27th and bring the physical to be completed by the doctor so you can turn it in on July 27th Band Registration day.

March-A-Thon

We are just a few weeks away from our first Band & Vision event of the season: March-A-Thon, one of the largest fundraisers for our program! On Saturday, August 3rd, 2024, the event starts at 8:00 AM and finishes at John Simpson Park in Steiner Ranch. The students will march a route through the Steiner Ranch neighborhood, stopping along the way to perform lawn concerts. This kickoff to the season is packed with energy and excitement, and will be partially led by the Lake Travis Fire department, and the Travis County Constables.

That said, [we need LOTS of volunteers](#), including the following:

- Relief Trucks/Trailers (5 trucks w/driver, 5 trailers, 5 ride along assistants)
- Medical SUV (1 driver, 1 assistant)
- Collection Bucket Coordinator (1 slot)
- Directional Guides (2 slots)
- Golf Cart Providers/Drivers (2 slots)
- Band Assistants (50 slots)

There are details for all of the above roles on the following volunteer signup page:

>>> [March-A-Thon Volunteer Signup Form](#) <<<

Please take a moment to sign up for a slot where you can volunteer. If you have any questions, please feel free to reply to this email with any questions. For anyone who lives along the route, and is interested in hosting a front yard concert, please complete the following form: [March-A-Thon Concert Request/Sponsor Form](#)

BandAid Volunteers

One of the great ways you can volunteer with the band is to join the BandAid crew. We staff every band practice, contest and game in order to offer medical attention if needed-helping with dehydration, physical injuries, etc.. You don't need to be a medical professional in order to help- we will show you all you need to know. If you would like to be a part of the Band Aid crew, both for new and returning volunteers, Sign up here to attend one of the above orientations. <https://forms.gle/jiGWMFUEvEpRVYmYYC7>

If you are a returning band aid volunteer, feel free to attend to refresh your memory on procedures and lend your experience to the discussion.

Hawaii Spring Trip Information

Registration for the Hawaii trip has closed. If you are interested in still attending, please contact Mr. Lipman ASAP. We are currently full but are maintaining a waitlist for any students who still want to travel.

Band Audition Information

Woodwind and brass students in grades 9-11 completed band auditions before the end of the school year. If you did not complete an audition or know someone moving into the area, please ask them to send an e-mail to Mr. Lipman as soon as possible so we can get them scheduled for an audition over the summer.

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.

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

SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Wear has TWO stores again this year. To order personalized Band duffels and hoodies; as well as Nike branded polos, lots of hat styles (from New Era to Bucket style, to visors), [CLICK HERE](#). The "uniqueprints" store closes on August 7, 2024 and will be gone.

To order the official show shirt, Mom/Grandma or Dad/Grandpa Band/Vision shirts, by August 7, 2024, [CLICK HERE](#). There are also lots of in-stock items to purchase. Pre-order the official show shirt by **August 7, 2024** for the discounted price of \$12.00. After that date, a limited number will be available after September 4, 2024 (or so) for the price of \$20.00 each.

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, School Owned Inventory,
 - kyle.norris@leanderisd.org
- **Tristan Murray** – Lockers, SmartMusic, Region Band, Concert Band 1
 - 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

"In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety." – Abraham Maslow