Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

August 12-16, 2024

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Weekly Schedule

Week of August 12, 2024 - Summer Band Rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, August 12 – Summer Band Rehearsal (5pm-830pm)

Tuesday, August 13 – Teacher Appreciation Breakfast - band members arrive to VHS band hall by 645am
Warm-up and performance (645am-830am)
***Attire is same as March-a-thon; Black shorts, Band in Gaia's Embrace Show Shirt; Vision in White Tank*
Rehearsal (900am-11am)

Wednesday, August 14 – First day of school! No practice!

Thursday, August 15 – Summer Band Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Friday, August 16 – End-of-summer-band party at Main Event (530-930pm)

***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

Summer Band Expectations

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
    - Students will not be allowed to participate without a FILLED water jug
- Flip Folder with stand tunes
- 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.

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
- 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.

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.

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Other Important Upcoming Events

- August 20, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- August 21, 350-550pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- August 22, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- August 27, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- August 28, 350-550pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- August 29, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- August 30 — **FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Dripping Springs (HOME)**
- September 2 — **Labor Day - NO SCHOOL**
- September 6 — **FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Cedar Park (Away)**
- September 12 — **FOOTBALL - Vandegrift @ Stony Point, Dragon Stadium (AWAY)**
- September 14 — **Dripping Springs Drumline Contest**
- September 16 — **TMEA Region Jazz Auditions**
- September 20 — **Contest Preview Performance**
- September 21 — **BOA Austin Contest (Round Rock)**
- September 23 — **NO SCHOOL**
- September 27 — **FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Vista Ridge (HOME) - 8th Grade Night!**

FOOTBALL GAME – WEEK 1
Game Day Schedule – HOME - Vandegrift vs. Dripping Springs
Friday, August 30, 2024 - 700 PM
Monroe Stadium, 9600 McNeil Dr. Austin, TX 78750

715 AM – Student Leadership Team Meeting
815 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the game to the band hall

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

308 PM – Released from School (Pit Time)
335 PM – Pre-Game Run Through in Stadium
435 PM – Inspection
450 PM – Dinner
545 PM – Get Dressed in FULL UNIFORM
600 PM – Concert Arcs/Warmup (water jug, instrument, garment bag, flip folder)
618 PM – In Two's – ready to move to stadium
620 PM – Depart for Stadium
625 PM – Setup Arcs near Stands (Pregame)
630 PM – On the starting line to Perform
635 PM – Perform! (PREGAME)
645 PM – Pre-Game (School Song, Fight Song, etc.)
700 PM – Kick Off
815 PM – Half Time – Kicking for Cash and **Legacies Tune "Born this Way"
**945 PM – Game Concludes (School Song, Fight Song, Announcements)
**These times are approximate and will depend on the length of the football game.

Uniform Expectations - Haircuts (Required to wear the marching uniform.)

- Students with **long** hair will need to put it up in a bun with hairspray before loading the bus. Hair must be worn appropriately at all times when in uniform.
- Students with **shorter** hair must trim hair so that it does not touch the collar of the jacket and must be above the top of the ear.
- Please plan accordingly to have a haircut before the first game if needed

End of Summer Social

Our end of summer celebration at Main Event for all band and vision students will be Friday 8/16 at Main Event North. It will be 5:30 - 9:30 PM and include two slices of pizza, and all you can play activities for 4 hours.

Address: 13301 North Highway 183
Austin, TX 78750

Tickets will be available for purchase on Paypal. Purchase price is: $25
Parents are welcome to stay and talk in a separate area if they would like. There will be tables reserved and food/drink available for purchase.

Main Event Ticket Order Form

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

Join the Booster facebook page!

A great way for parents to keep connected with the program throughout the year is the Vandegrift Band & Vision Booster Club facebook page.

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

Photography - See wonderful photos of your band and Vision members

Our photography team is already hard at work capturing the joy and hard work of our students! Pictures are available at https://vhsband.smugmug.com/ and the password is 24ChasingVHS.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast – Tuesday, August 13

Each year, the Band hosts a special breakfast for all 240 VHS teachers and staff the morning before school starts! We need your help to make this event a success. Please sign up to contribute to the breakfast here: Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Sign Up. There are opportunities to donate money, provide items, and to volunteer at the event itself. Send any questions to the Hospitality Chair, Nina Nickerson, at hospitality@vhsband.com

Uniforms Team

If you would like to help put the finishing touches on our uniforms, please send an email to unforms@vhsband.com or get in touch with Jade Polk at (512) 426-7168. During summer band mornings we will be focusing on hems , ironing, and sorting racks by instrument section. We could use help from those who sew as well as those who don't! During summer band afternoons students will be trying on their uniforms so that we can pin up the hems and snap the sleeves to the correct length. You will be in on Chasing Infinity from the very beginning! There's a party in the closet!

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

All volunteer signups are posted at the VHS Band Volunteer portion of our website. These opportunities include: chaperones, hospitality/hydration, and pit vipers.

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

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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

"Every next level of your life will demand a different version of yourself." - Natalie Brite