

# Marching Corps Information 101

## 2026-2027

Hello Parents of a 2026 – 2027 Band/Color Guard Student –

Here is a brief guide to make your lives a little easier through communication for the 2026-2027 VHS Band Season. Please review the information below and ask any questions you may have. NO QUESTIONS ARE DUMB! There are a lot of things going on, especially during marching season, so please let us know if you have questions so you stay informed.

**Communication** - We have a few ways to communicate with you to keep you in the loop concerning band:

1. **BAND** – The Band Parent Association Board will be switching from the REMIND app to the BAND app. With the changes in REMIND we feel this will be best for all of us! Here's how:

On your cell phone search for the band app you will see this icon



Search for: **Vallivue band Parents** (with this image )

Or with this QR code



Once you have added the app and ask to join the group, you will be asked a security question, please answer the question. We would like to verify we are adding the correct band parent.

2. **FACEBOOK** - We have a Facebook page you can join. We use this when we need to get info out quickly. To join our FB page, search Vallivue High School Band Parents and click join. In order to join, you will be asked a few questions so we can verify you are a band parent. Please answer those questions, or you may not be added to the group.
3. **EMAIL** - Please make sure you include your email on the Camp Registration form so we can add you to our email list.
4. **VALLIVUE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE**

[Website Link](#)

**ASB Card** – In case you weren't aware your son/daughter has to purchase an ASB card through VHS. This is the case for every student in Athletics, Cheerleaders, Band, Choir, Leadership, Speech, Debate Students, Color Guard and Dance. The cost is usually \$40.00 and is good for the entire school year. These are generally available for purchase online beginning August 1st. The fee for your ASB card must be paid to the school bookkeeper, NOT the Vallivue Band Parents Association. The ASB card gets the students into dances and other

events at a discounted rate. A portion of the money goes back into the VHS Band Program! Cards will be issued on picture day if you have paid online or send money with your child.

**Marching Band/Color Guard Registration and Fee** - To register for marching band/color guard you need to complete two forms.

1. Complete the Marching Band - Color Guard registration form. This can be done online @ <https://forms.gle/kC2Y3UmLg4v21DUu9> or complete the attached form and have your student bring it with them to the first day of camp.
2. Complete an Activity Consent/Medical release form online through "Rank One". This is a new program and details on how to complete it will be given at a future date. Please note, Band Students are not required to have a Physical. However, colorguard and any band students who are involved or planning to be involved in additional extra-curricular activities need one.

Fees are **\$120**, payable to the **Vallivue Band Parents Association**. Fees should be paid by the first day of camp. Fees do not just cover expenses for band camp, but cover expenses associated with the whole marching show, including meals provided for students throughout the marching season, t-shirts, clinicians, and other show expenses. If your student does not attend camp, the fee still needs to be paid. Fees can be paid through our online registration [form](#) or give checks/cash to the VBPA Treasurer Andrea Jenkins.

## **Schedule**

In order to have a successful performance season, it takes a lot of practice and hard work. The Summer/Fall Rehearsal/Performance schedule for 2026 will be finalized during camp and handed out the first day of school. After school rehearsals will be Mondays and Tuesdays in the evening from 6-8:30.

Please post the schedule on your refrigerator so you will know when you need to be in attendance. Always arrive 10 - 15 minutes early so that we will be able to get started on time!

**Drum Line & Percussion Pit Camp** will be **July 27th through July 31st**. The Marching Basics Camp for all **incoming freshmen and new students** to our program will be on **Friday, July 31st** from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Students will be provided lunch with the percussionists that day.) **Full Band/Color Guard Camp** will be **Aug. 3rd through Aug. 7th** from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and is **MANDATORY!** All students are expected to attend all sessions and rehearsals unless there is a major conflict (work is not considered a conflict). If this is the case, please inform the Director of this ASAP. **Registration/check-in** for band camp will be on **Aug. 3rd**, from 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. on the sidewalk in front of the VHS Band Room.

The Vallivue Band Parents Association will have gone to a great deal of effort in preparation and expense to feed you and to hire additional instructional staff, so please make every effort to be there.

## **THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO BRING TO CAMP:**

**LOW TOP TENNIS SHOES** w/ good athletic socks (**NO sandals or flip-flops**)

A **WATER JUG** with your name on it filled w/Gatorade, water, etc. to replenish fluids

A baseball **CAP** or **SUNHAT**

**SUNSCREEN**. This is very important! On the marching field you are exposed to a lot of sun. Be sure to wear sunblock w/adequate SPF protection.

**INSTRUMENT AND MUSIC**

**REGISTRATION FORM & BAND FEES**

**“Rank One” ONLINE ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION** (Information to be given at a later time)

**ABOVE ALL BRING A POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE (PMA)**

**WATER!!!!** Students need to bring their own water to camp and practices. WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOUR STUDENT BRINGS A HALF GALLON OR GALLON SIZE WATER JUG TO CAMP AND PRACTICES, SO THEY HAVE ENOUGH WATER!! Walmart has water jugs for \$8. It would be well worth your money to purchase one.

**Marching Shoes** - Our band is in desperate need of marching shoes for our students. We are offering parents the opportunity to purchase marching shoes for their student(s) to use and keep for future seasons. The cost is \$44.95 plus tax - so about \$47.65. We highly encourage parents to purchase shoes for their student as the ones we have to loan are well used.

**Volunteering** – Parents are expected to help **volunteer at one or two events** during the 2026-2027 school year. To stay updated on volunteer opportunities, please be sure that you are added to the email list, and join the Band App and/or the Facebook group. We have many opportunities throughout the season/year to volunteer, including:

- Sizing and measuring each student for a uniform
- Sorting, sewing, pressing, and organizing uniforms
- Preparing and serving snacks and meals for students
- Chaperones for DIII and other band competitions
- Help with TVFOB marching competition
- Grill cooks, cashiers, and food prep for football games and other events
- Concessions volunteers and more!!!

Our Volunteer coordinator is Melissa Whittier – Please feel free to contact her via email at [vallivuebandvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:vallivuebandvolunteers@gmail.com) if you are volunteering and have any questions.

To view and sign up for volunteer opportunities visit [sites.google.com/view/vallivuebandparents](https://sites.google.com/view/vallivuebandparents).

We would like to stress that WE NEED AS MUCH HELP AS WE CAN GET! This includes both band and color guard parents! We could not do what we do for our students without your help. WE NEED YOU!

**Symphonic Band & Wind Ensemble Dress Code** - After marching season the students will transition to Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble. Auditions are required for Wind Ensemble and those students not in Wind Ensemble will be in Symphonic Band.

The gentlemen are expected to wear a tuxedo regardless of what band they are in. Plan to purchase or rent your tuxedo before the season is upon us so you aren't scrambling to buy something at the last minute. Tuxedos can be purchased at Tuxedo Warehouse in downtown Nampa for around \$110 and the tuxes will be sized to your student so they can hopefully use it for more than one season. This includes the tux coat, pants, shirt, tie and cummerbund. They no longer rent Tuxedos, but they do offer free alterations within the 1st year of purchase. There may be upper classmen that have tuxedos they have outgrown, so if you are friends with parents of upper classmen, please check with them to see if anyone you know has one available.

Ladies in Concert Band and Wind Ensemble will need a long black dress. The Band Parent Association will assist with obtaining and placing an order for these dresses in the fall. Watch your email and Facebook and Band App for details.

### **Contact Information**

Eric Adamson – VHS Band Director – [eric.adamson@vallivue.org](mailto:eric.adamson@vallivue.org) - (208) 250-9341

VHS Band Parent Association – [vallivuebandparents@gmail.com](mailto:vallivuebandparents@gmail.com)

**Band Parent Association Board Members** - please email the VHS Band Parent email above and it will be forwarded to the appropriate person based on the question.

Thad & Charissa Phelps – Co-Presidents

Maria Marshall & Stephanie Badger – 1st Co-Vice Presidents

(We are looking for someone to fill this position. Can we add your name here?) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Andrea Jenkins – Treasurer

Melissa Whittier – Secretary/Volunteer Coordinator

**Thank you for your support, we couldn't do it without all of you!**