

Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

January 13 - 17, 2025

www.vhsband.com

Weekly Schedule

Week of January 13, 2025 - **Sectionals Begin** (Schedule will be available the week we return)

Monday, January 13 - Sectionals; Jazz Orchestra meets after school 4-630pm

Tuesday, January 14 - Sectionals; Jazz Ensemble meets after school 4-6pm

Wednesday, January 15 - Sectionals; Letter Jacket Fittings 730-815am

- Richard Floyd clinic w/Wind Ensemble

Thursday, January 16 - Sectionals

Friday, January 17 - Sectionals

Week of January 20, 2025 - **Sectionals meet as scheduled**

Monday, January 20 - No School Today - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21 - Sectionals; Jazz Ensemble meets after school 4-6pm

- Joe Dixon Clinics in class

Wednesday, January 22 - Sectionals; Letter Jacket Fittings; Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal 4-630pm

Thursday, January 23 - Sectionals

Friday, January 24 - Sectionals; Basketball Band (optional)

***The remaining scheduled is posted on the VHS Band Calendar at www.vhsband.com*

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 GOOGLE CLASSROOM FOR YOUR CONCERT ENSEMBLE

Wind Ensemble (Class Code - [yrxnyzt](#))

Symphonic Band (Class Code - [4kpatru](#))

Concert Band I (Class Code - [vm3a7qr](#))

Concert Band II (Class Code - [qsptuny](#))

MUSIC FOR UIL – Students should have their music in class every day. Any student who needs to replace UIL music should speak to their director before school each day for a new copy. Some UIL music may be available on Google Classroom.

Please be sure you have the following music printed:

- Fundamentals Packet (Woodwinds and Brass)

Our 2025 All-State Band students include:

Alexi Heroux, 11th Grade, Flute

Yiming Peng, 11th Grade, Eb Clarinet, 1st place

Luke Xu, 10th Grade, Bb Clarinet, 1st place

Francisco Ardila, 12th Grade, Bb Clarinet

Manny Pasala, 10th Grade, Bass Clarinet

James Park, 12th Grade, Bassoon

Myameen Zaidi, 12th Grade, Bassoon

Anthony Kunz, 12th Grade, Trumpet, 1st place

Jonas Heath, 12th Grade, Trumpet

Victor Basu, 12th Grade, Tenor Trombone

First alternates to the All-State Band:

Ethan Huey, 12th Grade, Bb Clarinet

Tibbie Mustacchia, 11th Grade, Oboe

Gabby Ng, 11th Grade, Bassoon

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20	NO SCHOOL
February 1	Parade through Steiner Ranch - Football Celebration
February 4	Band Booster Meeting
February 12	TMEA Convention - All Staff and All-State Students
February 13	TMEA Convention - All Staff and All-State Students
February 14	TMEA Convention - All Staff and All-State Students
February 15	TMEA Convention - All Staff and All-State Students
February 17	NO SCHOOL
February 26	Texas Medal of the Arts Performance - Midwest Percussionists & Select Marching Band/Vision
March 1	UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest
March 4	Percussion Ensemble Concert
March 6	Chamber Ensemble Concert
March 14-19	Hawaii Trip
March 28-29	Visionary - Dance Concert
March 29	Texas A&M Kingsville Jazz Competition - Jazz Orchestra (Varsity)

Spring Sectional Days

Wind Ensemble					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (7:15-8:15am)	WE	WE	WE	WE	
Symphonic Band					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (7:00-8:00am)		Tuba/Euph		Trumpet	Double Reeds
Afternoon (3:50-4:50pm)	Flute	Clarinet	Trombone	Saxophone	
Concert Band I					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (7:00-8:00am)	Horn	Clarinet	Flute	Trumpet	Tuba/Euph
PIT (9:50-9:20am)		Oboe		Oboe	
Afternoon (3:50-4:50pm)	Altos		Trombone	Low Reeds	
Concert Band 2					
Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning (7:00-8:00am)					Brass
Afternoon (3:50-4:50pm)				Woodwinds	

Wind Ensemble Spring Schedule (Including Sectional Dates)

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

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS (1-10-25)

Sectional Rehearsals

Weekly sectional rehearsals for all woodwind and brass players begin on Monday, January 13. These weekly rehearsals are mandatory for all members of the section scheduled. Conflicts should be communicated well in advance to directors.

Make Music Cloud Smart Music Assignments for Concert Band I and Concert Band II

Mr. Murray will be posting Smart Music/Make Music Cloud assignments for students in Concert Band I and II. These short musical practice assignments help our woodwind and brass students prepare for UIL Concert and Sight Reading Evaluation in April. Participation in these assignments will be a factor in auditioning for the 2025 VJper Band.

Vision Dance Company "Visionary" and "Vanguard" Tech Rehearsals

We have posted the tech rehearsal schedule for our upcoming Visionary and Vanguard Dance Concerts. All Vision members should see the email from Ms. Hopkins for the detailed schedule of after school rehearsals. We are so excited for our upcoming performances.

An Invitation to RETURN TO BAND for students who dropped

If you have a friend in the Vandegrift Community who dropped out of band and would like to return, please come see Mr. Lipman and let's get them enrolled ASAP. We are working to grow our band and Vision program through this spring and into 2025-26.

Solo and Ensemble vs. Solo Concerto Contest information vs. Chamber Music

We have three different events at VHS for students to work solos or ensemble music:

UIL Solo and Ensemble – A limited number of VHS students may attend this event to qualify for the UIL State Solo and Ensemble contest. Students begin preparing a solo from the Prescribed Music List (PML) in November/December and have an accompanist. They will compete in March to earn the opportunity to advance to the UIL State Solo Contest, which is held annually in May each year in Austin. Students should speak to one of the band directors .

VHS Concerto Contest (Solo Contest) – Held at VHS each spring in April and May, this is our campus solo and ensemble contest, where students prepare solos to compete and perform on campus. This process is open to all students, and participation is highly encouraged. We have NOT done sign-up for this yet. Students should work with their lesson teachers to select a solo. If a student needs help, they can ask any band director.

Chamber Music – Held at VHS. Open to all students. Chamber music groups are groups of students who all play the same instruments. Since our sections don't get to meet all together after marching season ends, our chamber groups allow our students a weekly opportunity to play together under the direction of one of our studio teachers. These are low stress, fun rehearsals that are more for bonding and camaraderie. Younger players can learn from our older players. We will prepare music together to perform at the March 6th concert. Mr. Murray coordinates chamber music, and students can still participate. Percussion students perform in ensembles that they work in class every day, for their March 4th concert.

Chamber Music Weekly Rehearsal Schedule (open to ALL WW and Brass)

	Monday PM (5-6)	Tuesday PM (5-6)	Wednesday AM (7-8)	Wednesday PM (5-6)	Thursday PM (5-6)
Black Box		Flute (Start 1/14)	Trumpet (1/15)		Saxophone (Start 1/9)
Ensemble Room	Tuba/Euph (Start 1/13)	Horns (Start 1/14)		Double Reed (1/15)	
Band Hall				Trombone (Start 1/15)	Clarinet (Start 1/16)

ARCHIVED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TMEA All-State Results

[Click here](#) to view results from our TMEA All-State and All-Region contests. Vandegrift had 10 All-State Students in 2025. Also, 60 students advanced to the region band, the highest total in the region. We also had 26 students advance to TMEA Area. This is so impressive and we are so proud of all of our band members who participated in the region process.

Band Toy Drive in Support of Dell Children's Medical Center - THANK YOU

Thank you so much to every Vandegriff Band & Vision family for supporting our toy drive efforts. I am pleased to announce that we delivered **620 toys** to Dell Children's Medical Center this past Tuesday afternoon.

I am amazed by the generosity and outpouring of love from our community. I didn't know what to expect when I launched the toy drive a year ago. Much to my surprise, we delivered 316 toys in our inaugural year. This year, we nearly *DOUBLED* our donation, delivering 620 toys to the families spending the holidays there. This speaks volumes about the generosity of the extended Vandegriff family and the local Austin community. We often don't realize our actions' effect on others—the impact a single gesture or toy can have. I am grateful for all the support received to make this Toy Drive an incredible success. Thank you!!

If you have questions, please reach out to our student coordinator, Sebastien Patel, at sebastien.patel25@k12.leanderisd.org.

10/1 Booster Club Meeting Slides

Thank you to everyone who attended the booster meeting, either in person or through Facebook Live. We discussed the schedule and reminders for the season, reviewed our fundraising accomplishments, provided an overview of the budget to date, presented volunteer opportunities, and other miscellaneous items. The slides are available here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1OWQ60Kvst19FszluwfbPn0PLcXYkHa164lr_KiFzNmE/edit?usp=drive_link If you have any questions, please reach out to Jess Cance at president@vhsband.com.

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.

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.

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 - [RankOne Signup Link](#)
 - Directory - [Directory Form](#)

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

“You must make a **choice** to take a **chance** or your life will never **change**.” - Zig Ziglar