Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

October 7 - 12, 2024

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Weekly Schedule

Week of October 7, 2024 - After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, October 7 – No Events

Tuesday, October 8 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)
Katie VanDoren Clinic, Tom Bennett Clinics SB and CB

Wednesday, October 9 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-550pm)
Tom Bennett attends after school rehearsal

Thursday, October 10 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)
Tom Bennett Clinic WE; Mike Howard attends after school rehearsal

Friday, October 11 – Home Football vs. Cedar Ridge @ Monroe Stadium - **Senior Night**

Saturday, October 12 – Texas Marching Classic Competition at Kelly Reeves (Required for all band/Vision)

Week of October 14, 2024 - After school rehearsals are required of all Band/Vision students

Monday, October 14 – No School**; Full Band & Vision Rehearsal EARLY today (100pm-300pm)**

Tuesday, October 15 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)
Joe Dixon in class w/Brass; Scott Koter in town w/marching band & Vision

Wednesday, October 16 – UIL Region 32 Marching Contest - Gupton Stadium

Thursday, October 17 – Full Band & Vision Rehearsal (350pm-620pm)

Friday, October 18 – Away Football vs. Manor @ Manor

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 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 and 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.

INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

GAME DAY SCHEDULE: HOME Football Game Friday, October 11, 2024
Vandegrift vs. Cedar Ridge - 7:00 PM @ Monroe Stadium

Bring all items needed for performance

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

**Highlighted items are for seniors only
700 AM – Student Leadership Team Meeting
745 AM – Parade through school drumline and WE brass / LR
815 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the game to the band hall

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

308 PM – Released from School/End of Day PIT
330 PM – Run Through Rehearsal - Stadium
415 PM – Seniors head straight to Dinner
430 PM – Inspection
445 PM – Seniors finish dinner; get in uniform for pictures
445 PM – Underclassmen eat dinner and get dressed
500 PM – Seniors take pictures (report to PAC entrance to line up for pictures)
545 PM – 9-11th grade meet in tuning circles
605 PM – 9th-11th grade Block up, head into stadium; get set to watch seniors
615 PM – Seniors move to stadium
635 PM – Senior Night presentation
650 PM – Pre-Game (School Song, National Anthem, etc.)
650 PM – Seniors additional pictures in front of Field House in Letter Jackets
700 PM – Kick Off
****8:15 PM – Halftime: VHS Legacies and Band Perform; full half-time show and "Magnificent 7"**
**1000 PM – Game Ends
**1015 PM – CLEAN AND DISMISSED
***All of these times are approximate and depend on the length of the football game.*

BAND COMPETITION - Texas Marching Classic
Saturday, October 12, 2024
Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 10211 W. Parmer Ln, Austin, TX 78717
**This competition is a Prelims-Finals format. If we advance past prelims, we will compete again in the Finals.

Parent Tickets – For ticket and event information -
https://aftontickets.com/texasmarchingclassic

Parking – There is no charge for spectator parking.

9:30 AM - Band Hall Opens
10:30 AM - Rehearsal
11:30 AM - Rehearsal Ends/Load Truck
11:45 AM - Inspection/Lunch (in cafeteria)

1:00 PM - Depart VHS
1:45 PM - Lot arrival time
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM - Pit Warm Up Time
2:40 - 3:20 PM - Band/Vision Warm Up Time
3:25 PM - Pit/Props Report to Field
3:30 PM - Band/Vision Report to Field (South Gate)
3:45 PM - Performance!
4:00 PM - Out of Uniform/At gate for Finalists announcements
4:30 PM - Preliminary Awards Ceremony
5:00 PM - Meeting/Dinner

The schedule for the remainder of the evening will be based on making finals, and what our potential draw would be in that finals competition. The outline from TMC for the rest of the evening is as follows:

6:30 PM - Ticket Office and Stadium Open
7:05 PM - National Anthem
7:15 PM - Cedar Ridge HS Band Exhibition Performance
7:30 PM - First Performing Finalist Band
10:30 PM - Last Performing Finalist Band
11:00 PM - Finals Rewards – Full Retreat
11:30 PM (estimated ending time at stadium)
12:30 AM (estimated depart)
1:00 AM (estimated arrival)

PERFORMANCE - UIL Region 32 Marching Contest
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Gupton Stadium, 200 Gupton Way Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613
Link to purchase TICKETS for UIL Region Marching
2:45 PM Vision Dismissed from Class
3:00 PM Band Dismissed from Class
3:20 PM Run Through on Band Practice Field
4:20 PM Load at Practice Field
4:30 PM Inspection and Dinner
5:45 PM Load Buses
5:55 PM **BUTT IN SEAT**
6:00 PM Depart VHS
7:00 PM Arrival - Gupton Stadium, 200 Gupton Way Dr., Cedar Park, TX 78613
7:55 PM Warmup (Area B)
8:35 PM Move to Field (Published schedule is wrong)
8:40 PM Front Ensemble/Prop Stadium Arrival Time
8:45 PM Band/Battery/Vision Stadium Arrival Time
9:00 PM Viper Band and Vision Dance Company Performs!
9:15 PM Load Equipment
10:15 PM Depart Gupton Stadium
11:00 PM Arrive at VHS

Other Important Upcoming Events

- October 8, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- October 9, 350-550pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- October 10, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- October 11 — **FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Cedar Ridge (HOME) - Senior Night!**
- October 14, 400-630pm — **Monday Rehearsal - No School (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- October 15, 350-620pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- October 16 — **UIL Region 32 Marching Contest**
- October 17, 350-550pm — **Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)**
- October 18 — **FOOTBALL - Vandegrift vs. Manor (AWAY) - Manor High School Stadium**

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

REGION MASTERCLASSES (Dates Below)

	Monday AM	Tuesday AM	Wednesday AM	Thursday AM
Band Hall	Saxophone	Euphonium	Trumpet	Tenor Trombone
Ensemble Room	Tuba	Flute	Bassoon	Horn
Kitchen	Bass Trombone		Oboe	Bass Clarinet
PAC	Clarinet			

- **October 7 – Normal Schedule**
- **October 14 – NO MASTERCLASSES (Student Holiday, UIL Region, PSAT)**
- **October 21 – No THURSDAY Masterclasses (Homecoming Parade on Wednesday)**
- **October 28 – Normal schedule**
- **November 4 – No MONDAY or TUESDAY Masterclass (Student Holidays)**
- **November 11 – NO MASTERCLASSES (UIL State Trip)**
- **November 18 – Normal schedule**

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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_KjFzNmE/edit?usp=drive_link If you have any questions, please reach out to Jess Cance at president@vhsband.com.

Seniors - Don't Forget to Bring Your Letter Jacket to the Band Hall by 10/9!

Please bring your letter jacket to the band hall to hang on the racks near the uniform closet. If you don't have a letter jacket, there are a few spares that you will be able to wear for the picture after you are honored on the field. Please be checking your emails for details about the evening - the latest detailed email was sent on 10/2. If you have any questions, please reach out to Amy Nearing at membership@vhsband.com.

New Spirit Wear Items in Time for the Holidays - Orders Due 10/11

The spirit wear team has coordinated with a vendor to sell sterling silver Viper charms, earrings, keychains, and lapel pins. Orders need to be in by next Friday (10/11) and everything will arrive in early December. The full inventory is available at: https://vandegrift-hs-band-and-vision-booster.square.site/shop/jewelry/12





Senior Night Update - Please check your emails senior families
Senior families should have received an email on 9/3 with a link to fill out information that will be announced on Senior Night, October 11th. We are still needing information from a few families. Please look for an email from membership@vhsband.com. If you haven't had a chance to fill it out please do so. If you did not receive an email and you are a senior student or family, please also email membership@vhsband.com. Thanks!

STUDENTS & PARENTS: 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

STUDENTS AND PARENTS: MAKEMUSIC/SMARTMUSIC Assignments for Woodwinds and Brass
SmartMusic/MakeMusic assignments will be posted soon. These assignments focus on the technical moments of the marching show. There are 3-4 of them for all to complete. Minimum score to play those parts in performance is 96%. Students will be graded on completing the assignments, not on how the computer scores them. Students who complete the assignments to the best of their ability will receive a passing grade.

Uniforms
The Uniform team is looking for volunteers to wash gloves (after each performance day), and uniform tops and bibs (after Oct 4 and Oct 25 performances). We're still looking for Uniforms Deputy, too! Reach out to Jade Polk (uniforms@vhsband.com) if you're interested!

PARENTS: 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.

PARENTS: 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

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.



STUDENTS & PARENTS: 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.

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.

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

"No person ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and they're not the same person."