



Vandegrift High School Band
Weekly Announcement Sheet
February 20-25, 2012
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Weekly Schedule:

Week of February 20 – *modified Concert Band Sectional schedule due to Solo Competition Prelims*

Monday, February 20 –
Tuesday, February 21 – **Solo Competition Recital** (see attached schedule)
Wednesday, February 22 – **Solo Competition Recital** (see attached schedule)
Thursday, February 23 – **Solo Competition Recital** (see attached schedule)
Friday, February 24 –
Saturday, February 25 – **UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest** (see attached schedule)

Week of February 27 –

Monday, February 27 –
Tuesday, February 28 –
Wednesday, February 29 – **CRMS and FPMS Pre-UIL** (Student Volunteers needed)
Thursday, March 2 – **Solo Competition Finals Dress Rehearsal** (for Finalist only)
Friday, March 3 – **Solo Competition Finals** (all students required to attend, parents are highly encouraged to attend)

Solo Competition:

Preliminary Contest - Tuesday-Thursday, February 21-23
Finals Concert – Friday, March 2

Solo Competition Prelims

The Solo Competition will begin this Tuesday-Thursday with the “Solo Competition Prelims.” Every member of the Vandegrift HS Band will perform in the preliminary competition. Each student will perform their solo accompanied by piano for students, parents and judges. This year’s prelims will be judged by staff members from VHS, CRMS and FPMS. Parents are encouraged to come and see their students perform and should plan to arrive early. In an effort to not keep students too late, we will work to get ahead of schedule, when possible.

Solo Competition Finals

The prelims judges will select 10 finalists from the 150+ prelims performances. These students will perform at a formal Finals Concert on Friday, March 2 at 7:00 pm. Parents, all VHS Band students and many band students from neighboring programs will be in attendance. The finalist students will compete for a \$500, \$250 and \$150 scholarship, which is provided by the Band Booster Organization. Finalist students will also receive points toward obtaining their letter jacket. This year’s Solo Competition Finals judges are:

Dr. Mary Ellen Cavitt, Professor of Music and Graduate Studies-Texas State University
Adah Toland Jones, Professor of Flute-Texas State University
Rick Rodriguez-Percussion Director, Cedar Ridge High School

Solo Competition Finals – Guest Artist

Each Finalist Student will be given the opportunity to work with our Guest Artist. Each year, the guest artist will participate in all finalist student rehearsals and will perform at the conclusion of the Finals Concert. This year’s guest artist is trombonist Dr. Martin McCain. A brief bio is listed below.

“Martin McCain’s career as a musician spans an impressive scope of genres. A third-generation musician, he maintains a versatile performance schedule. As a soloist, Dr. McCain has appeared with several ensembles and performs recitals throughout North America. Next spring, he will be broadcast on Austin’s 89.5 KMFA Classical radio station. McCain is a founding member of the highly acclaimed, award-winning jazz trombone ensemble, JazzBoneyz, who has been featured at several major conferences including the International Trombone Festival and the Eastern Trombone Workshop. As a chamber musician, Dr. McCain is also a founding member of the Minor 4th Trombone Quartet who has recently been endorsed by Michael Rath Trombones and has upcoming performances in Europe. McCain performed at the 2010 International Trombone Festival with the four ensembles including the William Cramer Trombone Choir, an ensemble comprised of outstanding performers who currently hold professorships at American universities. As an orchestral musician, McCain performs with the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra and has also performed with the Austin Symphony Orchestra, Austin Lyric Opera, Victoria Symphony Orchestra and San Antonio Opera. As a jazz musician, he has performed with the Vendetta Big Band, Monster Big Band, Contemporary Works Jazz Orchestra and other commercial jazz bands.”

Honorable Mention Recognition

In addition to recognizing finalist students, the Prelims judges will also recognize 10-15 “Honorable Mention” performers. These students will be recognized at the Finals Concert and will also receive letter jacket points for this honor.



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Accompanist Rehearsals: Piano accompanist rehearsals for solo and ensemble contest continue this week. Most accompanist rehearsals take place during band classes, but a few will take place before school. The schedule (attached) is listed by accompanist, and then chronologically.

Piano Accompanist Fee: The \$50 *Piano Accompanist Fee* is now **PAST** due for all **Woodwind and Brass** students. Please turn in all monies to Mr. Howard.

Official Band Calendar: Online: www.vhsband.com. There will be no paper copies of the band calendar. Updates will occur occasionally. It is your responsibility to stay current with this calendar.

CDL Licensed Band Parent: We are in need of a parent(s) who are, or are willing to get, CDL licensed to drive the tractor / trailer for the band. Currently there are only three licensed drivers for the program (THANK YOU Mr. Jensen, Mr. Isburgh, **AND Mr. Schriener**). If conflicts occur in their schedule(s) we will be without a driver! PLEASE HELP!!! Contact Mr. Spicer if you are interested. These volunteers get us to all of our events at no cost to the band.

