

Vandegriff High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

August 24, 2020

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Weekly Schedule

Week of August 24 (In-Person opportunities are highlighted)

Region Band Masterclasses Begin - VIRTUAL

Monday, August 24 – VHS Band Booster Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 25 – **FULL BAND REHEARSAL (Virtual) – 4:15-5:15 PM**; Optional In-Person Battery Percussion Rehearsal – 4:45-6:45; Optional In-Person Leadership Workday – 4:45-6:45 (30 selected leaders only)

Wednesday, August 26 –

Thursday, August 27 – Optional In-Person Battery Percussion Rehearsal – 4:45-6:45; Optional In-Person Leadership Workday – 4:45-6:45 (30 selected leaders only)

Friday, August 28 – **Virtual Lawn Concert Videos Due by 11:59 PM**

Week of August 31 (In-Person opportunities are highlighted)

Region Band Masterclasses Continue - VIRTUAL

Monday, August 31 – **Parent Meeting: For all parents with students participating In-Person – 6:00 PM**

Tuesday, September 1 – Opt. In-Person Freshmen Training Sessions for Woodwinds and Brass – 4:30-6:30 PM (info below); Optional In-Person Battery Percussion Rehearsal – 4:45-6:45;

Wednesday, September 2 –

Thursday, September 3 - Opt. In-Person Freshmen Training Sessions for Woodwinds and Brass – 4:30-6:30 PM (info below); Optional In-Person Battery Percussion Rehearsal – 4:45-6:45;

Friday, September 4 –

Optional In-Person Battery Rehearsals and Student Leadership Workdays

- Percussion students will be dropped off AND picked up from the Band Rehearsal Field. Only staff and students will be permitted on the rehearsal field.
- Student Leaders will be dropped off AND picked up from the Band Hall. Only students who have signed up will be permitted to enter the building.
- Students will be required to wear a mask at all times. Students without a mask will not be allowed to participate.
- Students will rehearse at a distance 6 ft at all times.
- Students will be required to have a full water jug that will stay in their designated spot throughout the rehearsal.
- Students will be working in a 15 student:1 staff member ratio as part of a cohort
- All participating students must fill out the COVID-19 screening form prior to participation]

Optional In-Person Freshmen Training for Woodwind and Brass Players – Sept. 1st and 3rd

- During the week, Freshmen students will have the opportunity to sign-up to participate in new marcher training to be held on Sept. 1st and 3rd.
- New marcher training is highly recommended for new students that are planning to participate in-person for band
- Students who sign up will be assigned to a 15-person cohort for instruction. They will stay with this cohort for both rehearsals.
- Students will be working in a 15 student:1 staff member ratio as part of their cohort
- Students will be required to have a full water jug that will stay in their designated spot throughout the rehearsal.
- All participating students must fill out the COVID-19 screening form each day prior to participation
- Students will be required to wear a mask at all times. Students without a mask will not be allowed to participate.
- Students will rehearse at a minimum distance 6 ft at all times. All rehearsals will be outside.
- Students will be dropped off AND picked up from the Band Rehearsal Field. Only staff and students will be permitted on the rehearsal field.

Master Classes Begin This Week! (Woodwinds and Brass) – Virtual for all

Please see the email earlier today from Mr. Tharp with Master Class information. As discussed in all classes, we begin our Region Band Masterclasses this week. As a reminder, all Wind Ensemble and Symphonic band members are required to attend. Any concert band 1&2 members who are working on region music in lessons and want to participate are invited, as well.

Parent Meeting: For all parents with students participating in person – Monday, August 31 @ 6:00 PM

We will have a parent meeting for all parents who have a student participating in-person. We will discuss schedule, student expectations, risk mitigation protocol and procedure, upcoming events/football games and we will take an opportunity to answer questions. Zoom information for this meeting is as follows:

Topic: Viper Band and Vision Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829411694?pwd=R1ZEM0hzTy9lVVp1QXBCVUJh5aTM4dz09>

Meeting ID: 848 2941 1694

Passcode: govipers

School Zoom Information

Now that our Virtual Year has begun, please check your Google Classroom Page for Zoom Information for your respective band class. BE SURE to arrive to your classes on time and ready to go!

LISD Volunteer Approval is Required for All Band Volunteers

Update - we have 34 approved volunteers and will need many more. Please submit your volunteer application as soon as possible if you plan to volunteer with the band in any capacity. <https://www.leanderisd.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=79318&pageId=567575>

Once approved, please forward your email confirmation to vp@vhsband.com.

Other Important Upcoming Events

Friday, October 9 – Football Game vs. Stony Point (HOME) – All In-Person Students
Friday, October 16 – Football Game @ Vista Ridge (AWAY @ Gupton) – Small Pep Band Only
Friday, October 23 – Football Game vs. McNeil (HOME) – All In-Person Students
Friday, October 30 – Football Game vs. Cedar Ridge (HOME) – All In-Person Students
Friday, November 6 – Community Night Performance – Monroe Stadium – All In-Person Students
Friday, November 20 – Football Game vs. Hutto (HOME) – All In-Person Students

Official Band Calendar: Please visit our official calendar at vhsband.com. This calendar will be maintained and updated on a regular basis.