

Vandegriff High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

August 31, 2020

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Weekly Schedule

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 – 7:00 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 –

Week of September 7 (In-Person activities are highlighted)

In-Person After-School Rehearsals Begin; VIRTUAL Region Band Masterclasses Continue

Monday, September 7 – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September 8 – REHEARSAL – Woodwinds, Front Ensemble, Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 9 – REHEARSAL – Brass, Battery – 4:45-7:00 PM

Thursday, September 10 – REHEARSAL – FULL BAND and Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM

Friday, September 11 –

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

- There are still a small number of remaining spots for Freshmen Training this week! Please sign up at:
 - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4cabac2da1fec25-week2>
 - Access Code: govipers
- 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 must have comfortable shorts, a light-colored t-shirt and athletic shoes for rehearsal
- 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.

After-School In-Person Rehearsals – PHASE 1 – Beginning 9/8

On September 8, we will begin phasing in after-school rehearsals with all in-person students. In an effort to start with smaller groups, students will only be required to come to two rehearsals, rather than the usual three. PHASE 1 of In-Person rehearsals will last for at least three weeks and will run as follows:

Tuesday	Woodwinds, Front Ensemble, Vision	4:45-7:00 PM
Wednesday	Brass, Battery Percussion	4:45-7:00 PM
Thursday	FULL BAND and VISION	4:45-7:00 PM

(Thursday release will begin at 6:40 and will release groups of students in 5-minute intervals in the following order: Front Ensemble, Vision, Woodwinds, Battery, Brass)

We will discuss guidelines and expectations, as well as answer questions, at the meeting on Monday, 8/31.

Master Classes Continue 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 began our Region Band Masterclasses this past 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 @ 7:00 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. **The meeting has been moved to 7:00 PM to accommodate parent schedules.** Zoom information for this meeting is as follows:

Topic: Viper Band and Vision Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829411694?pwd=R1ZEM0hzTy9lVVp1QXBVCVU5aTM4dz09>

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 56 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.

Band Shirts for Friends and Family

Each year all Band & Vision students receive a complimentary shirt that has the logo for the marching show of the year. This year is unique and the shirt will represent it! This t-shirt is ONLY available for purchase through the VHS Band Booster store: <https://vandegrift-hs-band-and-vision-booster.square.site/>. Follow the link to "**Additional 2020 Band Shir**". The artwork is not quite available yet for preview... but based on past shirts, this one will not disappoint! We are still taking orders.... order your family shirts today!!

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.