

# Vandegriff High School Band

## Weekly Announcement Sheet

September 14, 2020

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### Weekly Schedule

Week of September 14

**In-Person After-School Rehearsals Continue; Masterclasses Cancelled** due to last week in grading period

**1st/5th Period Battery Rehearsals Begin this week from 8:00-9:30 AM** (contact Mr. Hobbs with questions)

**Monday, September 14 –**

**Tuesday, September 15 – Virtual Marchathon Meeting via Zoom – 7:30 AM; REHEARSAL –**

Woodwinds, Front Ensemble, Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM

**Wednesday, September 16 – REHEARSAL – Brass, Battery – 4:45-7:00 PM;**

Vision Online Masterclass, 4:30-6:00

**Thursday, September 17 – REHEARSAL – FULL BAND and Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM**

**Friday, September 18 –**

\*\*All After-School rehearsals will be held outdoors. In the event of inclement weather, decisions regarding rehearsal cancellations will be made at 3:30 PM.

Week of September 21

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

**Monday, September 21 – Band Booster Executive Board Meeting, 6:30 PM (Zoom)**

**Tuesday, September 22 – REHEARSAL – Woodwinds, Front Ensemble, Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, September 23 – REHEARSAL – Brass, Battery – 4:45-7:00 PM**

**Thursday, September 24 – REHEARSAL – FULL BAND and Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM**

**Friday, September 25 – AWAY Game vs. Cedar Park (Pep Band Only) \*\***

\*\*A separate email will be sent this week allowing students to designate whether they want to participate in the pep band. All who are interested should fill out the form.

### **(Virtual) March-a-thon! – Required Kick-Off Meeting, Tuesday @ 7:30 AM on Zoom**

Band fundraising kicks off this Tuesday, September 15th, with a new Virtual March-A-Thon campaign. In this meeting, we'll reveal the special zoom video performance that we're using to draw interest in this campaign and feature our amazing musicians. For freshman parents and students, we use an online fundraising campaign where we ask all students to enter the email addresses of their friends, neighbors and family members into a private, secure band database, and this enables donations directly to the band. Attached is the Pledge Packet, with more details on how this works.

**Freshman - please come to the Tuesday morning band meeting prepared with your list of email addresses for this campaign to get it started on time.** For the rest of the band, we'll use this time to get you logged into the site from last year, and verify the same email addresses you entered in previous years.

#### Zoom Info for Kick-Off Meeting:

Topic: Viper Band and Vision Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829411694?pwd=R1ZEM0hzTy9lVYp1QXBCVUh5aTM4dz09>

Meeting ID: 848 2941 1694

Passcode: govipers

**In Person Students – the meeting will be live-streamed in the band hall at 7:30 AM.**

**Logistical Information for Students Phasing In to In-Person Learning (during class)**

- **At this time, only students participating in 100% In-Person learning, that are scheduled to Phase In this week, should come to band/Vision class.** Virtual Learners who are planning to do in-person band class will have that opportunity made available as the band staff works through the phase in process. \*\*Percussionists will be allowed to come in this week for morning percussion rehearsals.
- In-Person students who have masterclasses in the morning will be provided a space in the band hall to do their masterclass. Students should have appropriate technology to do their masterclass virtually.
- Tomorrow, in-person students will be able to drop off their instrument/water jug in a designated spot in the band hall. During class, they will be provided a locker after going through the facility orientation.
- The band hall will be open at 7:15 AM for any student needing to do a masterclass virtually. **The band hall will not be open as a space to congregate prior to school starting.**
- The band hall will be open for instrument drop-off/1<sup>st</sup> period preparation beginning at 8:00 AM.
- The band hall can no longer be used as a space to eat/prepare lunch/etc. Microwaves, sinks and water fountains will not be available.
- **Practice Rooms/Ensemble Rooms** – there will specific practice rooms available for different periods of the day. Practice rooms are available to one student per period. After use they will be disinfected and stay empty for one hour. A practice room is not available for use unless the door is open and the light is off
- From 4:00-4:30 PM, In-Person students can utilize the band hall for studying. Students CAN ONLY sit on a designated spot (green tape) or students can go outside. Students who want to practice can do so outside. The field is open!

#### **After-School In-Person Rehearsals Continue this week – ALL STUDENTS**

On September 8, we began 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. In-Person rehearsals 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 6:45 and will release groups of students in 5-minute intervals in the following order: Front Ensemble, Vision, Woodwinds, Battery, Brass)*

#### **Carpool Information form is Open!**

If you are interested in participating in a carpool, please fill out the google form at <https://vhsband.com/carpool/> to get on a list. This is completely optional and should be done only if you are comfortable with participating.

#### **Volunteers Needed!**

We are still seeking volunteers. Signups will be open at **9:00 AM on Wednesday, 9/16** on the band website so now is the time to get approved to volunteer. As a reminder, all volunteers must be cleared through Leander ISD. We are asking you to forward your approval email to [vp@vhsband.com](mailto:vp@vhsband.com) to expedite the process. If you haven't already completed your application to volunteer please follow these two steps:

- Step 1: Submit for your background check at [https://leander.ezcommunicator.net/edu/leander/login\\_form.aspx?app=0](https://leander.ezcommunicator.net/edu/leander/login_form.aspx?app=0)
- Step 2: Forward the email from the district that states that you are an approved volunteer to [vp@vhsband.com](mailto:vp@vhsband.com).
- Optional Step 3: If you would like to volunteer with the Band Aid - complete the [LISD medical training](#) (3 steps: watch video, do the knowledge check, sign the HIPAA form and email it to the district nurse). Then, email [bandaid@vhsband.com](mailto:bandaid@vhsband.com) to let her know this is done. You must also be an approved LISD volunteer to volunteer with Band Aid.

#### **Other Important Upcoming Events**

Friday, September 25 – Football Game @ Cedar Park (AWAY @ Gupton) – Small Pep Band Only

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](http://vhsband.com). This calendar will be maintained and updated on a regular basis.