

Vandegriff High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

September 7, 2020

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Weekly Schedule

Week of September 7

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 –

**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 14

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

Monday, September 14 –

Tuesday, September 15 – REHEARSAL – Woodwinds, Front Ensemble, Vision – 4:45-7:00 PM

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

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

Friday, September 18 –

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.
- 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/1st period preparation beginning at 8:15 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!

Link to Last Week's Meeting for In-Person Band Procedures

If you were unable to attend last week's meeting regarding in-person activities, please see the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9K8X3gIyoTQ4xjUjXMDfp4b4xTbhGIIma9nU57YDkjdMTj3Wg1bbgD-tGVs.10xOLKTCFjdUXzUO?startTime=1598918799000>

After-School In-Person Rehearsals – Beginning 9/8 – ALL STUDENTS

On September 8, we will begin 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 6:40 and will release groups of students in 5-minute intervals in the following order: Front Ensemble, Vision, Woodwinds, Battery, Brass)

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.

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!

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.

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://vande-griff-hs-band-and-vision-booster.square.site/>. Follow the link to "**Additional 2020 Band Shirt**". **We are taking orders until Friday, September 11....** order your family shirts today!!



March-a-thon!

Band fundraising will be kicking off soon, with a new Virtual March-A-Thon campaign that will start on Monday, September 14th. The band directors are working on a special zoom video performance that we'll use 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. Please start assembling your email lists now, and we'll go over how it works on the 14th. For the rest of the band, we'll be using the same email addresses you entered in previous years.

Volunteers Needed!

We are still seeking volunteers. Signups will soon be open 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 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
- Step 2: Forward the email from the district that states that you are an approved volunteer to 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 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, 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.