

# Vandegriff High School Band

## Weekly Announcement Sheet

December 14, 2020

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### Weekly Schedule

Week of December 14

#### **Last Week of the Semester!**

**Monday, December 14 – Winter Concert, 7:00 PM – Details below**

**Tuesday, December 15 –**

**Wednesday, December 16 – Viper Jazz Rehearsal, 4:30-6:00 PM**

**Thursday, December 17 –**

**Friday, December 18 – Early Release Day; Last Day of the Semester**

#### **Concert Band Rehearsals – 12/14 (in Band Hall)**

**All students with a school-owned marching band instrument will return the instrument to the ensemble room prior to the start of their rehearsal. Students with a marching band instrument who are not in the concert, will return the instrument between 4:30-5:30 PM.**

8:00-9:30 AM – Wind Ensemble

10:30-11:30 AM – Symphonic Band

3:00-4:00 PM – Concert Band 2

6:00-6:45 PM – Concert Band 1 (pre-concert Warm-Up)

#### **Winter Concert Information – Monday, December 14 – LIVESTREAM begins at 7:00 PM**

This year's winter concert will include live performances from all four concert bands and the Vision Dance Company. Due to the nature of our current COVID-19 situation, parents and community members will only be able to access this event via livestream. Our typical Winter Concerts have several hundred family and community members in attendance, so we want to be sure there is access for all to see this event! With that said, students will have the opportunity to watch each band/Vision ensemble perform. Students will perform for their peers and for all those tuned in on the Livestream!

#### Student information is as follows:

- 6:00 PM – Concert Band 1, Concert Band 2 and Vision Arrive
  - Concert Band 1 – Band Hall
  - Concert Band 2 – Cafeteria
  - Vision – Auxiliary Gym
- 6:30 PM – Symphonic and Wind Ensemble will meet in Competition Gym
- 6:45 PM – All Students move to designated location in Competition Gym
- 7:00 PM – Livestreamed event begins!
  - Event will take place in the VHS Competition Gym
  - Students will have the opportunity to perform AND watch performances
    - Order of Performance – Vision, Concert Band 2, Concert Band 1, Symphonic, Wind Ensembled
- 8:15 PM – Event Ends
- 8:30 PM – Students available for pick up
- DRESS – Students should wear semi-formal attire (we will discuss this with each band)
  - Jeans and T-shirts are not acceptable
  - Holiday attire is permitted

#### Parent and Community Information

The concert will go live at <https://vhsband.com/live>. We would love to get as many logged on as possible!

While it is difficult to not have our normal concert experience for our community, I feel that this plan will allow for us to operate safely while still providing an experience for our students. The student experience is at the core of our decision-making process and I appreciate you allowing us to focus on this while still providing our families and community the ability to see and hear all performing ensembles.

### **2020 Charity Drive! – A message from VHS Band President, Forrest Norrod**

Each year, our band picks an organization that supports children and families in need. This year, we felt that it was extremely important to pick an organization that was local and that supported the entire family. The charity that we chose is [Foundation Communities](#). This charity originated at UT Austin and provides social services and housing for low income or homeless people and families of all ages. It is the largest provider of low-cost housing in Austin.

Usually, we ask for toys or other items to be dropped off in the band hall during the drive. This year, things are going to operate differently due to COVID-19. Instead of physical items, we are setting up a website that will allow for donations of cash directly to Foundation Communities. Their plan is to give this money directly to the people so that they can buy the items that they need. By doing this virtually, this will decrease possible exposures and will streamline the event so that anyone and everyone can participate. We are hoping to raise at least \$5,000 for this organization.

To donate, simply click the following link and you will be taken to the VHS Band website at Foundation Communities.

[Foundation Communities | Creating housing where families succeed in Austin and North Texas. | Holiday Assistance Program: Vandegriff High School Marching Band & Vision Dance Company](#)

### **Support VHS Band and Vision by buying on Amazon Smile!**

Just in time for the holidays, don't forget to setup your Amazon account so that .5% of your purchases will be donated to Vandegriff Band & Vision. It's one of the easiest ways for you to benefit the band automatically all year long. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select "Vandegriff High School Band Booster Club" as your charity.

### **Spiritwear Update**

Please visit the band store for stocking stuffers. Due to production difficulties, the Stronger Together ornaments are no longer available. For those that ordered, more details will be sent in the coming days. We will attempt to get these ornaments at a later date.

### **Other Important Upcoming Events**

Monday, December 14 – Winter Concert

**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.