

Vandegriff High School Band and Vision Dance Company Summer Reminders and Information July 25, 2021

SUMMER BAND!!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 26-30, 7am-4pm• July 31, 8am-12pm• August 2-6, 7 am-4 pm• August 3, 7 pm• August 7, 7am- 12pm• August 9-10, 4pm-8pm• August 11, 8:00 am• August 11, 9am-12pm• August 11, 1:30-3:00 pm• August 12, 4:15-6:15 pm• August 13, 6:30pm• August 14, 6:30-7:30 pm• August 27, FOOTBALL | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)March-A-Thon (required for all Band and Vision members)Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)Band Procedures and Band Booster Meeting (required for one parent per member)Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (required for all Band and Vision members)Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)Band PicturesSummer Band Rehearsal (required for all Band and Vision members)End of Summer Band Main Event Party!Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park (required for all Woodwind, Brass and Battery)Vandegriff vs. Cedar Park @ Gupton Stadium (AWAY) |
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***Students will need to bring a lunch for all Summer Band Rehearsals and Percussion Camp Rehearsals. There will be an hour-long lunch during all these rehearsal days.*

COVID Precautions and Expectations

As we start up our band season, the band staff and school district are closely monitoring the constantly evolving COVID-19 pandemic. As we have in the past, we will strictly adhere to policies and procedures as set forth by LISD and TEA. We do strongly recommend vaccination for our students as a means to help ensure their ability to have uninterrupted participation in our band program throughout the semester. Vaccination is one way we can help prevent student quarantines, which will be important to a successful performance season.

The band staff will also utilize the following additional precautions and expectations:

- LISD recommends wearing masks when indoors. The band staff will adapt the speed of teaching as needed for students who are utilizing masks during rehearsals. Playing masks WILL be allowed during rehearsal as long as the district recommendation is in place. While we are not providing playing masks, we can assist students with how to turn a disposable surgical mask into a playing mask if needed. Mask wearing is currently recommended and as with all things, students will be accepted and supported with whatever choice their family has made regarding mask wearing.
- The band staff asks that students NOT attend rehearsal if they are experiencing COVID symptoms. Many of our students will be active for the first time in a while, and it will be important to discriminate between COVID symptoms and physical fatigue due to exercise.
- The sharing of water jugs, food, etc. is absolutely prohibited and will be monitored.
- The band staff will work through district administration, when needed, for contact tracing, quarantines, etc. We will follow district guidelines and expectations to ensure the safety of our students.

As we move forward, we will continue to be flexible and prepared for adjustments to our processes. If we've learned anything this year, it's how to adapt. We are committed to providing an exceptional experience for our students, while working within the guidelines of the district and state.

Attendance

Attendance is required at summer rehearsals. The band staff will utilize attendance, spring auditions, show music pass-off's and visual performance during the first week to determine decisions regarding Varsity and Non-Varsity marching positions. If you have questions regarding attendance, please email mike.howard@leanderisd.org.

Band Booster Meeting, August 3 – 7:00 PM (Mandatory for at least one parent per student)

At the Band Booster Meeting, we will be discussing new medical procedures for students in the VHS Band as well as other necessary information as we move into the marching band season. Because of this, this meeting will be mandatory for at least one parent/guardian per student in the organization.

March-A-Thon

Saturday, July 31, 2021, 8:00 am-Noon. March-A-Thon is back! The VHS Band and Vision Dance Company will return to the streets of Steiner Ranch to kick off the upcoming marching season. Fundraising via [Fund-Team.com](https://www.fund-team.com), [generic link](#), starts this Tuesday at Band Camp. [Volunteer sign-up](#) is full. Parents, thank you!!

Dri-Fit and Marching Shoe Exchanges

If you received Dri-Fit shirts, shorts or marching shoes today, please take a moment to try them on. Exchanges can be made for items that don't fit properly but only for a short time. If a size needs to be changed, please send an email to uniforms@vhsband.com right away. A Fitting & Exchange form was included with every Dri-Fit and shoe order. Please

complete the form and submit with the items to be exchanged. The deadline to make exchanges is **Wednesday July, 28th**.

Carpool Interest Form is Live

If you are interested in communicating with others about carpooling, please complete the [carpool interest form](#). The booster club does not endorse or organize carpools but will help interested parties find each other.

Spirit Wear

For added convenience, we've added our hoodies and duffels with optional free personalization and additional show shirts to the [Spirit Store](#). If you ordered these items during the registration process, you do NOT need to order again. Due to personalization, these items are only available for purchase for a limited time. Orders must be placed by 11:59 pm August 4, 2021.

Also, order customized Band Mom, Band Grandma, Vision Mom, or Vision Grandma shirts - these will be live in the on-line store on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 - August 4, 2021. This is the only time to order these special items for the 2021-2022 academic year.

If you are a Mom or Grandma with students in both Band and Vision, you can order a "Vandegriff Band and Vision" shirt (it will not say Mom or Grandma) and it has the same options for text on the back. Email spirit@vhsband.com if you have questions.

JOIN THE BAND APP!!

All students should join the BAND app for the marching band. Please be sure you have joined the BAND App at <https://band.us/n/a8a756h0Hboa2>

STUDENT Expectations prior to Summer Band

MEMORY WORK. All Brass and Woodwind players should arrive to Summer Band with the Part 1 and 2 of our Show, MEMORIZED. We will begin hearing times for this music individually on the first day of summer band. Preparation of this music will help determine Varsity and Non-Varsity positions. All show music and part assignments can be found by doing the following:

JOIN THE MARCHING BAND GOOGLE CLASSROOM – Class Code – dwxtlou

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzQ4MDA1MjQ5MzMy?cjc=dwxtlou>

- Join the Google Classroom
- Check your part assignment (listed by band)
- Print all show music

- **GO OUTSIDE!!** We will be outside from 7 am-11 am each day of summer band and we WILL BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE! Get outside now and get use to outdoor activity. Whether this is running, working out, playing basketball, hiking, etc, consistent outdoor activity will REALLY HELP prepare you for summer band. This will help you focus on playing and marching well!

- **All student will be required to have the following items for summer band:**
 - Athletic shoes (running, cross-training, etc); students will not be able to participate without the correct shoes
 - A Hat
 - Sunglasses
 - Loose and comfortably fitting athletic shorts
 - LIGHT COLORED comfortably fitting t-shirts
 - Water Jug (**you will receive this at registration**)-students will not be allowed to participate without a FILLED water jug
 - Flip Folder with all Game Music (you can purchase this at registration)

- **MUSIC PRINTING – ALL MUSIC FOR PRINTING IS ONLINE** using the information found above. Please be sure you have the following music printed. As more music is added we will notify students:
 - Juliet Letters, Part 1 and 2
 - School Song
 - Fight Song
 - Stand Shorts
 - Pretty Fly
 - Feel This Moment
 - Magnificent Seven
 - I Want Candy

ONLY JULIET LETTERS NEEDS TO BE MEMORIZED. Please only focus on the memorization of your show music. All other music will be used in your flip-folder.

- **Staff Responsibilities** – Please see below about which staff member to contact to get the quickest possible response to the listed subject matters
 - **Joe Hobbs** – All things Percussion, Transportation
 - Joe.hobbs@leanderisd.org
 - **Kyle Norris** – School Owned Inventory, RankOne, SmartMusic, Region Band, Concert Band 1
 - Kyle.norris@leanderisd.org
 - **Katie VanDoren**– Private Lessons, Solo Competition, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band 2
 - Katherine.vandoren@leanderisd.org
 - **Mike Howard** – Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Program Administration, Calendar
 - Mike.howard@leanderisd.org

- **PREPARE!** The more physically and musically prepared you are, the more successful you and the entire group will be. Remember that great individuals and great organizations START STRONG and START FAST.

"One person can make a significant difference, and one small group of determined people can change the course of history." – Sonia Johnson