

## **Vandegriff High School Band and Vision Dance Company Summer Reminders and Information August 1, 2021**

### SUMMER BAND!!

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| • August 2-6, 7 am-4 pm   | <b>Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)</b>                |
| • August 3, 7 pm          | <b>Band Procedures and Band Booster Meeting (required for one parent per member)</b>    |
| • August 7, 7am- 11am     | <b>Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)</b>                |
| • August 9-10, 4pm-8pm    | <b>Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)</b>                |
| • August 11, 8:00 am      | <b>Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (required for all Band and Vision members)</b>        |
| • August 11, 9am-12pm     | <b>Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band and Vision members)</b>                |
| • August 11, 1:30-3:00 pm | <b>Band Pictures</b>  |
| • August 12, 4:15-6:15 pm | <b>Summer Band Rehearsal (required for all Band and Vision members)</b>                 |
| • August 13, 6:30pm       | <b>End of Summer Band Party and Parent Social!!</b>                                     |
| • August 14, 6:30-7:30 pm | <b>Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park (required for all Woodwind, Brass and Battery)</b> |
| • August 27, FOOTBALL     | <b>Vandegriff vs. Cedar Park @ Guppton Stadium (AWAY)</b>                               |

*\*\*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 continue 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 are 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 to determine decisions regarding Varsity and Non-Varsity marching positions. If you have questions regarding attendance, please email [mike.howard@leanderisd.org](mailto:mike.howard@leanderisd.org).

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

Due to the nature of information being discussed, the first Band Booster meeting of the year is required for one parent per student (as it has been in the past). The meeting will be held in the VHS Cafeteria. Masks are recommended while indoors and we ask that only one parent per student joins the meeting in person. This will allow attendees to distance as needed. Additional family members are welcome to join the meeting online at the link below:

Topic: Viper Band and Vision Meeting  
Time: Tuesday, August 3 – 7:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84829411694?pwd=aWlsVVhoY0hXbjB4aWUvOEplbjJrdz09>

Meeting ID: 848 2941 1694  
Passcode: Vipers

### March-A-Thon

March-A-Thon, the event, was a tremendous success and fun for everyone involved! March-A-Thon, the fundraiser, continues for 26 days. We had a fantastic start and collected \$72,000 of our \$85,000 goal. Parents, please check with your students and confirm their participation.

### **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.

### **Photos and Videos**

Be sure to check the [photo section](#) of the band and vision website regularly as it is updated throughout the season. The password is ViperBand2021.

### **Spirit Wear**

REMINDER!!! Orders for the hoodies, duffles, extra show shirts, and Mom/Grandma Band/Vision shirts must be placed by 11:59 PM on August 4, 2021. Personalization is free for the hoodies and duffles. The first line on the back for the Mom/Grandma shirts is free; an extra line is \$3.00 each. Order online at the [vhsband.com store](#).

### **Reminder - Keep Handicapped Spaces Clear**

Please remember not to park, idle in front of, or pull into the handicapped parking spaces unless you have an approved handicap placard or license plate. There are members of our community who rely on these spaces for equitable access.

### **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 for 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
  
- **All students are 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-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
  - Tainted Love
  - Brand New Day

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](mailto:Joe.hobbs@leanderisd.org)

- **Kyle Norris** – School Owned Inventory, RankOne, SmartMusic, Region Band, Concert Band 1
    - [Kyle.norris@leanderisd.org](mailto:Kyle.norris@leanderisd.org)
  - **Katie VanDoren**– Private Lessons, Solo Competition, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band 2
    - [Katherine.vandoren@leanderisd.org](mailto:Katherine.vandoren@leanderisd.org)
  - **Mike Howard** – Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Program Administration, Calendar
    - [Mike.howard@leanderisd.org](mailto: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***