

Vandegriff High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

August 23-27, 2021

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Weekly Schedule

Week of August 23

Region Band Masterclasses Begin

Monday, August 23 – Policy and Procedure Signature Page Due to Mr. Norris' office

Tuesday, August 24 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

Wednesday, August 25 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:15 PM (Early Release Day)

Thursday, August 26 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM; **Outdoor Courtyard Pep Rally During PIT** (Show-Shirts)

Friday, August 27 – **Football Game vs. Cedar Park (HOME)** – Itinerary Below

For Thursday's Pep Rally, students will wear show shirts. Students will be released from 2nd period at 11:15 AM.

Week of August 30

Region Band Masterclasses Continue

Monday, August 30 –

Tuesday, August 31 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

Wednesday, September 1 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:15 PM (Early Release Day)

Thursday, September 2 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

Friday, September 3 – **Football Game vs. Killeen Ellison (HOME)** – **8th Grade Night!** – Itinerary Below

Wednesday Early-Release Day Rehearsals Moving Back to 4:15-6:15

As you know, most Wednesdays throughout this year's school year are Early Release Days and it was our goal to start rehearsals earlier. However, several of our students are enrolled in ACC through VHS and these classes do not adhere to the early release schedule. Because of this, we must move back to our 4:15-6:15 time slot for Wednesday rehearsals. The adjustments have been made on the calendar.

The band facility will be open for studying and practicing between the end of school and the start of rehearsal. This is a GREAT TIME for students to take care of homework/study/go to tutorials. We will highly encourage this with our students!

Region Master Classes Begin THIS Week!

The 2021 Region Band Master Classes begin this week! All Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band and several Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 2 students are participating. The master class schedule is listed below. Percussion classes are scheduled and communicated by Mr. Hobbs.

All Masterclasses begin at 7:30 unless otherwise indicated

Monday

Trumpet (Elorreaga) – Choir Room – **7:15 AM START** (will move back to Thursday next week and on)

Soprano Clarinet (Councilor) – Band Hall

Saxophone (Rosinbum) – Ensemble Room

Bass Trombone (Arrendando) – Kitchen

Tuesday

Horn (Kroenig) – Band Hall

Bassoon (Onieal) – Ensemble Room

Oboe (Cruz) – Kitchen

Wednesday

Tuba (Hummel) – Band Hall

Trombone (Dorsey) – Ensemble Room

Euphonium (Mest) – Kitchen

Thursday

Flute (Kaplan) – Ensemble Room

Bass Clarinet (McElhinney) – Kitchen

VHS Band and Vision COVID Update

As I'm sure you have heard, Leander ISD has announced a district-wide mask requirement effective **Wednesday, August 18.**

As mentioned in previous communications, I want to be sure to update our band family on specific impacts that LISD Policy and Procedure changes will have on our daily operations within the band program and Vision Dance Co.

MASKS INDOORS:

Leander ISD requires woodwind / brass students to wear masks during indoor band rehearsals unless students are actively playing their wind instruments. Percussion students will remain masked while playing indoors. Masks are also expected for Vision Dance Company students, but optional when actively dancing.

As mentioned in previous band communication, students may use "playing masks" if they choose. Students are permitted to wear a "normal mask" and simply pull it down to play and pull it back up when not playing. The students had much practice at this throughout last year and this should be an easy adjustment. The band program will not be providing playing masks.

Leander ISD requires all staff, parent volunteers, and visitors to wear masks while indoors. If there are questions about the LISD Mask Policy, Opt-Out, etc – please contact LISD Administration.

MASKS OUTDOORS:

Leander ISD's policies regarding masks during **outdoor** activities (including marching band rehearsals, performances, and competitions) have not changed (recommended but optional).

DAILY EVENTS:

All Viper Band rehearsals, master classes, and private lessons (before, during, and after school) will continue as scheduled.

As a Band and Vision Staff, we are committed to doing all that we can to provide an exceptional experience for our students as we navigate through this situation.

March-A-Thon Update

The fundraising campaign continues through August 27. Reminder emails will automatically be sent to prospective donors August 24. Help us once more by sharing this campaign link or your child's personalized link on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat. Every contribution helps!

Spirit Wear – Shirt Pick Up this Tuesday

Mom/Grandma shirts are in and will be available for pick up on Tuesday from 6:15 - 6:45PM at the band field. Please note: duffles and hoodies have not yet arrived from our vendor and will be available for pick up at a later date

UPCOMING ITINERARIES

Football Game - WEEK 1

Game Day Schedule – HOME - Vandegriff vs. Cedar Park, August 27 - 7:00 PM

Monroe Stadium, Vandegriff High School

7:15 AM – Student Leadership Team Breakfast

8:40 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the game to the band hall

- Black Shoes
- Black Performance Wear
- Black Socks
- Instrument (cleaned and polished)
- Flip Folder
- Water Jug (full)

3:45 PM – Pre-Game Run Through in Stadium

4:45 PM – Inspection

5:00 PM – Dinner

5:45 PM – Get Dressed in UNIFORM

6:15 PM – In Two's – ready to move to stadium

6:20 PM – Warm Up in End Zone

6:30 PM – On the starting line to Perform

6:35 PM – Perform! (PREGAME)

6:45 PM – Pre-Game (School Song, Fight Song, etc.)

7:00 PM – Kick Off

****8:15 PM – Half Time – Perform with Legacies and Kicking for Cash**

****9:45 PM – Game Concludes (School Song, Fight Song, Announcements)**

****10:00 PM – Students Back in Band Hall and Dismissal**

****These times are approximate and will depend on the length of the football game.**

Football Game - WEEK 2 - **MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT!**

Game Day Schedule – HOME - Vandegriff vs. Killeen Ellison, September 3 - 7:00 PM

Monroe Stadium, Vandegriff High School

7:15 AM – Student Leadership Team Breakfast

8:40 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the game to the band hall

- Black Shoes
- Black Performance Wear
- Black Socks
- Instrument (cleaned and polished)
- Flip Folder
- Water Jug (full)

3:30 PM – Pre-Game Run Through in Stadium

4:15 PM – Section Time with 8th Graders/Meet 8th Grade Buddies

4:30 PM – Rehearsal with 8th Graders

5:00 PM – Dinner with 8th Graders

5:45 PM – Get Dressed in UNIFORM

6:15 PM – In Two's – ready to move to stadium

6:20 PM – Warm Up in End Zone

6:30 PM – On the starting line to Perform

6:35 PM – Perform! (PREGAME)

6:45 PM – Pre-Game (School Song, Fight Song, etc.)

7:00 PM – Kick Off

****8:15 PM – Half Time – Perform with Legacies and with ALL Band 8th Graders!** (8th Grade students leave after Half Time)

****9:45 PM – Game Concludes (School Song, Fight Song, Announcements)**

****10:00 PM – Students Back in Band Hall and Dismissal**

****These times are approximate and will depend on the length of the football game.**

Other Important Upcoming Events

Friday, August 27 – Football Game vs Cedar Park (HOME)

Friday, September 3 – Football Game vs. Killeen Ellison (HOME)

Monday, September 6 – NO SCHOOL, Labor Day

Friday, September 10 – Football Game @ San Angelo Central (AWAY)

Friday, September 17 – Football Game @ Stony Point (AWAY)

Saturday, September 18 – Dripping Springs Drumline Contest

Friday, September 24 – Contest Preview Performance

Saturday, September 25 – Bands of America Austin Regional

Monday, September 27 – LISD Festival of Bands

Official Band Calendar: Please visit our official calendar at vhsband.com. This calendar will be maintained and updated on a regular basis.