Vandegrift High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet August 30-September 3, 2021 www.vhsband.com

Weekly Schedule

Week of August 30

Region Band Masterclasses Continue; A-Week Hearing Times** Monday, August 30 – Tuesday, August 31 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM Wednesday, September 1 – Rehearsal, 3:00-5:00 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

**Please check the Region Band Google Classroom for your hearing time schedule.

Week of September 6

Region Band Masterclasses Continue

Monday, September 6 – NO SCHOOL Tuesday, September 7 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM Wednesday, September 8 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:15 PM Thursday, September 9 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM Friday, September 10 – Football Game @ San Angelo Central (AWAY) – Itinerary Below

Wednesday Early-Release Day Rehearsals Moving Back to 3:00-5:00 PM

As you know, most Wednesdays throughout the school year are Early Release Days and it has been our goal to start rehearsals earlier on those days. As of this past week, our ACC classes have aligned their times with the district early release schedule. Therefore, we WILL be able to rehearse earlier with the effort of getting our students home sconer on Wednesdays. The adjustments have been made on the calendar.

Region Master Classes Continue 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

<u>Monday</u>

Soprano Clarinet (Councilor) – Band Hall Saxophone (Rosinbum) – Ensemble Room Bass Trombone (Arrendando)– Kitchen

<u>Tuesday</u>

Horn (Kroenig) – Band Hall Bassoon (Onieal) – Ensemble Room Oboe (Cruz) - Kitchen

<u>Wednesday</u>

Tuba (Hummel) – Band Hall Trombone (Dorsey) – Ensemble Room Euphonium (Mest) - Kitchen

Thursday

Trumpet (Elorreaga) – Band Hall – **7:15 AM START** 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.

UPCOMING ITINERARIES

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

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

Monroe Stadium, Vandegrift 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.

FOOTBALL GAME – Week 3

Game Day Schedule – AWAY – Vandegrift at San Angelo Central HS – Friday, September 10 – 7:00 PM

1919 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904

7:30 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)

11:37 AM - Band Students report to Band Hall

12:00 PM - Run Through on Band Field/Announcements

12:30 PM – Inspection, Load and Lunch (Winds and Battery instruments under charter buses)

1:30 PM - Load Buses

1:45 PM – Depart Vandegrift High School

5:00 PM – Arrive at San Angelo ISD Stadium, 1919 Knickerbocker Rd, San Angelo, TX 76904

5:15 PM - Unload/Dinner

6:30 PM – Enter Stands

6:45 PM - Pre-Game (school song, national anthem, etc)

7:00 PM - Kick Off

**8:00 PM – Halftime (we will perform our show toward the Home Side)

**9:30 PM – Football Game Ends

**10:30 PM – Depart San Angelo ISD Stadium

**1:30 AM – Arrive at Vandegrift High School and Unload

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

Other Important Upcoming Events

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.