

Vandegriff High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

September 13-17, 2021

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Weekly Schedule

Week of September 13

Region Band Masterclasses Continue; No hearing times due to last week of six weeks

Monday, September 13 – TMEA Region Jazz Auditions (Westlake HS)

Tuesday, September 14 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

Wednesday, September 15 – Rehearsal, 3:00-5:00 PM (Early Release Day)

Thursday, September 16 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

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

Saturday, September 18 – Dripping Springs Drumline Contest – Itinerary Below

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

Week of September 20

Region Band Masterclasses Continue; C Week Hearing Times

Monday, September 20 –

Tuesday, September 21 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

Wednesday, September 22 – Wind Ensemble Midwest Pictures (AM); Rehearsal, 3:00-5:00 PM (Early Release Day)

Thursday, September 23 – Rehearsal, 4:15-6:45 PM

Friday, September 24 – Contest Preview Performance – Itinerary Below

Saturday, September 25 – Bands of America Austin Regional – Itinerary Below

Region Master Classes Continue THIS Week!

All Masterclasses begin at 7:30 unless otherwise indicated

Monday

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

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

Flute (Kaplan) – Ensemble Room

Bass Clarinet (McElhinney) – Kitchen

Senior Parents

If you have not filled out [the Google form](#) for your student for senior night, please do so ASAP.

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.

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 4

Game Day Schedule – AWAY - Vandegriff @ Stony Point, Friday, September 17-7:00 PM

Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 10211 W. Parmer Ln, Austin, TX 78717

7:15 AM – Leadership Meeting

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)

3:15 PM – Students are released to "End of Day" PIT (Band students report to band hall)

3:25 PM – Run Through Rehearsal - Stadium

4:15 PM – Inspection, Eat, Load Truck at the Stadium

5:15 PM – Load Buses

5:30 PM – Depart VHS

6:10 PM – Arrive at Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex

6:45 PM – Move into stands

6:50 PM – Pre-Game (School Song, National Anthem, etc.)

7:00 PM – Kick Off

****8:15 PM – Halftime: VHS Legacies and Band perform first (We will perform toward the Home stands)**

**10:00 PM – Game Ends

**10:30 PM – Load Truck and Buses

**11:00 PM – Depart Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex

**11:45 PM – Arrive at Vandegriff; Unload

***All of these times are approximate and depend on the length of the football game.*

DRUM LINE COMPETITION

"Thunder in the Hills" - Dripping Springs Drum Line Contest - Saturday, September 18

Tiger Stadium – 940 Hwy. 290 W., Dripping Springs, TX 78620

***Please eat Breakfast before you arrive!**

9:00 AM - Band Hall Opens

9:30 AM - Arrival
10:00 AM - Rehearsal Starts (battery/pit split)
12:00 AM - Lunch
1:00 PM - Full Percussion Ensemble (w/solists)
3:00 PM - Pack/Load
4:15 PM - Depart for Dripping Springs High School
5:15 PM - Arrive at Tiger Stadium - 940 Highway 290 West, Dripping Springs, TX 78620
5:20 PM - Unload/Dinner
6:00PM - Tune/Get dressed
6:15 PM - Move to Warm-Up
6:30 PM - Full Ensemble Warm Up (will start split)
7:30 PM - Move to Gate
7:40 PM - At Gate
7:45 PM - Perform!
8:00 PM - Load/Snack
8:45 PM - Awards (following Awards Students will push back to truck, change and begin to load)
9:30 PM - Depart for Vandegriff High School* (All depends on length of awards ceremony)
10:30 PM - Arrive Home* (depending on traffic and awards ceremony length)

***Items to remember:**

Sunscreen, water bottle, all uniform needs, additional money for shirts/concessions/etc...

Additional Notes:

- A lot of hard work has gone into preparing for this contest, please come out and cheer on your student. **Everyone performs better when they have an excited audience!**
- It will be a long hot day, please drink lots of water Friday night as well as all day Saturday.
- Any additional questions, please email me at Joe.Hobbs@leanderisd.org

PARENT PERFORMANCE

Contest Preview Performance, Friday, September 24 – 7:00 PM

Monroe Stadium – Vandegriff High School

**Parents can enter stadium through the home side gates. There are no tickets required for this event.

7:15 AM – Leadership Meeting
8:40 AM – School Begins – bring all items necessary for the performance to the band hall

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

4:00 PM – School Ends
4:15 PM – Run Through Rehearsal - Stadium
5:15 PM – Inspection, Eat, Change
6:15 PM – Pre-show Warm Up
6:45 PM – Move to Gate
6:55 PM – At Gate
7:00 PM – Enter Field
7:05 PM - PERFORM
7:25 PM – Meeting in the End Zone
7:45 PM – Hang up uniform correctly and go home and get some sleep!

BAND COMPETITION

Bands of America Regional Championship - Austin, Saturday, September 25

Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 10211 W. Parmer Ln, Austin, TX 78717

****This competition is a Prelims-Finals format. If we advance past prelims, we will compete again in the Finals Competition.**

Parent Tickets – For ticket and event information, please visit:

Parking – Spectator parking for this event is \$5.00. Parking attendants will accept cash upon entrance to the stadium.

9:30 AM – Band Hall Opens

10:00 AM – Students Arrive

10:15 AM – Run Through on Band Field

11:30 AM – Inspection and Load

11:45 AM – Eat Lunch

12:45 PM – Load Buses

1:00 PM – Depart Vandegriff High School

1:30 PM – Arrive at Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex, 10211 W. Parmer Ln, Austin, TX 78717

2:55-3:40 PM – Warm Up in Area C

2:55-3:25 PM – PIT Warm Up Time

3:35 PM – PIT Report to Gate

3:50 PM – Band Report to Gate

4:00 PM – Prelims Performance Time

4:15 PM – Prelims Competition Ends

4:30 PM – Uniforms off/put away equipment

4:30 PM – Prelims Awards Presentation

5:00 PM – Meeting/Dinner (should we draw an early finals time, dinner may be adjusted)

****The schedule for the remainder of the evening will be based on making finals, and what our potential draw would be in that finals competition. The outline from Bands of America for the rest of the evening is as follows:**

6:30 PM – Gates Open

7:00 PM – National Anthem and Introductions

7:30 PM – First Finalist Band Performs

10:30 PM – Finals Competition Ends

10:45 PM – Finals Awards Presentation

Other Important Upcoming Events

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 (Prelims Performance Time – 4:00 PM)

Monday, September 27 – LISD Festival of Bands

Friday, October 1 – Football Game vs. Vista Ridge (HOME)

Friday, October 8 – Football Game vs. McNeil (AWAY)

Saturday, October 9 – Texas Marching Classic (Prelims Performance Time – 12:15 PM)

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