

Vandegriff High School Band

Weekly Announcement Sheet

September 6-10, 2021

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Weekly Schedule

Week of September 6

Region Band Masterclasses Continue: B-Week Hearing Times

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, 4:15-7:00 PM (Run-through at 6:45 PM)

Friday, September 10 – Wind Ensemble Midwest Rehearsal – 8:00AM

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

Week of September 13

Region Band Masterclasses Continue

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

Region Master Classes Continue THIS Week!

The 2021 Region Band Master Classes continue this week!

All Masterclasses begin at 7:30 unless otherwise indicated

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

Adjustment to San Angelo Football Game

After careful consideration and discussions with campus administration, I have made the decision for the band not to travel to San Angelo on Friday, September 10 for the football game. Given the current LISD Risk Level and the length of travel, I feel this is a necessary decision for our students and volunteers. The students have had a fantastic week and I am committed to making decisions that aid in their ability to stay healthy and to keep their season going. We WILL be traveling to the Stony Point game the following week, which is much shorter travel for our students and volunteers. Thank you for your understanding regarding this schedule adjustment.

In an effort to perform for you this week, we will be extending Thursday's rehearsal by 15 minutes to do a run-through for any parents that are able to come and see the students. We are working on getting the third movement of the show on the field this week and would love an audience at the band field Thursday! The run through will be at 6:45 PM.

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.

Please see our latest photos and videos on our website!

Remember to check out the [photos and videos](#) from our photography team. The password is ViperBand2021.

UPCOMING ITINERARIES

FOOTBALL GAME - WEEK 4

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

Kelly Reeves Athletic Complex – 120211 W. Parmer Ln, Austin, TX 78717

7:15 AM – Leadership Meeting (leaders – see food schedule on VanDoren's window)

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 Vandegrift; 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 Vandegrift 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

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 – 4:15 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.