

2022 Vandegriff H.S. Band and Vision Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip

New York City, New York

Sunday, November 20 – Friday, November 25, 2022

Time Zone Change

Please be aware that all times listed for events in New York City, NY are in Eastern Standard Time.

Hotel Information

New York Marriott Marquis
1535 Broadway
New York, NY 10036
(212) 398-190

Meals

All meals will either be provided for the students or a meal per diem will be given to cover meals when they are with their chaperone groups.

Luggage Restrictions

Students will be spending five nights in New York City in November. Please pack conservatively but do make plans to dress warm. Students should bring layers (compression/heat wear, thermal underwear, etc.) to wear under their uniform and while walking around New York City.

Each student is allowed one checked bag. Checked bags must not exceed 62" in overall dimensions (length x width x height) and cannot exceed 50 pounds. Each student may also bring one carry-on item plus one personal item (purse, backpack, etc.). Your carry-on must not exceed 24"L x 16"W x 10"H. Your personal item must be able to fit under the seat in front of you. Be sure that all luggage (including carry-on) is clearly marked with your name, address, and phone number.

What to Pack...reminders

1. Cell Phone and charger (portable chargers are encouraged as well)
2. Back Packs and small bags (band duffel if you have one)
3. All Uniform Accessories
4. All instrument Accessories
5. Band Water Jug
6. Toiletries
7. Warm clothes (be prepared to dress in layers)
 - a. Jacket
 - b. Sweatshirt
 - c. Under garments (thermal underwear, compression leggings, etc.) to be worn under the uniform during the parade. All students **MUST** bring a top and bottom layer.
 - d. Hand/Feet warmers
 - e. Gloves
 - f. Scarf
 - g. Hat

Schedule

Always keep a copy of the itinerary with you. Be punctual...*to be early is to be on time*. It is not fair to the rest of the group to wait for you. Failure to adhere to the itinerary will result in disciplinary action.

Security

Most of you will be carrying money and valuables. Be aware that these items can sometimes "disappear" at any time. Be smart...do not leave luggage, purses, cameras, bags, horn cases, etc. in an unsecured area.

Respect of Adults

Directors, chaperones, hotel personnel, and park staff are to be always treated with the utmost respect. These adults are present to help you to have a fun and safe trip. They ARE NOT present to "wait on you." Be always polite and respectful. Please follow instructions the first time they are given.

Chaperone Groups

Students will spend most travel times with their chaperone groups. This is not optional, and students will be expected to follow directions from their chaperones while traveling on the subway or walking down streets in NYC.

Relationships

Public Displays of Affection are strictly prohibited at all times, in all places, when traveling with the Vandegriff Band and Vision Dance Company. Repeated violations will be handled appropriately.

Groups

Your primary travel companions will be your room and chaperone groups. You must stay in groups of three or more throughout the duration of the trip. This includes the hotel property, meals, and while walking around New York City. NEVER go off alone. Any student found alone will be disciplined appropriately.

Citizenship

Remember that you are representing yourself, your family, Leander ISD, Vandegriff High School and the Vandegriff Band Program. Your behavior should reflect this. All future band trips depend upon what happens on this trip.

Illness

Please report to a chaperone quickly if you ever feel ill.

Medicine

If you take prescription medication, it must be kept with the assigned chaperone.

Sleep

This is a **Performance** Trip, and you must be well rested to perform well. When given the opportunity, it is crucial for you to get as much rest as possible. "Lights out" means just that.

Prescription Medication

If your student requires an adult to administer prescription medication, there will be a medication check-in at the band hall on **Saturday, November 19 at 11:30 AM.** Please include the attached, district approved form and place the form and medication in zip-loc bag. The medication will be collected and logged as you turn it in. Look for the "Prescription Medication" table in the band hall. Prescription medication will only be handled and dispersed by staff members and LISD approved medical chaperones.

Notes Regarding Medication Form

As a reminder, the Prescription Medication Authorization Form requires a physician's signature for each medication. The medication must be in its original bottle and cannot be expired. A separate form must be submitted for each medication. Please note that we already have Over the Counter (OTC) Authorization Forms for each student; these were received at Band Registration.

Overnight Trip Rules – Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip 2022

1. There will be no boys in girls' rooms or girls in boys' rooms for any reason, unless in the presence of a band director or chaperone. Any student violating this rule will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
2. Students will not be out of their rooms after curfew unless accompanied by an adult chaperone or designated school sponsor. Students will be given a chaperone's phone number to call in case of an emergency. Any student in violation of this policy will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
3. The possession or use of any tobacco product, alcohol product, or illegal substance is strictly prohibited. Any student violating this policy will be sent home at the expense of their parents and referred to his/her campus administrator. Violation will result in immediate removal from the Band and Vision Program.
4. Any property damage will be paid for by the student(s) responsible for the damage.
5. Students are not to leave an assigned area for any reason or get into any vehicle other than school designated transportation.
6. Any student in violation of local, state, or federal laws will be turned over to law enforcement authorities. If the student returns to the group, he/she will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
7. Any student who excessively violates any trip guidelines will be sent home at the expense of their parents.
8. If a student is sent home for any reason, the parent/guardian agrees to pay the full cost of the student's return trip to Austin. The parent/guardian will provide appropriate information (credit card number, etc.) to school district personnel so that appropriate return transportation may be purchased.
9. Student will follow all policies set forth in the Vandegriff High School Band and Vision Handbook.
10. Violation of any of these rules may result in permanent removal from the Vandegriff Band and Vision Program.

Hotel Guidelines

1. Keep your room neat and clean at all times
2. No movies/room service will be available
3. Chaperones can and will enter rooms at any time for inspections
4. Any suspicious activity will be investigated immediately
5. Curfew will be strictly enforced
6. The hotel will have many other guests...be courteous and quiet when not in your room
7. Never congregate in the halls

I have read and understand the rules and guidelines for the 2022 Vandegriff High School Band trip to New York City for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Student Name

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

2022 Vandegriff H.S. Band Itinerary

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Trip – New York City, New York

Saturday, November 19, 2022

7:30 AM	Band Hall Opens (eat breakfast before you come)
8:00 AM	Run Through Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Get Dressed!
9:30 AM	Warm Up
9:50 AM	On the Starting Line
10:00 AM	Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade Performance!
10:30 AM	Load Truck
11:30 AM	Final Trip Meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperone Introductions • Medication Check-in

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – TRAVEL DAY

3:00 AM	Student Group A, B, C1, and C2 meet at the Band Hall
3:30 AM	Depart to the Austin Bergstrom International Airport.
4:00 AM	Arrive at the airport and begin to check in.
4:00 AM	Student Group D1, D2, and E meet at the Band Hall
4:30 AM	Depart to the Austin Bergstrom International Airport.
5:00 AM	Arrive to the airport and begin to check in.

Please see attached PDF for specific flight plan information for each travel group.

11:35 AM	Student Group C1 and C2 arrive at Newark (EWR)
12:30 PM	C1/C2 - Depart for Hotel/Times Square
2:00 PM	C1 will start City Tour from hotel in Times Square C2 will go to hotel to have lunch in Times Square (chaperone groups)
12:25 PM	Student Group D1 and D2 arrive at New York (JFK)
1:30 PM	D1/D2 - Depart for Hotel/Times Square
2:30 PM	D1 will go to hotel to have lunch in Times Square (chaperone groups) D2 will start City Tour from hotel in Times Square
12:43 PM	Student Group B arrives at Newark (EWR)
2:00 PM	B – Depart for Hotel/Times Square
3:00 PM	B will start City Tour from hotel in Times Square
1:05 PM	Student Group A arrives at LaGuardia (LGA)
2:00 PM	A – Depart for Hotel/Times Square
3:00 PM	A will go to hotel to have lunch in Times Square (chaperone groups)
2:58 PM	Student Group E arrives at New York (JFK)
4:00 PM	E – Depart for Hotel/Times Square
5:00 PM	E will go to hotel to have dinner in Times Square (chaperone groups)

After hotel check-in and unpacking, dinner will be in chaperone groups in Times Square/Midtown.

8:00 PM	Must be back in Hotel
9:00 PM	Full Group Meeting in Hotel
9:30 PM	Room Check

Monday, November 21, 2022

6:00 AM	Depart for Breakfast (walk to Dallas BBQ in chaperone groups)
6:15 AM	Breakfast at Dallas BBQ (241 W 42 nd Street)
7:00 AM	Load buses from hotel for rehearsal
8:30 AM	Arrive at Chelsea Piers (Chelsea Piers 1 Blachley RD. Stamford, CT 06902)
8:45 AM	Unload instruments, uniforms, equipment for rehearsal
9:00 AM	Rehearsal Begins
11:00 AM	Rehearsal Ends
11:15 AM	Lunch delivered to Chelsea Piers
1:00 PM	Depart Chelsea Piers for hotel
2:00 PM	Arrive at hotel, unload instruments and uniforms into rooms
4:30 PM	Group 1 Dinner (John's Pizzeria 260 W 44 th Street)
5:45 PM	Group 2 Dinner (John's Pizzeria 260 W 44 th Street)
7:15 PM	Depart for Radio City Music Hall (1260 Ave of the Americas)
8:00 PM	Christmas Spectacular at Radio City
10:00 PM	Show Ends/Return to Hotel with chaperone groups
11:00 PM	Room Check

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

7:00 AM	Depart for Breakfast (walk to Dallas BBQ in chaperone groups)
7:15 AM	Breakfast at Dallas BBQ (241 W 42 nd Street)
8:15 AM	Load buses from hotel for performance in Central Park
8:45 AM	Arrive at Central Park (Naumburg Bandshell, Terrace Dr. Near, W 72nd St, New York, NY)
8:50 AM	Unload instruments
9:00 AM	Warmup/Setup for Performance
9:30 AM	Perform!
10:00 AM	Celebration/Group photo
10:15 AM	Opportunity for family photos with students before loading buses.
10:30 AM	Load instruments on buses
10:45 AM	Group 1 Depart for Lunch (on buses)
11:00 AM	Group 1 Lunch (Ellen's Stardust Diner 1650 Broadway)
12:30 PM	Seniors Depart for Senior Excursion (on buses)
12:30 PM	Group 1 Depart for American Natural History Museum (on buses)
1:15 PM	Group 1 Arrive at American Natural History Museum
3:30 PM	Group 1 Depart for hotel (subway with chaperone groups) (on buses)
3:45 PM	Group 1/Seniors Arrive at hotel (unload instruments)
4:00 PM	Group 1/Seniors dinner with chaperone groups (\$25 cash allowance)
	* Will adjust chaperone groups for Group 1/Seniors to accommodate different grouping of students. *
10:45 AM	Group 2 Depart for hotel
11:15 AM	Group 2 Arrive at hotel (unload instruments, relax at hotel)
12:15 PM	Group 2 assemble in meeting room
12:30 PM	Group 2 Depart for Ellen's Stardust Diner (walk with chaperone groups)
12:45 PM	Group 2 Lunch (Ellen's Stardust 1650 Broadway)
2:15 PM	Group 2 Depart for American Natural History Museum (subway with chaperone groups)
2:45 PM	Group 2 Arrive at American Natural History Museum
4:45 PM	Group 2 Depart for hotel/dinner with chaperone groups (\$25 cash allowance)
6:00 PM	Meet with chaperone groups going to specific Broadway show in meeting room
6:15 PM	Depart for theaters
	Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – Lyric Theater (214 W 43 rd Street)
	Beetlejuice – Marquis Theater (210 W 46 th Street)
	Aladdin – New Amsterdam (214 W 42 nd Street)
7:00 PM	Broadway Shows Begin
9:30-10:00 PM	Broadway Shows End (walk to hotel with Broadway chaperone groups)

10:30 PM Arrive at Hotel
11:00 PM Room Check

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

7:00 AM Depart for Breakfast (walk to Dallas BBQ in chaperone groups)
7:15 AM Breakfast at Dallas BBQ (241 W 42nd Street)
8:15 AM Ride subway to One World Observatory (with chaperone groups)
Various Times One World Observatory
9:00 AM – Group 1 (80 tickets)
9:10 AM – Group 2 (70 tickets)
9:20 AM – Group 3 (80 tickets)
9:30 AM – Group 4 (80 tickets)
9:40 AM – Group 5 (80 tickets)
9:50 AM – Group 6 (80 tickets)
Various Times Eat Lunch with chaperone group (Oculus, Brookfield Place, or Eataly)
Various Times 9/11 Museum and Memorial
12:00 PM – Group 1 (150 tickets)
12:30 PM – Group 2 (110 tickets)
1:00 PM – Group 3 (100 tickets)
1:30 PM – Group 4 (100 tickets)
Various Times Return to the hotel by subway (with chaperone groups)
7:00 PM **Full Group Meeting at Hotel**
7:30 PM Boxed dinner at Hotel (picked up on the way to student's room)
8:00 PM Room Check

Thursday, November 24, 2022 – PARADE DAY!

TBD Wake-up Rooms
TBD Load Buses (wearing uniforms; instruments uncased; all garment bags, shakos/shako boxes, and instrument cases under the bus)
TBD Parade Rehearsal
TBD Load buses; Depart for breakfast
TBD Arrive at Dallas BBQ for breakfast
TBD Depart Dallas BBQ for parade route
TBD Arrive parade route; assemble for parade
TBD Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade!

TBD Take photo at Post Office (end of parade route)
TBD Load buses (ALL instruments in cases, uniforms in garment bags)
TBD Depart for hotel
TBD Arrive at hotel (leave all instruments and uniforms on buses).

- **All students start the process of cleaning rooms and packing bags**
- Loading crew depart with buses to truck loading location.

12:00 PM Non-Loading Crew students have lunch around the hotel (\$15 cash for lunch) and rest.

2:00 PM Group 1 and 2 – Students will assemble in hotel meeting room.
2:30 PM Group 1 and 2 – Depart for Dinner Cruise
6:00 PM Group 1 and 2 Return to Hotel from Dinner Cruise
6:30 PM Group 1 and 2 – Can relax at hotel, be checked out by a traveling parent, or can walk around Times Square with chaperone group. Check-out/Check-in location will be communicated via Band App. **Check-out/Check-in times are non-negotiable.**

10:00 PM Group 1 and 2 – All students who were checked out must be checked in with chaperone.

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**All times are subject to change as plans are being finalized.
Save all questions about itinerary until the trip meeting on November 10, 2022.**

2:00 PM	Group 3 and 4 – Can relax at hotel, be checked out by a traveling parent, or can walk around Times Square with chaperone group. Check-out/Check-in location will be communicated via Band App. <u>Check-out/Check-in times are non-negotiable.</u>
6:00 PM	Group 3 and 4 – All students who were checked out must be checked in with chaperone. Students will assemble in meeting room.
6:30 PM	Group 3 and 4 – Depart for Dinner Cruise
10:00 PM	Group 3 and 4 – Return to Hotel from Dinner Cruise
10:15 PM	Full Group Meeting
10:45 PM	Room Check

Friday, November 25, 2022 – TRAVEL DAY

9:29 AM	Group D2 departs from JFK
5:08 PM	Group D2 arrives in AUS
10:30 AM	D1 – City Tour starts from hotel in Times Square
5:20 PM	Group D1 departs from JFK
8:40 PM	Group D1 arrives in AUS
9:00 AM	E – City Tour starts from hotel in Times Square
4:03 PM	Group E departs from JFK
10:05 PM	Group E arrives in AUS
12:35 PM	Group C1 departs from EWR
3:48 PM	Group C1 arrives in AUS
12:00 PM	C2 – City Tour starts from hotel in Times Square
6:59 PM	Group C2 departs from EWR
10:20 PM	Group C2 arrives in AUS
1:59 PM	Group B departs from EWR
7:01 PM	Group B arrives in AUS
12:00 PM	A – City Tour starts from hotel in Times Square
6:55 PM	Group A departs from LGA
12:20 AM	Group A arrives in AUS