

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 duffle 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 (please make sure this is warm enough)
 - 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 (provided)
 - 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 Vandegrift 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 (all students and chaperones must attend)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaperone Introductions • Medication Check-in

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – TRAVEL DAY

*All travelers will get cash allowances for lunch (\$10) and dinner (\$25)

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.

GROUP A

1:05 PM	Student Group A arrives at LaGuardia (LGA) *Students will grab lunch in Terminal B before heading to Baggage Claim (\$10 cash provided)
2:30 PM	A – Depart for Hotel/Times Square
3:30 PM	A – Arrive at Hotel; store luggage and explore Times Square with Chaperone Groups
4:00 PM	Hotel check-in
6:00 PM	Dinner in Times Square in Chaperone Groups (\$25 provided)

GROUP B

12:43 PM	Student Group B arrives at Newark (EWR) *Students will grab lunch in Terminal a before heading to Baggage Claim (\$10 cash provided)
2:15 PM	B – Depart for Hotel/Times Square
3:00 PM	B – Start City Tour from hotel in Times Square
6:00 PM	B – Arrive Hotel; Check-in
6:30 PM	Dinner in Times Square in Chaperone Groups (\$25 provided)

GROUP C1/C2

11:35 AM	Student Group C1 and C2 arrive at Newark (EWR)
12:30 PM	C1/C2 - Depart for Hotel/Times Square
1:15 PM	C1/C2 – Arrive at Hotel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C1 – depart bus and grab quick lunch near hotel in chaperone groups (\$10 provided) • C2 – unload and store luggage in hotel before grabbing lunch in Times Square in chaperone groups (\$10 provided)
2:00 PM	C1 will start City Tour from hotel in Times Square
4:30 PM	C2 – Hotel Check-in
5:00 PM	C1 – Arrives at Hotel; Unload luggage; Check-in
6:30 PM	C1/C2 – Dinner in Times Square in chaperone groups (\$25 provided)

GROUP D1/D2

12:25 PM	Student Group D1 and D2 arrive at New York (JFK)
1:30 PM	D1/D2 - Depart for Hotel/Times Square
2:45 PM	D1/D2 – Arrive at Hotel; Depart bus/grab lunch near hotel in chaperone groups (\$10 provided)
3:30 PM	City Tour Starts from Hotel in Times Square
6:00 PM	Return to Hotel; Unload Luggage; Check-in
6:30 PM	Dinner in Times Square in Chaperone Groups (\$25 provided)

GROUP E

*Grab a sandwich during connecting flight for lunch (\$10 provided)

2:58 PM	Student Group E arrives at New York (JFK)
4:00 PM	E – Depart for Hotel/Times Square
5:30 PM	E – Arrive at Hotel; Check-in
6:30 PM	Dinner in Times Square in Chaperone Groups (\$25 provided)

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

7:30 PM	Must be back in Hotel
7:30 PM	Full Group Meeting in Hotel
8:00 PM	Senior Excursion
9:30 PM	Room Check

Monday, November 21, 2022

5:15 AM	Depart for Breakfast (walk to Dallas BBQ in chaperone groups)
5:30 AM	Breakfast at Dallas BBQ (241 W 42 nd Street)
6:30 AM	Load buses at Dallas BBQ
8:00 AM	Arrive at Chelsea Piers (Chelsea Piers 1 Blachley RD. Stamford, CT 06902)
8:00 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
11:30 AM	Depart Chelsea Piers for hotel
1:30 PM	Arrive at hotel, unload instruments and uniforms into rooms
4:15 PM	Group 1 Meets to Walk to Dinner
4:30 PM	Group 1 Dinner (John's Pizzeria 260 W 44 th Street)
5:30 PM	Group 2 Meets to Walk to Dinner
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
10:15 PM	Group Photo at Duffy Square (7 th Ave & W. 47 th St)
10:30 PM	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 72 nd 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	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 Arrive at hotel (unload instruments)
4:15 PM	Group 1 Dinner with chaperone groups (\$25 cash allowance)
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 Times Square via subway
5:00 PM	Group 2 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 42 nd 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). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

1:50 PM	Group 1 and 2 – Students will assemble in hotel meeting room.
2:00 PM	Group 1 and 2 – Depart for Dinner Cruise
2:30 PM	Group 1 and 2 – Boarding begins 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. <u>Check-out/Check-in times are non-negotiable.</u>
10:00 PM	Group 1 and 2 – All students who were checked out must be checked in with chaperone.

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
7:00 PM	Group 3 and 4 – Boarding begins for Dinner Cruise
10:15 PM	Group 3 and 4 – Return to Hotel from Dinner Cruise

10:30 PM	Full Group Meeting
10:45 PM	Room Check

Friday, November 25, 2022 – TRAVEL DAY

*All travelers will get cash allowances for lunch (\$15).

GROUP A

7:00 AM	Depart for Dallas BBQ
7:15 AM	Breakfaster at Dallas BBQ
11:30 AM	Check out of Hotel/Load Buses
12:00 PM	City Tour starts from Hotel in Times Square *TBD Lunch (\$15 provided)

3:00 PM Depart for LaGuardia
 4:00 PM Arrive at LaGuardia
 6:55 PM Group A departs from LGA
 8:57 PM Group A arrives in CLT
 *Group A travelers will receive \$15 for dinner at the airport between flights
 10:25 PM Group A departs from CLT
 12:20 AM Group A arrives AUS

GROUP B

7:00 AM Depart for Dallas BBQ
 7:15 AM Breakfast at Dallas BBQ
 9:30 AM Check out of Hotel/Load Buses
 10:00 AM Depart for Newark
 11:00 AM Arrive at Newark
 12:00 PM Cash allowance of \$15 provided for lunch at airport
 1:59 PM Group B departs from EWR
 5:06 PM Group B arrives in DFW
 5:55 PM Group B departs from DFW
 7:01 PM Group B arrives in AUS

GROUP C1

6:45 AM Depart for Dallas BBQ
 7:00 AM Breakfast at Dallas BBQ
 8:00 AM Check out of Hotel/Load Buses
 8:30 AM Depart for Newark
 9:30 AM Arrive at Newark
 12:35 PM Group C1 departs from EWR
 3:48 PM Group C1 arrives in AUS

GROUP C2

7:15 AM Depart for Dallas BBQ
 7:30 AM Breakfast at Dallas BBQ
 11:30 AM Check out of Hotel/Load Buses
 12:00 PM City Tour starts from Hotel in Times Square
 *TBD Lunch (\$15 provided)
 3:00 PM Depart for Newark
 4:00 PM Arrive at Newark
 *Group C2 travelers will receive \$15 for dinner at the airport.
 6:59 PM Group C2 departs from EWR
 10:20 PM Group C2 arrives in AUS

GROUP D1

7:15 AM Depart for Dallas BBQ
 7:30 AM Breakfast at Dallas BBQ
 12:45 PM Check out of Hotel
 1:00 PM Load Buses/Depart for JFK
 2:15 PM Arrive at JFK
 *Group D1 travelers will receive \$30 for lunch/dinner at the airport between flights. Students should plan on eating lunch at the airport and getting something to eat on the plane for dinner.
 5:29 PM Group D1 departs from JFK
 8:49 PM Group D1 arrives in AUS

GROUP D2

5:30 AM Check out of Hotel
 6:30 AM Arrive at JFK (\$35 provided for breakfast/lunch at airports)
 9:29 AM Group D2 departs from JFK
 11:39 AM Group D2 arrives in CLT

3:04 PM Group D2 departs from CLT
5:08 PM Group D2 arrives in AUS

7:00 AM Depart for Dallas BBQ
7:15 AM Breakfast at Dallas BBQ
8:45 AM Check out of Hotel
9:00 AM City Tour starts from Hotel in Times Square
12:00 PM Depart for JFK
1:00 PM Arrive at JFK
1:30 PM Cash allowance of \$15 provided for lunch at airport
4:03 PM Group E departs from JFK
6:15 PM Group E arrives in CLT
*Group E travelers will receive \$15 for dinner at the airport between flights.

8:08 PM Group E departs from CLT
10:05 PM Group E arrives in AUS