

Vandegriff High School Band

Summer Announcement Sheet No. 2

July 2023

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SUMMER BAND!

- July 19-20, July 24-25, 7-8am
 - July 19-20, 8am-4pm
 - July 21, 24-25, 8am-4pm
 - July 19-21, 24-25, 8am-4pm
 - July 19-21, 24-25, 8am-4pm
 - July 22, 8:30-11:00am
 - July 26 and 28, 7am-4pm
 - **July 27 *NEW***

 - July 31-August 4, 7am-4pm
 - August 5, 8am-12pm
 - August 7-11, 7 am-4 pm
 - August 8, 7 pm
 - August 14, 5pm-9pm
 - August 15, 8 am
 - August 15, 9am-12pm
 - August 16
 - August 17, 3:50-6:20 pm
 - August 18, 5:30pm
 - August 19, 6:30-7:30 pm
 - August 25, FOOTBALL
- Voluntary Workouts! – Band Practice Field**
Leadership Training (Leadership team members)
Leadership Workdays (Leadership team members)
Percussion Rehearsals (required for all Percussion members)
Vision Rehearsals (required for all Vision members)
VHS Band Registration (required for all Band/Vision members)
Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band/Vision members)
NO SUMMER BAND - This is a district required PD Day for all Staff.
- **This is a great day for appointments and lessons!**
Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band/Vision members)
March-a-thon (required for all Band/Vision members)
Summer Band Rehearsals (required for all Band/Vision members)
Band Procedures and Band Booster Meeting (required for one parent)
Summer Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)
Teacher Appreciation Breakfast (required for all Band/ Vision members)
Summer Band Rehearsal (required for all Band and Vision members)
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
Full Band Rehearsal (required for all Band/Vision members)
End of Summer Band Main Event Party!
Steiner Ranch Concert in the Park (required for Woodwind/Brass/Battery)
Vandegriff vs. Dripping Springs @ Tiger Stadium (AWAY)

***Students will need to bring a lunch for all Summer Band Rehearsals, Vision Camp, and Percussion Camp Rehearsals. There will be an hour-long lunch during all these rehearsal days.*

***NEW* School-Owned Instrument Fee - Percussionists and School-Owned Instrument Students**

Attention all students with a school-owned instrument! Our online portal is open and ready to begin accepting Instrument Maintenance Fees for the 23-24 school year. The school owned instrument usage fee is a one-time fee per school year that covers normal wear and cleaning of a school-owned instrument. Follow the link to the [Vandegriff Webstore](http://VandegriffWebstore). Each student is responsible for one payment, even if they will play more than one school-owned instrument this year (i.e. a mellophone and a french horn). This is also for all percussion students. Please complete payment by Band Registration on July 22. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Norris at kyle.norris@leanderisd.org.

***NEW* Private Lesson Enrollment Form - OPEN!**

All wind and percussion students should enroll for private lessons for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are new to lessons and have not taken them before, THIS IS FOR YOU TOO! Private lessons are invaluable one-on-one sessions for students to receive instrument specific instruction on any aspect of musical performance.

<https://vhsband.com/private-lesson-form/>

***NEW* Phone Donation - Ultimate Drill Book**

We will be using a new drill learning application this year for the marching season named Ultimate Drill Book (UDB). This application requires a smart device to work. Because of this, we are looking for any used phones that you or your students no longer use that you are willing to donate to the band program for those that do not have access to a smartphone. The app works on **iPhone 7's or later** or Android phones running on **Android 7.1 or later**. Any charging chords that go with it would be much appreciated as well, especially for the older modeled phones. Make sure the phones are wiped and are free of any personal information before donating to the band. You may drop off any phones on **July 17-19th from 12-3PM**.

***NEW* JOIN THE REMIND!**

The district has moved everyone off of Band App and into Remind. **All students** should join the REMIND app.
<https://www.remind.com/join/vhsbandvdc>

Band Registration

Be watching your email for information regarding band registration! Registration will be held on Saturday, July 22 from 8:30-11:00am.

- Complete Registration Forms - The following sections MUST be completed by Band Registration:
 - VHS Band Forms - Required - <https://vhsband.com/forms/>
 - Physical Form - Required (more information below)
<https://vhsband.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-2024-LISD-Physical-Form.pdf>
 - Rank One Forms - Required - Complete online at
<https://leanderisddefinearts.rankonesport.com/New/NewInstructionsPage.aspx>

Our treasurer will be sending out bills in early July so that payments can be made prior to registration.

Physical (needed for band registration day on July 22)

Every high school band and vision student is required by LISD and UIL to get a physical exam **signed by a doctor**. This must be completed by band registration on July 22 and must be dated in 2023 to cover the entire fall season.

Must use this form: <https://vhsband.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/2023-2024-LISD-Physical-Form.pdf>

If you are in between physical visits due to insurance coverage, please see the following information for inexpensive options that our BandAid Team researched:

- **Medspring Anderson Mill** - 11521 Ranch Rd 620 N #100, Austin, TX 78726
 - \$25 Walk-in for Physicals
- **Four Points Family Chiropractic** - 10815 Ranch Rd 2222 Bldg 3C, Ste 100, Austin, TX 78730
 - \$35 Walk-in (but call ahead to confirm availability)

Uniform Fitting Form - URGENT FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS

If you have not completed this form, please do so TODAY! We have to place orders this week to receive uniform tops and all garments.

<https://vhsband.com/forms/uniform-fitting-form/>

Directory Form – URGENT FOR ALL BAND/VISION MEMBERS

ALL MEMBERS need to be sure that the directory form is filled out. Please fill out the new directory form ASAP by going to <https://vhsband.com/directory/>.

Voluntary Workouts! – July 19-20 and July 24-25 @ 7:00 AM

Voluntary workouts are a chance for students to come and do some light stretching, jogging and core workouts with the band staff and leadership team. These are not required, but encouraged as a fun introduction to summer band. These are fun, all-inclusive workouts for students at all fitness levels. Please bring a water bottle and proper footwear/workout clothing. These workouts last approximately 45 minutes. Please make plans to attend if you are in town.

March-a-thon

HOLD THE DATE: Saturday, August 5 - The VHS Band and Vision will return to the streets of Steiner Ranch to kick off the upcoming marching season. See the link below for more information. We need parent volunteers so if you are interested in helping, please visit: <https://vhsband.com/march-a-thon/>.

Band Booster Meeting, August 8 – 7:00pm (Mandatory for at least one parent per student)

At the Band Booster Meeting, we will be discussing medical procedures for students in the VHS Band as well as other necessary information as we move into the marching band season. Because of this, this meeting will be mandatory for at least one parent/guardian per student in the organization.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Expectations prior to Summer Band

MEMORY WORK. All Brass and Woodwind players should arrive to Summer Band with Part 1 and 2 of our Show, MEMORIZED. We will begin hearing times for this music individually on the first day of summer band. Preparation of this music will help determine Varsity and Non-Varsity positions. All show music and part assignments can be found by doing the following:

JOIN THE MARCHING BAND GOOGLE CLASSROOM – (Class Code – aec4dvz)

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NjEzOTI5Nzk1MTE4?cjc=aec4dvz>

- Join the Google Classroom
- Check your part assignment (listed by band)
- Print all show music

GO OUTSIDE!! We will be outside from 7-11am each day of summer band and we WILL BE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE! Get outside now and get used to outdoor activity. Whether this is running, working out, playing basketball, hiking, etc, consistent outdoor activity will REALLY HELP prepare you for summer band. This will help you focus on playing and marching well!

REQUIRED MATERIALS - All students will be required to have the following items for summer band:

- Athletic shoes (running, cross-training, etc); students will not be able to participate without the correct shoes
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Loose and comfortably fitting athletic shorts
- LIGHT COLORED comfortably fitting t-shirts
- Water Jug (**you will receive this at registration**)
 - Students will not be allowed to participate without a FILLED water jug
- Flip Folder with stand tunes
 - You can purchase this at registration if you are a new band student or if you lost your flip folder)
- **NEW FOR 2023 - Fanny Pack** - We will be using an application called UDB for drill learning. This will require access to a cell phone. We will be collecting old cell phones later this summer. More information coming soon!

MUSIC PRINTING – ALL MUSIC FOR PRINTING IS ONLINE using the information found above. Please be sure you have the following music printed. As more music is added we will notify students:

- Spotlight - Part 1 and Part 2
- School Song
- Fight Song
- Stand Shorts
- ONLY SPOTLIGHT NEEDS TO BE MEMORIZED. Please only focus on the memorization of your show music. All other music will be used in your flip folder.

Staff Responsibilities – Please see below about which staff member to contact to get the quickest possible response to the listed subject matters.

- **Katie VanDoren –** Calendar, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band 2, Program Administration
 - katherine.vandoren@leanderisd.org
- **Anna Bush –** Private Lessons, Symphonic Band, Wind Music Coordinator
 - anna.bush@leanderisd.org

- **Kyle Norris** – School Owned Inventory, Lockers, SmartMusic, Region Band, Concert Band 1
 - kyle.norris@leanderisd.org
- **Joe Hobbs** – All things Percussion, Transportation
 - joe.hobbs@leanderisd.org
- **Katie Hopkins** – All things Vision Dance Company
 - katie.hopkins@leanderisd.org

PREPARE! The more physically and musically prepared you are, the more successful you and the entire group will be. Remember that great individuals and great organizations START STRONG and START FAST.

"One person can make a significant difference, and one small group of determined people can change the course of history." – Sonia Johnson