



Welcome to the **VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM**

April 14th, 2026

OUR GOALS FOR EVERY BAND STUDENT



- Provide a positive musical experience for students outside of the traditional classroom
- Give students a creative outlet to express themselves through music and motion
- Give students an appreciation for the discipline and dedication it takes to excel
- Teach students skills that they will need in order to succeed in life
 - Teamwork
 - Perseverance
 - Respect for Others
 - Leadership

WAYS WE COMMUNICATE

- Infinite Campus - Parent Portal
- Google Classroom
- Website (updated site coming soon...)
 - vcbands.com
- Individual and Band Aide Email
- Facebook
 - Valley Center High School Band
 - Valley Center Colorguard
 - VCHS Drumline
 - Valley Center High School Band Aide
- Handouts/Forms



WE'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL- NOW WHAT?

- **More Opportunities to Get Involved**
 - **Marching Band**
 - Color Guard
 - Drumline
 - Leadership Positions (Sophomore Year and Up)
 - **Two Ensembles - Symphonic Winds & Symphonic Band**
 - Auditions Held After Marching Season
 - Music is District Audition Music - Available in September
 - **Jazz Ensemble (Offered as a Course)**
 - **Pep Band** (Rehearsals Start in Late Oct. and Go Until 1st Home BBall Game)
- **District and State Honor Band**
 - Be Sure to Check Both Dates Before Signing Up!
- **Regional & State Solo and Ensemble Festival**
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CALLING ALL PARENTS! JOIN THE BAND-AIDE

- **Band-Aide**
 - Supports VC Band Program Financially and By Donating Time, Talents, and Efforts
 - Usually Meets on the Third Thursday of Every Month at 7:00PM in HS Band Room
- **Large Events**
 - Air Capital Marching Invitational, DinAuCert, 5k Fun Run, etc.
 - Sponsor Other Fundraisers (Car Wash, Restaurant Fundraisers)
 - Help with Uniform Check Out/Check In, Prop Building, Equipment Repair/Transportation, Football Games, Pep Band, Mass Band, Chaperoning for All Trips and Feeding Hungry Teenagers!
- **Facebook Page: Valley Center High School Band Aide**
- **Interested in Joining and/or Donating?**
 - Email vcbandaide@gmail.com
- **Accepting Donations for Water Bottles!**



Our Next Band-Aide Meeting is April 16th @ 7PM in the VCHS Band Room!



*Need added to Band Aide
email communication?
Scan the QR code below
and sign up today!*



25-26 Band Highlight Book



Orders are due by April 24th

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Upcoming Color Guard Dates

- **Color Guard Clinics**
 - April 20th - 23rd
6:30PM - 8:30PM
- **Color Guard Audition**
 - April 24th
 - 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Upcoming Drumline Dates

- **Drumline Clinics**
 - April 28th, May 7th, & May 12th
 - 6:30PM - 8:00PM
- **Group Auditions**
 - May 14th
 - 6:30PM - 8:00PM
- **26 Drumline Mtg/1st Rehearsal**
 - May 18th
 - 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Additional Information

- **Pre-Camp Starts**
- **May 11th - End of School**
 - This Will Take Place
During Their Band
Period
- **Take Some Time to
Prepare for Band Camp**
 - Go Outside
 - Hydrate
 - Look Over Show
Music

YEAR AT A GLANCE

The easiest way to view the calendar is to make a Gmail Account if you don't already have one.

June/July

- **HS Drumline 90-Minute Sub-Sectionals & Full Ensemble**
 - TBD (Days & Time Set by Students at Drumline Meeting May 18th)
- **HS Color Guard Summer Camp/ Rehearsals**
 - TBD by new Guard Coordinator
- **HS Woodwind/Brass Sectionals**
 - June 18th, 23rd & 30th, July 7th (7:00-8:00PM)



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VCHS Band Pre-Season - LOCATED AT VCMS/DISTRICT STADIUM DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

- **HS Band Leadership Sessions (Drum Majors/Section Leaders)**
 - Monday, July 20th @ 8 - 11AM
 - Tuesday, July 21th @ 8 - 11AM
- **HS Drumline Camp**
 - Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th @ 12 - 3PM
- **Full Band Basics Camp**
 - Wednesday, July 22nd @ 8 - 11AM (Section Leaders & Freshmen Only)
 - Thursday, July 23rd @ 8 - 11AM (FULL BAND)
 - Friday, July 24th @ 8 - 11AM (FULL BAND)
- **Winds-Brass Sectionals**
 - Monday, July 20th AND Wednesday, July 22nd @ 11AM - 12PM (All Woodwind Sectional)
 - Tuesday, July 21st AND Thursday, July 23rd @ 11AM - 12 PM (All Brass Sectional)
 - Friday, July 24th @ 11AM - 12PM (FULL BAND Sectional - Includes Drumline and Color Guard)
- **Band Swim Party: July 24th from 8:00PM - 10:00PM at the Valley Center Pool**
- **Full Band Camp**
 - Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st from 7AM - 3PM.
 - Parent Show and Tell - Friday, July 31st @ 6:30PM
- **Evening Rehearsals**
 - Tuesday, August 4th AND Thursday, August 6th @ 6:30 - 8:30PM



YEAR AT A GLANCE

- **August - October: Marching Season**

- **Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri. Morning Rehearsals from 7:15AM -1st Period.** We will begin right at the start of 1st Period on Wednesday.
- Evening Rehearsals:
 - Band Music/Visual Block (Mondays from 6:30PM - 8:30PM)
 - Drumline Rehearsal (Mondays from 6:30PM - 8:30PM)
 - Color Guard Rehearsal (Mondays/Thursdays from 6:30PM - 8:30PM)
 - AM/PM Rehearsals are Required and Part of the Students' Grade
 - Students are Expected to Communicate with Directors of Any Conflicts
- Community BBQ (Drumline and Marching - Pep Band)
- Football Home Games (Sept. 9th, Oct. 2nd, Oct. 16th, & Oct. 23rd) Playoff Dates TBD
- Fall Festival Parade (September 26th)

- **Marching Band Competitions**

- Air Capital Invitational 10/3 @ TBD (Clinic & Final Performance)
- 2nd & 3rd Competition TBD (Waiting to hear exact dates)

- **District Jazz Auditions (October)**

- **Pep Band Rehearsals Start Early November and Run Through December**



YEAR AT A GLANCE



- **November - December**

- Concert Season Begins
- Wind Ensemble/Concert Band Auditions in December
- District Honor Band Auditions and Concert
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Christmas Concert
- Basketball Season Starts (Pep Band)

- **January - April**

- Basketball Season Continues
- Split Concert Ensembles; Prepare for Pre-Festival Concert and State Large Group Contest
- KMEA Auditions
- Jazz Festivals (KBA Jazz Championship and Other University Jazz Festivals)
- Solo and Ensemble Contest (Regional and State)

- **April - May**

- Section Leader Interviews and Drum Major Auditions
- Drumline and Color Guard Auditions
- Mass Band
- Graduation - Mid May



CONFLICTS

- **Must Communicate Two Weeks in Advance When Possible**
 - Sports Conflicts - Need to Know ASAP!
 - Please Give Us a Copy of Your Meet/Tournament Schedule and Highlight Conflicting Dates.
- We Will Never Require an Event Without Two Weeks or More Notice
- Communicating a Conflict Does NOT Automatically Mean Grade is Excused
 - Excused Absences:
 - School Activities (We Work with Sports Conflicts, but Ask that Students Make Every Effort to Attend Both Events)
 - Illness or Family Emergency
 - Unexcused Absences (Resulting in a Zero)
 - Work/Job
 - Lack of Transportation
 - Birthday Parties
 - Club Sports or Other Non KSHSAA/School Sponsored Activities



BAND FEES

- Uniform Cleaning Fee for Marching Band: \$15 (DISTRICT FEE)
- Instrument Rental Fee for District Owned Instruments: \$25 Charged Per Month (DISTRICT FEE)
 - Includes Percussion and Switching Instruments for Concert Season
- Marching Band Show Shirt: Approximately \$25
 - Optional for Band Members
- Marching Band Shoes (Drillmasters): New: \$40, Used: \$20
 - Sizes Will Vary on Used Shoes; First Come, First Serve
- Marching Gloves: \$4/Pair
 - Students are Required to Have 2 Pairs of Gloves
- Plain Black Wristbands: \$2/Pair
 - Students are Required to Have 2 Pairs of Wristbands
 - Can Be Bought With Uniform Parts or Purchased Separately if Desired



UNIFORM ORDERS

PLEASE FILL THIS FORM OUT ONE TIME ONLY



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THINGS TO KNOW

- Marching Band Competition Days are Long
 - We Often Leave Very Early and Come Home Late (Past Midnight)
- All Uniform Parts are the Student's Responsibility
 - Missing Items Become a Financial Obligation
- Alternates are Still Expected to Attend All Events
- **COMMUNICATION is Key!**
 - We Want Students to be Involved in Lots of Activities, But Please Remember that Band is Co-Curricular.



SERVICE DUTIES



- **What Is It?**

- Encourages All Students to Take Ownership in the Band Program. May Include Things Such As, But Not Limited To:

- Filing Music in the Library
- Making Copies
- Helping with Instrument Display Nights at VCIS, or Taking Attendance at VCMS/VCIS Concerts
- Loading/Unloading Truck & Trailer/Buses
- Setting Up/Tearing Down for Concerts
- Volunteering for Events such as Mass Band (Above and Beyond)

- One Per Quarter (Four Total)

- Part of the Grade - 50 Points Each

TRIPS

- Historically, the high school band has taken a trip every couple of years
- Pending approval from administration and the school board, we could potentially be looking at a regional trip this upcoming school year

Fundraising

- For Individual Student Accounts, Band Trips, Food, etc.
- Elementary Bingo Night (Fall & Spring TBD)
- Car Washes Over the Summer
- Popcorn/Pastry Fundraiser Around November/December
- Bi-Annual Christmas DinAuCert (Auction/Dinner/Concert)
- Band Fun Run (March)





IN CLOSING...

- We Will Push Your Student to Achieve More Than They Thought Possible, and Will Hold Them to High Musical and Behavioral Standards
 - Our Decisions are Made with the Best Interests of the Students and the Overall Band Program in Mind
 - Your Support as a Parent is Absolutely Vital to the Success of Your Student in this Program
 - Gain Lifetime Experiences!!
 - Please Always Come to Us First if You Have Questions or Concerns
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