

BAND CAMP UPDATE

July 14, 2020

UPCOMING DATES: **All dates "in-person" dates are tentative to more guidelines from PISD.

JULY 26: Parent Informational Meeting via Zoom: bit.ly/vhsparentmeeting

JULY 27-31, 7:30AM-11:30AM**: Summer Training Camp

AUGUST 3-4**: Summer Training Camp, specific times can be found at www.vinesband.info

AUGUST 5-7, 10-11: Student-Led Section Time via Zoom: Links to come

AUGUST 1**: Gear Pickup – schedule to come

AUGUST 12**: First Day of School

Good afternoon,

As we adapt to the ever-changing circumstances, the staff at Clark and Vines Bands have decided to work together to provide our students with a unified and equitable experience, regardless of their choices for schooling this fall. We appreciate your patience as we finalize details to ensure the safety of students and staff alike throughout the season.

Attached, you will find an updated schedule for the Pre-Season Training Camps, as well as maps with directions for drop-off and pickup.

Schedule

- July 26th: Informational Parent Meeting via Zoom: bit.ly/vhsparentmeeting
- July 27th-31st & August 3rd-4th
 - **7:30-11:30am** On Campus, Visual and Music Rehearsal in small, socially-distanced groups with Directors. Please see maps for specific drop-off/pick-up points to avoid cross-contamination.
 - 2:00-4:00pm At Home, 1-Hour All-Region Masterclasses via Zoom with our Private Lesson Staff. *Times will vary per instrument - schedule to be determined*
- August 5th-7th & 10th-11th
 - Student-led sectionals & Social events At Home, via Zoom
- Weekly, once school begins
 - Tuesdays, 7-8:15am Woodwinds & Guard, On Campus
 - Wednesdays, 7-8:15am Brass & Percussion, On Campus
 - Thursdays, 7-8:15am ALL, On Campus



Materials:

- Uniform Vines Band Water Jug (with name clearly marked on it). There will not be access to additional water sources/drinking fountains during our rehearsals, therefore a 1 gallon water jug should prove adequate for the duration of time we will be outside. As a note, please water & ice only in jugs. Avoid flavored sports drinks as they are full of sugars. If you want a source of electrolytes, I personally recommend NUUN tablets to add to water. We will be using these uniform jugs should we travel, as well.
- Sun Protection: A hat or visor (to keep sun from face/eyes), sunscreen
- Flip folder
- Lyre (specific for your instrument)
- **Wire music stand** (for outside playing rehearsals). *Bring clothes pins or clips to secure music to your stand as we will be outside* There will be no sharing of stands as we will be mandating the 6 10 feet social distancing guidelines at all times.

Safety

In accordance with best practices established by local and state agencies, the following procedures will be observed. Below is a summary, and attached are the detailed guidelines.

- **Social Distancing:** Entrances and Exits will all be clearly marked and monitored to reduce cross contamination between groups. *Please see the attached maps*. Students will not be allowed to linger before and after rehearsals. During rehearsals, students will be assigned clearly marked spots to maintain proper distancing.
- **Self-Report Questionnaire:** All students and staff will be required to complete a self-report for symptoms. Anyone experiencing symptoms is asked to not attend rehearsal and notify Directors immediately. bit.ly/vhsdailyscreening
- Hygiene:
 - Students and staff will wear face coverings as they arrive and dismiss, as well as whenever appropriate distancing is not possible (transitioning to and from rehearsal spaces). We will be using the **Uniform Vines Band Face Mask** should we travel.
 - Students will be given clear instructions for regularly cleaning their instruments and equipment.
 - Water: To reduce spreading of germs, students are REQUIRED to supply their own water and will not be allowed to share.
 - Students are recommended by state guidelines to shower immediately after returning home
- **Travel & Performance**: As guidelines are solidified, we will communicate clearly expectations for travel and performance.

We recognize that many of you are concerned for your students' health, and we appreciate your partnership in ensuring the safety and success of the Vines and Clark Bands. We commit to working together this season for the mutual strength of the Clines Band!

Sincerely,

Jonathan, Laura, Chris, & Jacob