



The Valley Center Hornet Band Program

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Families of the Valley Center Band Program-

It is with optimism that we send you summer greetings and plans for our 2022-2023 school year!

The era of contemporary marching band continues to evolve in many musical, visual and innovative ways year to year. One of the greatest aspects of marching band is that it is still the most publicly seen ensemble in a band program.

We promote the Valley Center Hornet Marching Band as not only a performing ensemble at football games and parades, but also an organization that will travel and represent in marching festivals and competitions as well.

Our schedule includes performances at home football games plus playoffs (dates and times in the calendar section of the Band Website), the Valley Center Fall Festival Parade on September 24th, The Shawnee Mission North Invitational October 15th, The KBA Marching Championships October 22nd at The University of Kansas, and The Neewollah Marching Festival October 29th.

Through these various events, it is our hope that the Valley Center Hornet Marching Band will become something the school and the community can be proud of, as well as a quality program recognized by the entire state. It will take practice, smart rehearsing, commitment and dedication to Excellence. **It's great to have fun, but it's a lot more fun to be good. Success is something we can all enjoy!**

To get off to a good start for this upcoming school year, the VCHS Marching Band will have 3 phases to its Pre-Season:

Phase 1:

- **VCHS Band Leadership Team: July 25th & 26th 9am-Noon**
- **VCHS Drumline Camp: July 25th-29th 1pm-4pm**

BASICS CAMP:

- **Freshmen with Band Leadership Wednesday, July 27th 9am-Noon**
 - **ALL Woodwind Sectional 1-2pm**
- **Full Band Thursday, July 28th 9am-Noon**
 - **ALL Brass Sectional 1-2pm**
- **Full Band Friday, July 29th 9am-Noon**
- **Band Swim Party Friday, July 29th 6-8pm @ the VC Community Pool**

Phase 2:

- **Full Band Camp from Monday, August 1st thru Friday, August 5th 8am-4pm**
 - **Parent Show & Tell Friday, Aug. 5th 6:30pm**

Phase 3:

- **HS Marching Band Evening Rehearsal**
 - **Tuesday, Aug. 9th 6:30-8:30pm**
 - **Thursday, Aug. 11th 6:30-8:30pm**
 - **We will continue to learn drill from the previous week**



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These few days afford us an opportunity to accomplish what would take approximately twenty-two days, or over five weeks, on our regular rehearsal schedule. Therefore, it is imperative that no time be wasted and that students come to the camp prepared. Attendance is mandatory. The band camp dates were scheduled and discussed with the students in March before Spring Break. **Grades are given for Camp.**

Conflicts should have been communicated and documented to us by the end of the past school year. Please contact us immediately to discuss any unforeseen or non-communicated conflicts for dates involved with any of the camps.

How to be prepared for Camp:

1. Memorize the show – Movements One, Three, & Four of “The Four Seasons of Kansas”. Movement 2 will be worked on at Camp.
2. **INSTRUMENT & SHOW MUSIC** -Have all show music with you throughout camp.
 - **First Grade will be having your Music in a 3 ring notebook in sheet protectors.**
3. Bring a pocket size spiral notebook to be used as drill book with pencil.
4. Tennis/Athletic Shoes
5. **NO BOOTS, WORK SHOES, SANDALS, or FLIP FLOPS!!!**
6. Be physically ready. Make some time to stay physically active during the summer. Marching Band is a physical and athletic activity (We are Musical Athletes or Athletic Musicians).
7. Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated (No soda or energy drinks!), eat well and smart. Eat a good light breakfast; don't load up on heavy food before or on the days of camp.
8. Have a Water **THERMOS OR JUG** at all times during camp. There will be time to refill during breaks. They will need to have identification. **Bottled Water will not be enough.**
9. Have your own lunch ready throughout the week. You will **NOT** be allowed to leave over lunch. **THERE IS NO COST FOR CAMP!**
10. Hat and Sunscreen- Be prepared for the sun and heat. Wear sunscreen and hat, comfortable clothes- dress appropriately!
11. Have a positive attitude and an open mind!!
12. Know your band student leaders.
13. Get ready for a **GREAT YEAR!**



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Tentative Daily Camp Schedule: (Subject to change)

- 7:30am VCHS Band Room Opens
- 8am-8:15am Stretching/Conditioning

- 8:30-9:30am Marching Basics
- 9:45-11:45am Drill w/ music

- Noon-12:45pm Lunch (All students will eat on campus.)

- 1:00-2:00pm Musical Warm-up/Full Ensemble
- 2:00-3:00pm Sectionals
- 3:00-4:00pm Full Ensemble (Show Music)
- 4:00pm Full Ensemble Dismiss

We look forward to seeing your shining faces !!

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