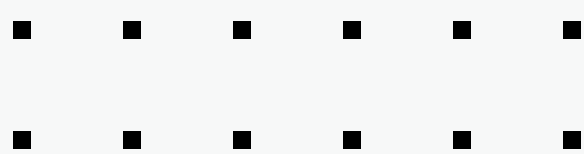




# Welcome to the **VALLEY CENTER HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM**

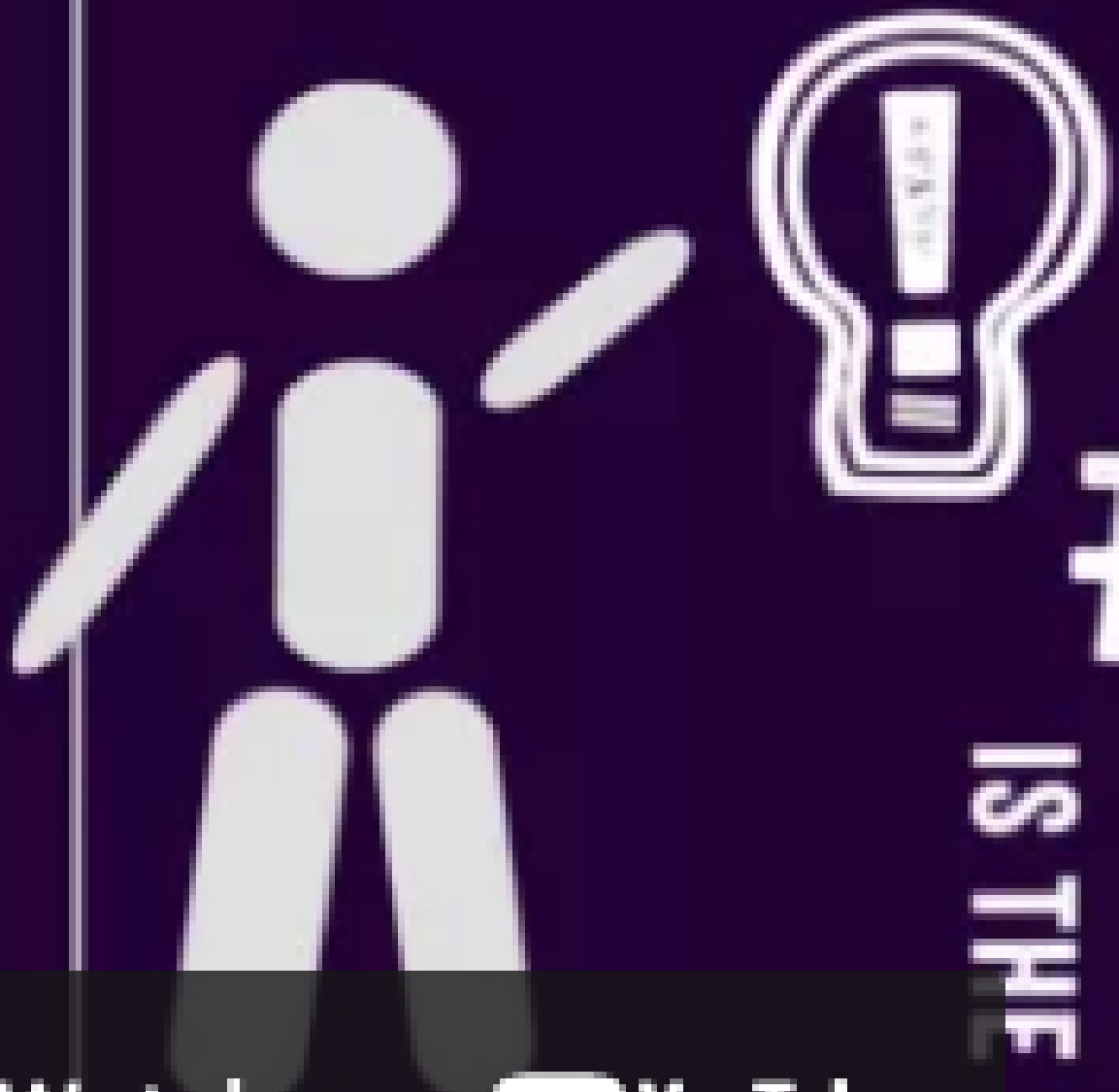
**April 9th, 2024**



72%

OF BUSINESS  
LEADERS

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SKILL THEY ARE SEEKING  
WHEN HIRING

IS THE

**30**

THE COMBINED RESULTS OF 30 STUDIES INDICATE THAT MUSIC INSTRUCTION IS LINKED TO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVING READING SKILLS.

**66%**

LEWIS THOMAS, PHYSICIAN AND BIOLOGIST, FOUND THAT MUSIC MAJORS COMPRISE THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ACCEPTED MEDICAL STUDENTS.

**70%**

ADMISSIONS OFFICERS AT 70% OF THE NATION'S MAJOR UNIVERSITIES HAVE STATED THAT HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS ARE SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THEIR INSTITUTIONS.

**107**

THE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD FOUND THAT STUDENTS INVOLVED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAMS SCORE 107 POINTS HIGHER ON THE SAT.

**\$15,956**

THE AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AWARDED FOR BAND TO 2023 VCHS GRADUATES WHO CONTINUE TO PLAY THEIR INSTRUMENT IN COLLEGE.

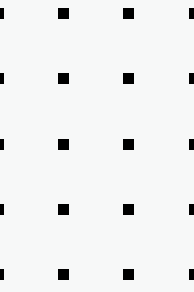
# WHY BAND?

MUSIC HELPS TO ENSURE LIFE-LONG SUCCESS

# OUR GOALS FOR EVERY BAND STUDENT



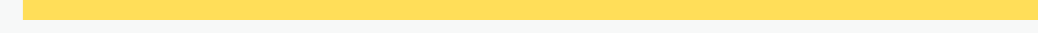
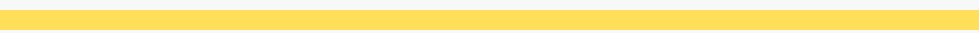
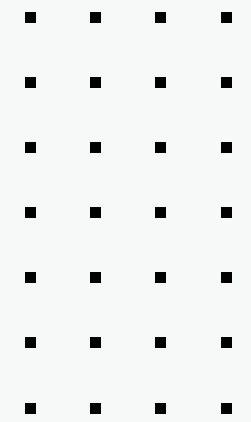
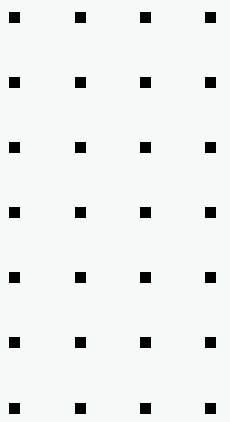
- Provide a positive musical experience for students outside of the traditional classroom
- Give students a creative outlet to express themselves through music and motion
- Give students an appreciation for the discipline and dedication it takes to excel
- Teach students skills that they will need in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



# WAYS WE COMMUNICATE



- Infinite Campus - Parent Portal
- Google Classroom
- Website
  - [vcbands.com](http://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

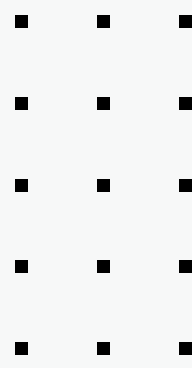


# WE'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL- NOW WHAT?

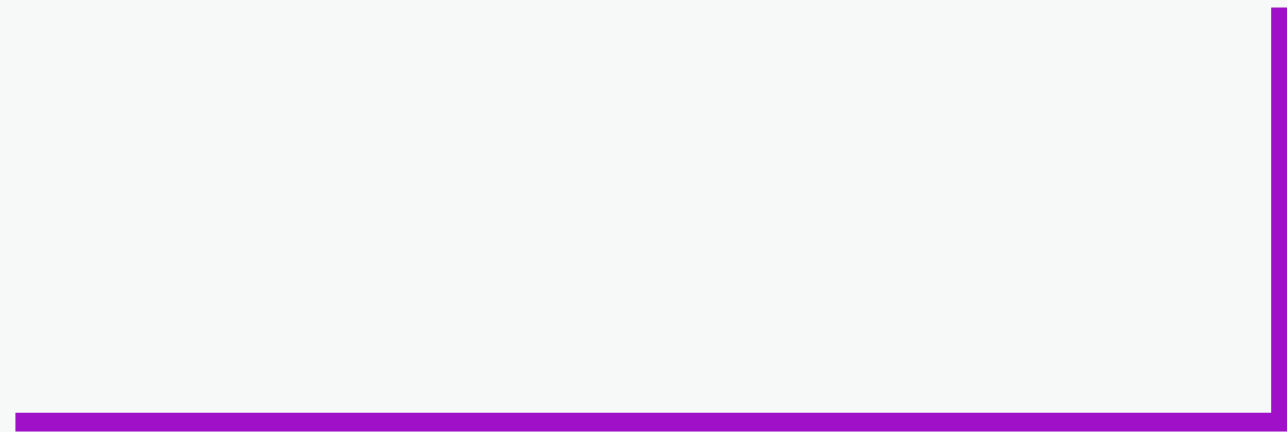
- **More Opportunities to Get Involved**
  - **Marching Band**
    - Color Guard
    - Drumline
    - Leadership Positions (Sophomore Year and Up)
  - **Two Ensembles - Symphonic Winds & Symphonic Band**
    - Auditions Held After Marching Season
    - Music is District Audition Music - Available in 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**
  - Be Sure to Check Both Dates Before Signing Up!



# 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](mailto:vcbandaide@gmail.com)
- **Accepting Donations for Water Bottles!**



# THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

## Upcoming Color Guard Dates

- **Color Guard Clinics**
  - April 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 26th from 6:30PM - 8:30 PM
- **Color Guard Audition**
  - April 29th from 6:00PM - 8:30PM

## Upcoming Drumline Dates

- **Drumline Clinics**
  - April 29th, May 2nd, May 6th from 6:30PM - 8:00 PM
- **Group Auditions**
  - May 13th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
- **2024 Drumline Meeting/1st Rehearsal**
  - May 14th from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

## Additional Information

- **Pre-Camp Starts May 9th - May 15**
  - 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.

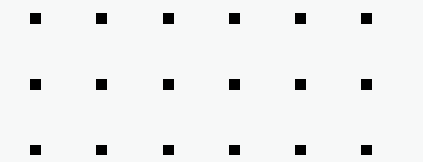
## June/July

- **HS Drumline 90-Minute Sub-Sectionals & Full Ensemble**
  - Begin the Week of June 10th (Days & Time Set by Students)
- **HS Color Guard Summer Rehearsal**
  - Begin June 10th (Every Mon/Thurs 6:30-8:30PM Up Through July)
- **HS Color Guard Camp Dates**
  - Dance/Movement Camp: June 3rd - 7th
  - Flag Camp: July 8th - 12th

**HS Wind/Brass Sectionals:** June 6th & 20th, July 11th & 18th from 7-8pm



# YEAR AT A GLANCE



## VCHS Band Pre-Season

- **HS Band Leadership Sessions (Drum Majors/Section Leaders)**
  - Monday, July 22nd @ 9AM - Noon
  - Tuesday, July 23rd @ 9AM - Noon
- **HS Drumline Camp**
  - Monday, July 22nd through Friday, July 26th @ 1 - 4PM
- **Full Band Basics Camp**
  - Wednesday, July 24th @ 9AM - Noon (Section Leaders & Freshmen Only)
  - Thursday, July 25th @ 9 AM - Noon (FULL BAND)
  - Friday, July 26th @ 9AM - Noon (FULL BAND)
- **Winds-Brass Sectionals**
  - Monday, July 22nd AND Wednesday, July 24th @ 1 - 2PM (All Woodwind Sectional)
  - Tuesday, July 23rd AND Thursday, July 25th @ 1 - 2 PM (All Brass Sectional)
  - Friday, July 26th @ 1 - 2 PM (FULL BAND Sectional - Includes Drumline and Color Guard)
- **Band Swim Party 6 - 8PM at the Valley Center Pool**
- **Full Band Camp**
  - Monday, July 29th through Friday, August 2nd from 8AM - 4PM.
  - Parent Show and Tell - Friday, August 2nd @ 6:30PM
- **Evening Rehearsals**
  - Tuesday, August 6th AND Thursday, August 8th @ 6:30 - 8:30PM



# YEAR AT A GLANCE



- **August - October: Marching Season**
  - Tues/Wed/Thurs/Fri. Morning Rehearsals from 7:15 AM -1st Period. We will begin right at the start of 1st Period on Monday.
    - These 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) on August 24th
  - Varsity Football Home Games (9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/25) Playoff Dates TBD
  - Fall Festival Parade (September 21st)
- **Marching Band Competitions**
  - Air Capital Invitational 9/28 @ VC (Clinic & Final Performance)
  - Shawnee Mission North Invitational 10/12 (2 Runs)
  - Kansas Bandmasters Association Marching Championships 10/19 (1 Run Guaranteed, 2 Runs if We Make Finals)
- District Jazz Auditions (October)
- Pep Band Rehearsals Start Early November and Run Through December

# YEAR AT A GLANCE



- **November - December**

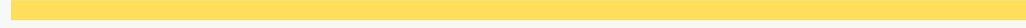
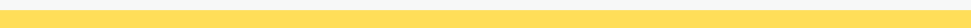
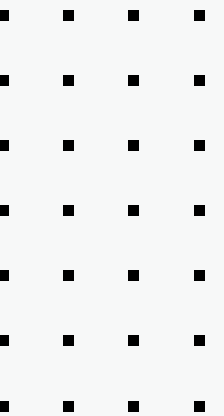
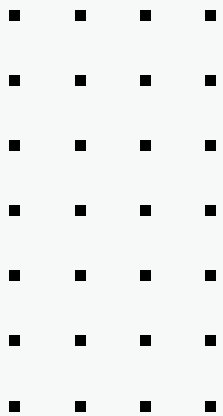
- Concert Season Begins
- Wind Ensemble/Concert Band Auditions in December
- District Honor Band Auditions and Concert
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Christmas Concert
- Basketball Season Starts (Pep Band)

- **January - April**

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

- **April - May**

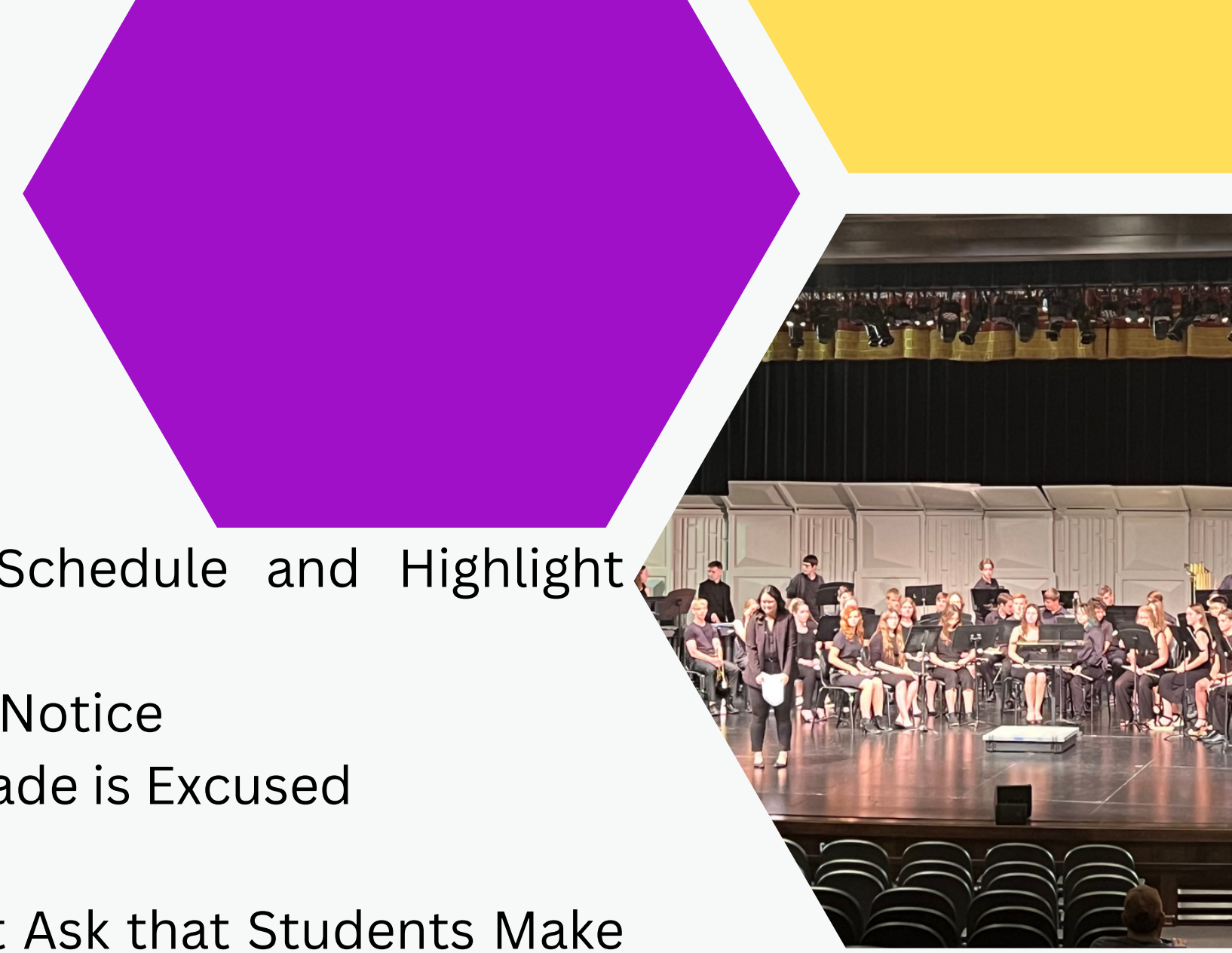
- Section Leader Interviews and Drum Major Auditions
- Drumline and Color Guard Auditions
- Mass Band
- Graduation - Mid May



# 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

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# Kelce Talks about Band

NEW HIGHLIGHTS  
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WILD WINGS

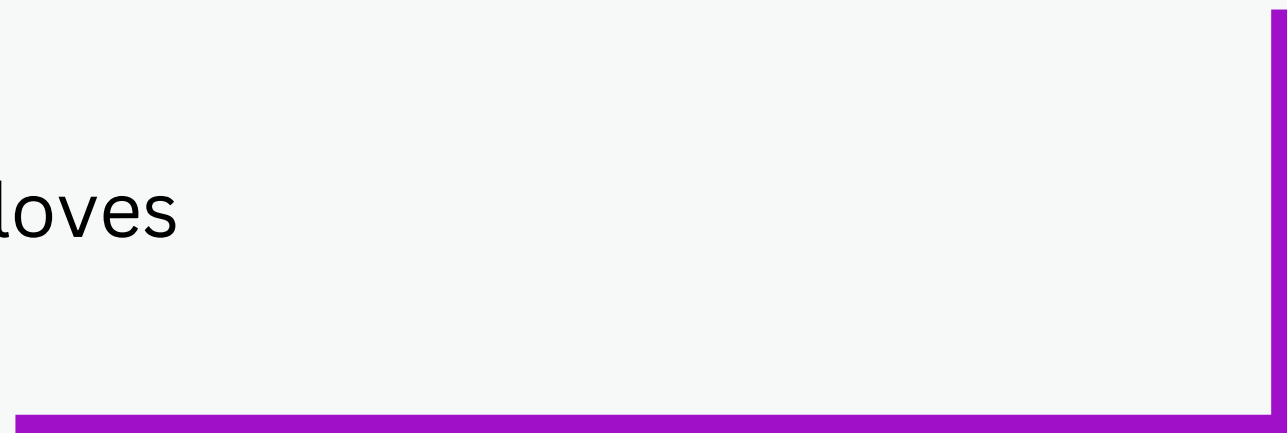
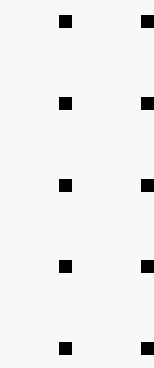


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# BAND FEES

- Uniform Cleaning Fee for Marching Band: \$25 (DISTRICT FEE)
  - Subject to Change Due to New Uniforms Coming In
- 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
- Marching Band Shoes (Drillmasters): New: \$40, Used: \$20
  - Sizes Will Vary on Used Shoes; First Come, First Serve
- Marching Gloves: \$3/Pair
  - Students are Required to Have 2 Pairs of Gloves



# UNIFORM ORDERS

PLEASE FILL THIS FORM OUT ONE TIME ONLY



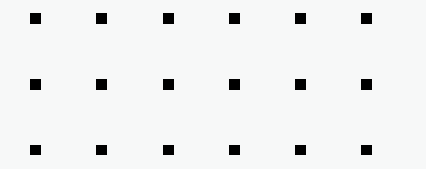
SCAN ME

Men's Shoe Size	Women's Shoe Size	Quantity
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6	8	2
6.5	8.5	1
7	9	2
8	10	9
8.5	10.5	1
9	11	5
9.5	11.5	4
11	13	3
12	14	2
13	15	1
14	16	4





# 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 Van & 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

- Typically, We Try to Have a Big Trip Once Every Four Years, and a Smaller Regional Trip Every Two Years
- This Means Your Students Now Have The Option to Participate in a Trip Year This Next School Year

## Fundraising

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



# WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MARCH 18 - 22, 2025

5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

SANTA MONICA PIER,  
HOLLYWOOD TOURS,  
DISNEY AND MORE!

BAND INFORMATION MEETING  
ON APRIL 18TH @ 7:00PM



A decorative collage of hexagonal images showing various school band activities: a marching band with flags, a large group photo in front of a building, a band performing on a stage, a band playing in a gymnasium, and a band performing outdoors on a field.

# 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
- Please Always Come to Us First if You Have Questions or Concerns
- Gain Lifetime Experiences!!