

VALLEY CENTER HORNET BAND PROGRAM



Dear Students and Families of the Valley Center Band Program,

It is with optimism that we send you summer greetings and plans for our 2024-2025 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 21st, The Air Capital Marching Competition September 28th hosted by Valley Center, The Shawnee Mission North Invitational October 12th in the Overland Park area, and The KBA Marching Championships October 19th at Emporia State University. Additionally, we will continue planning and preparing for our spring break trip to Los Angeles.

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!

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

Phase 1:

- VCHS Band Leadership Team: July 22nd & 23rd 9 AM - Noon
- VCHS Drumline Camp: July 22nd - 26th 1 PM - 4PM
- HS Marching Band Camp Sectionals: (Music Emphasis)
 - Monday 7/22: All Woodwinds 1-2 PM
 - Tuesday 7/23: All Brass 1-2 PM
 - Wednesday 7/24: All Woodwinds 1-2 PM
 - Thursday 7/25: All Brass 1-2 PM
 - Friday 7/26: Full Winds/Brass 1-2 PM

BASICS CAMP:

- Freshmen with Band Leadership Wednesday, July 24th 9 AM - Noon
- Full Band Thursday, July 25th 9 AM - Noon
- Full Band Friday, July 26th 9 AM - Noon

Band Swim Party Friday, July 26th 8-10 PM @ the VC Community Pool

Phase 2:

- Full Band Camp from Monday, July 29th thru Friday, August 2nd 8 AM - 4 PM
 - Parent Band Camp Show & Tell Friday, Aug. 2nd @ 6:30pm

Phase 3:

- HS Marching Band Evening Rehearsals
 - Tuesday, Aug. 6th 6:30 - 8:30 PM
 - Thursday, Aug. 8th 6:30 - 8:30 PM
 - We will continue to learn drill from the previous week

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These few days give 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 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

- Memorize the show
 - Movements 1, 2, & 3 of *"Fastlane"*
- 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.
- Bring a pocket size spiral notebook to be used as a drill book with pencil.
- Tennis/Athletic Shoes
 - NO BOOTS, WORK SHOES, SANDALS, CROCS OR FLIP FLOPS!!!
- 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).
- 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.
- 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.
- Have your own lunch ready throughout the week. You will NOT be allowed to leave over lunch. THERE IS NO COST FOR CAMP!
- Wear sunscreen and hat, comfortable clothes- dress appropriately for the sun and temperatures!
- Have a positive attitude and an open/flexible mind!!
- Know your band student leadership team.
- Get ready for a GREAT YEAR!

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Tentative Daily Camp Schedule: (Subject to Change)

- 7:30 AM: VCHS Band Room Opens
- 8 AM - 8:15 AM: Stretching/Conditioning
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM: Marching Basics
- 9:45 - 11:45 AM: Drill w/ Music
- Noon - 12:45 PM: Lunch (All students will eat on campus.)
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM: Sectionals
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM: Large Sectionals
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM: Full Ensemble
- 4:00 PM: Full Ensemble Dismiss

We look forward to seeing your shining faces !,!

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