



Dear Students and Families of the Valley Center Band Program,

It is with excitement that we send you summer greetings and plans for a great 2017-2018 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 exposed ensemble in a band program.

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

Our schedule includes performances at four home football games plus playoffs (dates and times TBA), the Valley Center Fall Festival Parade on September 23rd, Central States Marching Festival on October 7th at Kansas State University, the Shawnee Mission North Marching Invitational in Overland Park October 14th, and the KBA Marching Championships October 28th at Washburn University. 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 and good old-fashioned hard work. Everything we do, we do to the best of our abilities. **REMEMBER-it's good 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 2 phases to its pre-season. First will be a Basics Camp for the Full Band from Wednesday, Aug. 2nd to Friday, Aug. 4th from 9am-Noon. The second phase will be the annual band camp from Monday, August 7th through Friday, August 11th from 8am-4pm.** 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 will be given for Camp.**

If you have any conflicts, they should have been communicated to us by the end of the past school year. Please contact us immediately to discuss any unforeseen or non-communicated conflicts for any of the dates involved in any of the camps.



How to be prepared for Camp:

- **Memorize the show – “The Factory”. Music Downloads & MP3’s located in music section of Band Website: vcbands@webs.com**
- **INSTRUMENT & SHOW MUSIC -Have all show music with you throughout camp.**
- **Bring a pocket size spiral notebook to be used as drill book with pencil.**
- **Tennis Shoes (NO BOOTS, WORK SHOES, SANDALS, or FLIP FLOPS!!!)**
- **Be physically ready. Make some time to stay physically active during the summer. Marching Band is a physical and athletic activity (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. 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!**
- **Hat and Sunscreen- Be prepared for the sun and heat. Wear sunscreen and hat, comfortable clothes- dress appropriately!**
- **Have a positive attitude and an open mind!!**
- **Know your band student leaders.**
- **Get ready for another GREAT YEAR!**



Valley Center Hornet Marching Band Camp Schedule 2017:

- **July 10th (DATE CHANGE) & July 27th**
 Remaining Wind/Brass Rehearsals 7-8pm in the VCHS Band Room.
- **Monday, July 31st & Tuesday, Aug. 1st VCHS Band Leadership Camp 9am-Noon @ VCMS (Location subject to change)**
- **Monday, July 31st-Friday, Aug. 4th: VCHS Drumline Camp 1pm-4pm**
- **Monday, July 31st-Thursday, Aug. 3rd: Colorguard 6:45-8:45pm @ VCMS (Location subject to change)**
- **Aug. 2ⁿ-4th: FULL BAND BASICS CAMP 9am-Noon@ VCMS-District Stadium (Location subject to change)**
- **Aug. 4th Band Swim Party 6pm-8pm VC Pool**
- **Aug. 8th -12th HORNET BAND CAMP 8am-4pm VCMS (Location subject to change)**

Tentative Daily Camp Schedule: (Subject to change)

- **7:30am VCMS 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.)**
 Guard dismissed til evening session at 6:45-8:45pm
- **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**
- **6:45-8:45pm Guard Rehearsal**

August 11th Hornet Marching Band Show & Tell/ Ice Cream Social 6:30pm

August 15th & 17th Evening Rehearsals 7-9pm @ VCMS (District Stadium)

We look forward to seeing your shining faces !!

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