

PLAYING THE NUMBERS Game in a TITLE One Band Program

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023 4:30PM

STEPS TO RECRUITING OVER THE YEAR:

October - google form selmer test

November - HS band goes on elementary tour

December - MS band goes on elementary tour

Early January - Elementary Class schedule

Late Jan/Early Feb - Elementary music class visits - 2x each class

February - Transition Night with Tri-fold Recruiting Flier

April - Instrument selection

- 2 weeks prior - yard signs at the elementary schools
- Personalized invitations dropped off at elementary schools
- Next Steps Document

April/May - Finding kids that didn't come to instrument selection

- Email
- Follow up with phone call
- Schedule individual dates to come try instruments

August (before school starts) - Instrument drive to rent/purchase equipment in conjunction with Back to School Block Party

August (after school starts) - Beginning Band Parent Meeting

ELEMENTARY VISIT SCHEDULING

Week of 1/24	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
8:40-9:25	Bolton		Kiser		Kiser					
9:35-10:20	Vasquez	McClenny			McClenny					
10:20-11:05	Canabou (10:30)			Lopez (10:30)	Ortiz	Shands	Bolton	Vasquez	Kiser	McClenny
1:15-2			Riddle			Florence	Ortiz	Sanchez	Campos/Brown	
2-2:45	Ortiz	Sanchez	Campos/Brown	Sanchez	Campos/Brown	Lawrence	Canabou	Clements		
		Clements	Canabou		Clements	Molloy	Lopez	Stanberry	Riddle	
	Stanberry		Stanberry	Riddle	Lopez	24 total visits				
Week of 1/31										
8:40-9:25	Bolton		Kiser		Kiser	8:40-9:25	Beginning Flute	Alicia Watt		
9:35-10:20	Vasquez	McClenny			McClenny	9:35-10:20	Beginning Low Brass	Jake McClain		
10:20-11:05	Canabou (10:30)			Lopez (10:30)	Ortiz	10:20-11:05	Symphonic Band	Kris Still		
1:15-2			Riddle			1:15-2	Honors Band	Kris Still		
2-2:45	Ortiz	Sanchez	Campos/Brown	Sanchez	Campos/Brown	2-2:45	Beginning Clarinet	Chris Sterling		
		Clements	Canabou		Clements					
	Stanberry		Stanberry	Riddle	Lopez					
Week of 2/7			TMEA							
8:40-9:25	Bolton		Kiser		Kiser					
9:35-10:20	Vasquez	McClenny			McClenny					
10:20-11:05	Canabou (10:30)			Lopez (10:30)	Ortiz					
1:15-2			Riddle							
2-2:45	Ortiz	Sanchez	Campos/Brown	Sanchez	Campos/Brown					
		Clements	Canabou		Clements					
	Stanberry		Stanberry	Riddle	Lopez					

FIRST PAGE OF THE recruiting FLYER
Given to students when we visit the elementary school music classes.

COME JOIN THE

VANSTON BAND





WWW.VANSTONBAND.COM

Get started on the best time of your life!!!!

The Vanston Band is a great way to get started at Vanston Middle School. As a sixth grader, you can begin to learn how to play an instrument. You have many choices which are listed later. This flyer will give you some information on what the band is about, what to expect, and what you need to do to get started. It will also give you some information from current band students. If you have ANY questions, just ask!! If you don't get to talk to me, you can e-mail Ms. Shine at dshine@mesquitelsd.org. You can also call us and leave a message. We will get back to you. Our phone number is (972) 882-5835.

Meanwhile, check out the band webpage. It is listed above! Can't wait to have you in the band next year!!!!

-Ms. Shine & Mr. Still



LOTS OF ACTIVITIES



PERFORMANCES



FUN TIMES WITH FRIENDS

inner PAGES OF THE STUDENT FLYER

Student spotlights

Laila, Flute

Hi guys!!!!!! My name is Laila and I play the flute. When it was time to pick an instrument, I already knew that I wanted to play the flute, but I did try other instruments. I tried the trumpet, I was OK, but it was not my favorite instrument. Then I tried the clarinet, but I was not good at it. The flute was the best instrument for me so I chose the flute.

"I HOPE YOU JOIN BAND, YOU'LL LIKE IT AND IT'S A LOT OF FUN" - LAILA



Band is a lot of fun. Our band goes on fun trips and competitions, such as all-region, All-City, and the best is solo and ensemble because you can play cool pieces by yourself and sometimes with your friends. Sometimes it can be scary but you will always have someone there, the directors, Ms. Shine & Mr. Still are always on your side. They help me so much I owe it all to them.

WOODWINDS



FLUTE



OBOE & BASSOON



CLARINET



SAXOPHONE

Adriel, Trombone

Hey, I'm Adriel and I play the most amazing instrument ever: the TROMBONE. I'm SO happy I decided to join band, it's probably one of the best decisions I ever made. Even though it's a lot of work, determination, and time, it is worth it in the end. Plus you get to go places like Six Flags and Disney World in high school, and I know you love those places and don't lie!!! It's a lot of fun when you get to compete in solo and ensemble

"JOINING BAND IS ONE OF THE BEST DECISIONS THAT I EVER MADE!!" - ADRIEL



and the best feeling in the world is to get a perfect score, or 1st chair. I know you may think "I would never join band", but if you'll just give it a chance you'll find out it's a lot of fun and you'll make A LOT of friends!! You also get to miss school sometimes and then you won't have to go to math!!! :-)

Ms. Shine & Mr. Still are also really fun. They will teach you a lot and not all about band. They have some funny stories and make playing an instrument seem easy. They also throw some awesome band parties that you won't want to miss! And also you can be in band and athletics or any other electives. So no matter what you do JOIN BAND!!!

BRASS



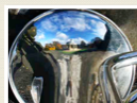
TRUMPET



FRENCH HORN



TROMBONE



EUPHONIUM & TUBA

Now I'm interested...what do I do next?

I WANT TO BE IN BAND!!!!!!



HOW DO I SIGN UP FOR BAND?

1. PUT BAND AS YOUR #1 ELECTIVE ON YOUR REGISTRATION SHEET
2. PICK OUT 3 INSTRUMENTS THAT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY - SEE EARLIER PAGES FOR CHOICES
3. COME TO THE INSTRUMENT SELECTION DAY ON APRIL 23 AND TRY THOSE INSTRUMENTS
4. PICK WHICH ONE YOU LIKE, THAT'S IT! YOU'RE DONE!!!

What do I do now?

As you can see from the note on the other side of this page, getting in band is really simple. All you have to do is figure out what instrument you want to play. Pick 3! Then, on April 23 we will be at Vanson and you can come try out any instrument that you want to. When you are done on that day, you will have picked your instrument that you will learn. Then, you relax! You are in the band now! We will mail you information to make sure that you are ready to go on the first day of 6th

grade! It will be here sooner than you think! Check out the band website, for lots more information, mp3 downloads, pictures, and other things. Be sure to get all of our info over the summer. Join our text list. Text @bandvms to the number 81010 to get updates about MS band. You will get updates between now and when school starts about how to get ready for band.

Ms. Shine & Mr. Still

BAND PICTURES



INSTRUMENTS

CHECK THE ONES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN

- ☐ FLUTE
- ☐ OBOE
- ☐ BASSOON
- ☐ CLARINET
- ☐ SAXOPHONE
- ☐ TRUMPET
- ☐ FRENCH HORN
- ☐ TROMBONE
- ☐ BARITONE/EUPHONIUM
- ☐ TUBA
- ☐ PERCUSSION

What will I get out of band?

By joining band now, you will be able to be in high school band and beyond. In the middle school band, we do lots of things. We have many performances. We also compete in contests where you can earn medals and big trophies.

But, not all we do is about performing. We have been to places like Six Flags, Hurricane Harbor, Celebration Station, Pinastack, Amazing Jakes, Cic's Pizza (often), and many other places!! Yes, we miss almost all day of school when we go out on trips!!

When you get to high school band, the performances and the trips get bigger. HS Football games, bigger contests, bigger medals, bigger trophies. Oh, wait... you want to know about the trips? OK. The high school band has been to places like Disney World, San Antonio, California, Padre Island, New York, Chicago, and many other places.

AND music people make better grades than the regular student. Studies have shown that music students do better on the STAAR

LAST PAGE OF THE STUDENT FLYER

VANSTON BAND INSTRUMENT SELECTION DAY



Saturday, April 23, 9 AM - 2 PM

Stop by the Vanston MS Cafeteria between 9 AM and 2 PM on Saturday, April 23, to try out and choose an instrument for next year. Any questions, call us at (972) 882 - 5835 or e-mail at dshine@mesquiteisd.org

See you there!!!!

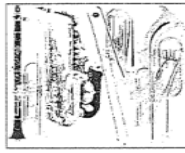


TRI-FOLD recruiting flyer

Provided for Parents and Students at Transition Night

I am so glad that I joined band. It is definitely something that I do NOT regret. Now I know that you have a bunch of questions about band, but here's the bottom line..band is awesome! It's so much fun and you get to play in concerts, go to Six Flags, compete in competitions, go and play at all the football games, and travel out of state in high school. Band is so cool, just give it a chance, put a little effort into it and I know you will be first chair and rockin' it! You will love it, you will make so many new friends, and the teachers are the best! We have a blast in class, and when you hear the entire band play together it will sound so good it will send chills up your spine!

-Vanston Band Student



Getting in band is really simple! All you have to do is choose band as your #1 elective choice on your registration contract. Then you will come to our Instrument Selection Day on Saturday, March 21st from 9am-3pm at North Mesquite High School. You will get all the info you need to be ready to go on the first day of middle school! It will be here sooner than you think!

Get connected with Vanston Band!
www.vanstonband.com
 Instagram @vanstonband
 Facebook: vanstonvikingband

Questions?

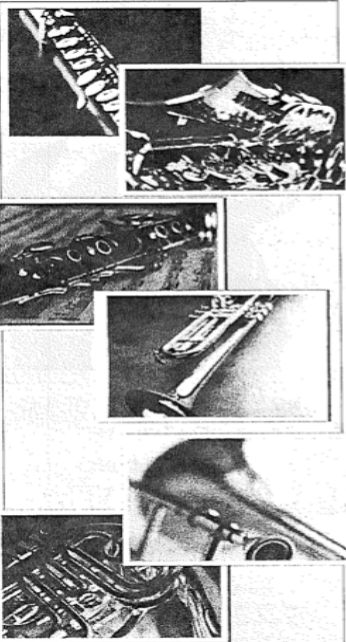
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VANSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND



**ARE YOU READY TO
BE PART OF
SOMETHING
GREAT!?**

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Why should my child join band?

The act of learning a musical instrument and participation in a quality group activity is vital to the success of each child. Beginning band is offered as an opportunity for students to tap into unknown musical talent, to grow intellectually, and to make friends that will share a common bond with them all the way through high school.

"WHEN I FIRST TRIED THE INSTRUMENT I DID GREAT AND AT THAT MOMENT I REALIZED WHAT I WANTED TO DO IN MY LIFE. BAND IS AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY...."
 -VANSTON BAND STUDENT

As your child moves into middle school, it will be important for them to have a place to belong and a quality group of friends to associate with. The smartest, most talented and most dedicated students are in the band.

Many students are interested in joining the band, but are afraid that they don't have the skills. **There is no experience required to be in the band program. All you need is to have the ability to work hard and the desire to be successful.** Ninety percent of the students joining band have little to no experience in music. A majority of students don't even need to know how to read music. All you have to do is give it your best effort and you will be taught the rest.

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AND, kids in music make better grades than the regular student. Studies have shown that music students typically do better on the STAAR tests. How about that!!!!!!



Personalized Invitations
Sent only to students who signed up for Band

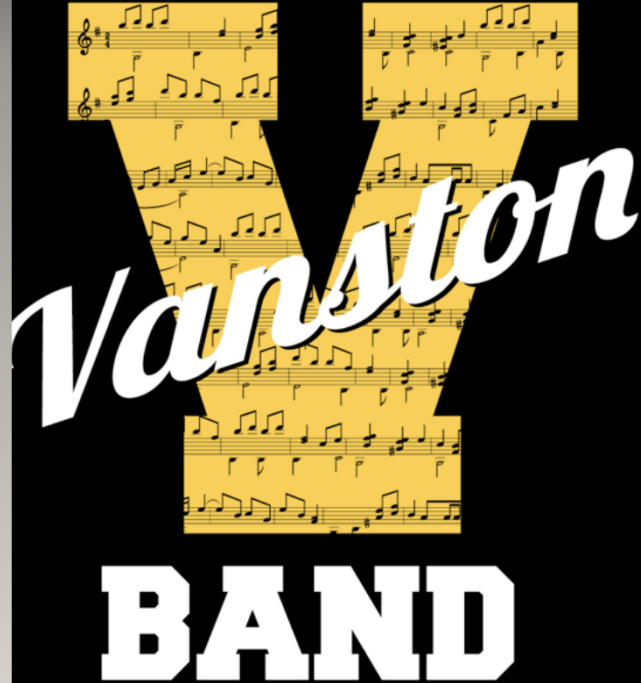
Vanston Band Instrument Selection Day

Welcome to Band! At this event you will pick the instrument you will play in band. Bring a parent!

Saturday, March 21st
9am-3pm

North Mesquite High School Band Hall

Questions? Call 972-882-5835 or
jborders@mesquiteisd.org



Motley!

Instrument Selection Day
Be a part of the award winning

Lawrence!

Vanston Viking Band Program!

When? Saturday, April 23, 2022

**Where? Vanston Middle School Cafeteria,
from 9am-2pm.**

**No experience necessary!
Anyone can join band!**

Florence!

Shands!

Thank you to the following:

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