

# VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Valparaiso Bands

*Committed to Excellence*



### **BAND HANDBOOK**

**2011 - 2012**

**“A” BAND**

**“B” BAND**

**CONCERT BAND**

Daniel R. Pritchett, Director of Bands  
Miguel E. Rosario-Vega, Assistant Director of Bands

## WELCOME MESSAGE

**Greetings!** The Valparaiso High School Band Department welcomes you to the 2011-2012 school year. We hope that you had a great and safe summer and welcome you back for another excellent year of music making. This handbook describes what goes on at VHS Bands during the school year. We ask that you read it, familiarize yourself with the information provided, and share it with your parents. A great deal of information about our band activities and grading guidelines is included in this handbook. Please stay informed of the happenings of our program. For updates and announcements visit our website at [www.valpo.k12.in.us/band](http://www.valpo.k12.in.us/band) .

## OUR DIRECTORS

**Daniel R. Pritchett** became Director of Bands at Valparaiso High School and Music Department Head for Valparaiso High School during the 1995-1996 school year. Mr. Pritchett conducts the Valparaiso H.S. "A" Band, Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Studio Band during the school year and also teaches a jazz improvisation class. He graduated summa cum laude from Ball State University in 1975, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Music and Math Education. In 1978, Mr. Pritchett completed the Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies at Valparaiso University. Prior to his appointment as Director of Bands, he was Assistant Director at VHS from 1975-1995 where he conducted the Valparaiso H.S. "B" and "C" Bands. Other responsibilities that Mr. Pritchett performs are the coordination of the beginning summer band program and a number of financial and logistical areas at the secondary music level. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer (1983-90) and President (1991-92 and 1998-99) of the Indiana Bandmasters Association (IBA), and the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) in 1995-96. His professional memberships are to IBA, Indiana Music Educators Association (IMEA), Music Educators National Conference (MENC), Phi Beta Mu, Pi Kappa Lambda, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. Mr. Pritchett was honored by the NWI Times in 2009 as an Outstanding Educator; by Quinlan & Fabish with a Chicagoland Outstanding Educator Award for 2005; by the Indiana Music Educators Association as the "Outstanding High School Music Educator of the Year" for 2004; and he was selected by School Band and Orchestra magazine as the "Indiana Director Who Makes a Difference" in 2001 and 2005. In 1992, he was honored as an "Outstanding Alumnus" by the Ball State University School of Music. He is the father of two children, Katie, who is a high school English teacher in Wisconsin and was President of the 2002-03 "A" Band, and Josh, who works for Hulu.Com in Los Angeles, CA and was Vice-President of the 2004-2005 "A" Band.

**Miguel E. Rosario-Vega** has been Assistant Director of Bands at Valparaiso High School since the 1995-1996 school year. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, he received his Bachelor of Music in Trumpet Performance and Master of Arts for Teachers degrees at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Rosario conducts the Valparaiso High School "B" Band, Concert Band, Jazz Lab Band, and travels around the school district's middle schools assisting their respective band programs. Prior to coming to Valparaiso, he was an Associate Instructor at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music from 1991-1993 where he taught in the areas of music education and brass techniques. He has performed trumpet with the Puerto Rico Casals Festival Orchestra, Puerto Rico Symphony Orchestra, Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, Northwest Indiana Symphony, and the Whiting Parks Festival Orchestra. He has guest conducted regularly with schools around the state, the Indiana Bandmasters Association's All-District Honor Band, All-Region Honor Band, and the Great Lake Music Camp. During his teaching career Mr. Rosario has been awarded two Lilly Endowment, Inc. Teacher Creativity Fellowships (2000, and 2007). The first Lilly grant was for research work on wind music written by composers from Puerto Rico. In 2007 he was named a Lilly Endowment, Inc. "distinguished fellow" and traveled to Russia, Europe, and across the United States to pursue professional growth as a conductor. In the fall of 2009 he made his European conducting debut in a concert with the brass and percussion section of the Royal Seville Symphony Orchestra in Spain in an all Gershwin program. He is a professional member of the League of American Orchestras, the Indiana Bandmasters Association, the Music Educators National Conference (MENC) and the Indiana Music Educators Association. He is Artistic Director and co-founder of the newly created Summer Rhapsody Music Festival in Valparaiso and conductor of the Summer Rhapsody Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Rosario is married to Esta, Director of Music Ministries at Valparaiso First United Methodist Church and they have four children; Kristofer, Ricardo, Olivia, and Antonio.

# THE VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

The VHS Band Program enjoys a state and nationwide reputation for excellence. Our Bands consistently score Gold ratings at state contests and receive positive comments at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) State Finals. The tradition of excellence that the VHS Bands show is one that has been in the making for a period of over 50 years and keeps on improving. There are three concert bands during the 2009-2010 season performing a wide range of challenging music literature. Our concert and jazz bands participate at local community events such as Veterans' Day Festivities, the Valparaiso University Jazz Festival, the Popcorn Festival, and the Valparaiso 4<sup>th</sup> of July Blast in 2009 with repeat invitations in 2010 and 2011. The bands have also performed at several state and national conventions, and have traveled to Canada, Mexico, Florida, California, and Washington, D.C.

## CONCERT BANDS

**The "A" Band** plays very difficult band literature. It consists of mostly juniors and seniors, but may include certain freshman and sophomores depending upon instrumentation needs and the ability of the individual. Formal auditions for this band are held in February. The band performs in at least three formal concerts per year, marching band, pep band, band contests and on occasion takes part in out-of-school performances. This is the premier band organization. This group has won the ISSMA State Band Championship twelve of the twenty-six years of the contest (1985, 1988-97, and 2003). This band has made the State Finals more than any other band in the state. In the spring of 2011, "A" band placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana State School of Music (ISSMA) State Finals in Indianapolis.

**The "B" Band** plays difficult band literature designed to improve the playing habits and abilities of all members. It consists of mostly juniors and sophomores but may include all other grades. The band performs in at least three formal concerts per year, marching band, pep band, and band contests. This group has been at the ISSMA State Finals ten times (1989-1994, 1996-1998, and 2010) earning a 6<sup>th</sup> place during the 1996 State Finals at Indianapolis. Only sixteen bands are chosen for the state finals. This accomplishment has made VHS the only school in the state to qualify two concert bands for the State Finals in more than one occasion. In the spring of 2010, "B" band placed 15<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana State School of Music (ISSMA) State Finals in Indianapolis.

**The Concert Band** is our entry level group in the high school band program. All freshmen are enrolled in this group. Fundamentals are stressed, and the best possible medium-level band literature will be performed. Also included in this group are the upperclassmen who have not yet successfully auditioned for A, B, or Symphonic Band. It plays in at least three formal concerts per year, some marching band, pep band, and band contests. We anticipate that this group will enter the Group I State Qualifications in the spring of 2012.

## BANDS FOR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

The Marching Band is made up of "A", "B", and Concert Bands for the home football games and parades. Rehearsals are during class time, and on Wednesday evenings the week of a home football game. Its main purpose is to entertain at football games during pre-game and halftime activities along with the Vikettes. The band plays new and challenging music for every halftime performance.

The Pep Band performs at selected home basketball games. The performances at these games are shared among our concert bands and the jazz bands. Each of our concert bands will get to perform one or two games during the school year. Rehearsal time for this group is very minimal since the music performed consists of repertoire played during the marching season and some old popular favorites. Its main purpose is to entertain during pre-game and throughout the course of the game. The pep-band plays until the end of the game. Please check your band schedule for your specific pep-band performance commitment.

## **OUR MUSIC STUDENTS**

Many of our music students in band are active in various performance groups such as the Jazz Bands, Orchestra, and Choir. Some students also participate in other school-related clubs and organizations such as the National Honor Society, Academic Teams, Earth Awareness Club, Key Club, Drama Club, April Antics, Vikettes, Art Club, Foreign Language Clubs, CASS, Athletic Teams, Student Government, Natural Helpers, and several other extra-curricular activities held at VHS. There are also other musical and non-musical activities in which our students have the opportunity to become involved within the Valparaiso community during the school year. The most successful students are those who can balance a schedule consisting of different interests, which in turn will teach him/her the gift of organizational skills.

## **VHS BAND POLICY**

Our success depends on the instrumental playing abilities of the students involved in the Bands and also on the responsibilities, proper equipment in excellent working conditions, discipline and commitment that each one of our students show at all times. In order to reach a high degree of music achievement it becomes imperative that our students adhere to the Valparaiso High School Student Handbook and VHS Band Handbook rules. This handbook is provided to inform students and parents of the expectations and goals of our band program. Please read it carefully and feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

## **VHS BAND GRADING GUIDELINES**

1st Quarter Grading Period = August 24 - October 27, 2011

### **Marching Band Performance Season**

Grades are determined (but not limited to) by the successful fulfillment and demonstration of the following marching and instrumental performance skills:

- 1) Adhering to band rules.
- 2) Music learning and preparation/periodic testing for instrumental skill advancement.
- 3) Marching skills such as correct posture, proper marching steps, instrument carriage position, and correct response to commands.
- 4) Attendance of concert and game performances.
- 5) Proper class participation.

2nd, 3rd, 4th Grading Period = November 1, 2011 - June 7, 2012

### **Concert Performance Season**

Grades during these quarters are determined but not limited to the following classroom and outside classroom activities:

- 1) Adhering to band rules.
- 2) Music learning and preparation.
- 3) Periodic testing in the form of auditions and sectionals during classroom time plus outside classroom time ISSMA State Qualifications and State Finals.
- 4) Attendance of concerts and games performances (basketball games when required).
- 5) Class participation and timely completion of course homework.

# VALPARAISO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## "A TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE"

### Rules

- 1) **Everyone should be quiet when the director is on the podium and all attention will be** directed toward classroom activities. Students are expected to pay attention during rehearsals/performances, and to follow instructions. Disruption of class will affect your grade and future music activities. Any student not following the above will be removed from class and the conditions upon which the student may return to class will be decided by the teacher.
- 2) **Be ready when rehearsal/performance starts -- have the equipment that you will need** such as pencil, mutes, reeds, valve oil, lyres, and necessary materials ready. Have your music in order as listed on the blackboard. It is your responsibility to put the music away after each rehearsal/performance. Put your folder in the assigned slot. Your cooperation in this matter is very important. It is time-consuming for directors and aides to pick up after you.
- 3) **A schedule of rehearsals/performances is be given to each member the first week of** school and posted in the rehearsal room at all times. This information is also posted online at [www.valpo.k12.in.us/band](http://www.valpo.k12.in.us/band). Attendance at all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. Students with any kind of conflict are required to contact the directors ahead of time in writing, with parent's signature, and stating the reason for conflict. Failure to notify the directors ahead of time in writing will result in an unexcused absence and influence the outcome of your class grade. Written excuses will be accepted after the rehearsal or performance only when the student was ill and unable to attend the activity, or a sudden family emergency beyond the student's control occurred. **WORK IS NOT AN EXCUSED ABSENCE. PLAN YOUR WORK SCHEDULES ACCORDINGLY.**

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Personal illness or injury, death in the immediate family, certain VHS sports conflicts as discussed ahead of time with the directors, religious events, and family weddings.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: work, rock concerts, birthday parties, illness of a friend, non-family weddings and non-school related sport activities.

### **Situations not mentioned above should be discussed with the directors ahead of time.**

- 4) **Be punctual for rehearsals and performances. Tardiness to class is detrimental to the** educational process, and shows a lack of respect for your fellow students. In the event that you are tardy the procedure to correct this problem will be the one described in the Valparaiso High School student handbook.
- 5) **We expect 100% work ethic at all rehearsals and performances. Students that** become ill or have a conflict that cannot be resolved should notify the directors **AHEAD OF TIME.**

- 6) **There is to be no smoking, illegal drinking, or drug use while with any of the VHS** bands organizations and related functions. This will result in dismissal from the program (read the VHS student handbook regarding this section).
- 7) **Check the bulletin board, blackboard, and/or band website! Schedules, activities, and** important information are posted frequently. It is your responsibility to keep informed.
- 8) **Take proper care of your instrument -- keep cases closed, mutes, and other equipment** locked away! All instrument cases and equipment should be labeled and/or engraved. Lockers must be kept locked at all times (with or without your instrument) except during your specific band/class time. Equipment gets "lost" or damaged otherwise. Your instrument belongs in your assigned locker. There will be a \$7.50 replacement fee for missing/lost locks.
- 9) **Every student is responsible for their uniform -- keep it clean, wear it correctly, and** hang it up properly with the name tag facing out.
- 10) **Under no circumstances use any instrument, mouthpiece, or equipment that does not** belong to you or has not been assigned for your use. This practice creates problems, and in the past has resulted in instrument damage, lost mouthpieces, and missing equipment. In the event that you forgot something, ask your director and he will try to provide a loaner instrument. Repairs caused by carelessness will be billed to the student responsible.
- 11) **When the band travels, everyone goes on the busses together. No student will be** permitted to drive on his/her own to contest or any other band related activity. Band members that have work must plan their work schedule so they can attend the required rehearsals and performances. PLAN AHEAD! Avoid the embarrassment of showing your teachers and fellow band members any poor organizational skills.
- 12) **Marching Band sits as a unit at the football games -- your friends who are not in band** are to sit in the pep block or elsewhere. Seating at the football games is by section. The Band will be dismissed after half-time performances. For concerts, members of each ensemble will be asked to sit in sections of the auditorium with their specific band ("A" band is excluded on this since they usually are the last group to perform).
- 13) **The band room is a gum chewing, food, and any drink free area!! This also includes** the practice and ensemble rooms. Gum chewing is also prohibited during rehearsals and performances (including marching band activities). Dispose of it in a wastebasket before you are to engage in any of the mentioned activities.
- 14) **In-school absences: Our policy is not to allow in-school absences from band since** work missed would be difficult or impossible to make-up, and the success of our group is based on maximum attendance and balance. Please do not ask to make up tests or work on projects during music time.
- 15) **Participation in the program's special trips and performances depend upon the** student's good standing following the band policy.
- 16) **Following instructions regarding dress code for concerts and other performances.** This area is very important and speaks of our commitment on having a high quality, class act program.

**Percussion students take note:** You are required to bring your own percussion mallets and drumsticks to class everyday. Detailed information on the specific mallets/drumsticks required in class will be given to you at the beginning of school.

**Plan ahead; share this handbook with parents on the first day of school for calendar/schedule purposes.**

**STUDENTS MUST OBSERVE THIS POLICY. WE HAVE A LARGE PROGRAM WITH EXCELLENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TREMENDOUS MUSICAL REWARDS. THERE IS A GREAT AMOUNT OF MUSIC AND EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN AND IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE FACULTY TO MANAGE OUR PROGRAM WITHOUT THE HELP AND COOPERATION OF EVERY STUDENT INVOLVED IN OUR BANDS. THOSE STUDENTS HAVING CONTINUAL PROBLEMS MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM.**

**PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTORS SHOULD YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR PROBLEM CONCERNING OUR BAND PROGRAM. COMMUNICATION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND CAN HELP RESOLVE POTENTIAL SCHEDULE AND/OR GRADING ISSUES. PLAN AHEAD! THANK YOU.**

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# 2011 MARCHING BAND SCHEDULE

## REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

The marching band also performs at home football playoff games. Keep sectional dates open in your schedule in the event VHS hosts any sectional/playoff games.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
Tuesday	August 16	Band rehearsal	7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	VHS
Wednesday	August 17	Band rehearsal	7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	VHS
Friday	August 19	Home Game #1 (Penn)	5:00 p.m.	VHS
Wednesday	September 7	Band rehearsal	7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	VHS
Friday	September 9	Home Game #2 (Central Park Plaza performance + Michigan City)	4:00 p.m.	VHS
Saturday	September 10	Popcorn Parade	8:00 a.m.	Meet at VHS
Tuesday	September 27	Central Park Plaza Performance	11:00 a.m.	Meet at VHS
Wednesday	September 28	Band rehearsal	7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	VHS
Friday	September 30 Homecoming	Home Game #3 (Merrillville) Homecoming Parade	4:00 p.m.	VHS Purdue Big Bass Drum!
Wednesday	October 12	Band rehearsal	7:00 – 9:15 p.m.	VHS
Friday	October 14	Home Game #4 (Lake Central)	5:30 p.m.	VHS
Wednesday	October 19	Halftime Highlights Concert	7:30 p.m.	VHS Auditorium
Friday	October 21	Sectional 1	TBA	VHS
Friday	October 28	Sectional 2	TBA	VHS
Friday	November 4	Sectional 3	TBA	VHS
Friday	November 11	Regional	TBA	VHS
Friday	November 18	Semi-State	TBA	VHS
Saturday	November 26	State	TBA	Indianapolis

# 2011 MARCHING BAND HALFTIME MUSIC PROGRAMS

(Subject to change)

## **Game 1 Friday, August 19      How the West Was Won**

How the West Was Won  
The Cowboys  
I Will Always Love You  
Canyon Country  
Showdown

## **Game 2 Friday, September 9      A Salute to the Big Band Era**

Sing, Sing, Sing  
Stompin' At The Savoy  
Chattanooga Choo Choo  
Sing, Sang, Sung  
Big Noise From Winnetka

## **Saturday, September 10      Popcorn Parade**

It's A Most Unusual

## **Game 3 Friday, September 30      Homecoming**

Music TBA

## **Game 4 Friday, October 14,      Latin Music Show**

Granada  
Evil Ways (Santana)  
El Gato Caliente  
Into The Night (Santana)  
Spain

## **Other music to be performed**

NBC NFL Football Themes  
Pump It  
Frankenstein  
Breadfan  
Iron Man  
Tusk

## **Halftime Highlights Concert**

Wednesday, October 19 @ 7:30 p.m. VHS Auditorium

# VHS "A" BAND

## CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

### 2011 - 2012 Season

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Wednesday	October 19	Halftime Highlights Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Sunday	November 6	Veterans' Day Concert	VHS Auditorium	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 9	Valparaiso Band Parents Ham Dinner	VHS Cafeteria	4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	November 26	Basketball Game (girls)	VHS Gym	6:00 p.m.
Monday	December 5	This is Our Story	VHS Gym	7:30 p.m.
Friday	December 9	Basketball Game (boys)	VHS Gym	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	December 21	Viking Brass Concert	Valparaiso First United Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 12	Winter Band Concert	VHS Auditorium	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 21	"A" Band Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Thursday	April 5	Beginning Band Demo Concert	VHS Auditorium	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Period
Wednesday	April 11	"A" Band Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 24	ISSMA Pre-Contest Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday	April 27	ISSMA State Qualifications	TBA	All Day
Saturday	April 28	ISSMA State Qualifications	TBA	All Day
Wednesday	May 2	"A" Band Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	May 3	"A" Band Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	May 5	ISSMA State Finals	Indianapolis	All Day
Wednesday	May 16	Spring Band Festival Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	2:45 p.m.
Thursday	May 17	Spring Band Festival Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	July 4 (optional)	City of Valparaiso 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Blast!	TJMS Grounds	TBA

# VHS "B" BAND

## CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

### 2011 - 2012 Season

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Wednesday	October 19	Halftime Highlights Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Monday	November 7	Veteran's Day Performance	Strongbow's Restaurant	4 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> Periods
Wednesday	November 9	Valparaiso Band Parents Ham Dinner	VHS Cafeteria	4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	December 6	This is Our Story	VHS Gym	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	December 21	Viking Brass Concert	Valparaiso First United Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.
Friday	January 6	Basketball Game (girls)	VHS Gym	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	January 28	Basketball Game (boys)	VHS Gym	6:00 p.m.
Friday	February 10	Winter Band Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	February 11	John Williams Tribute Band Concert	VU Chapel of the Resurrection	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 24	ISSMA Pre-Contest Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 25	"B" Band Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	April 27	ISSMA State Qualifications	TBA	All Day
Saturday	April 28	ISSMA State Qualifications	TBA	All Day
Saturday	May 5	ISSMA State Finals	Indianapolis	All Day
Wednesday	May 16	Spring Band Festival Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	2:45 p.m.
Thursday	May 17	Spring Band Festival Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday	June 8	VHS Graduation	VHS	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 4 (optional)	City of Valparaiso 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Blast!	TJMS Grounds	TBA

# VHS CONCERT BAND

## CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

### 2011 - 2012 Season

<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>
Friday	September 23	Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 19	Halftime Highlights Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	November 9	Valparaiso Band Parents Ham Dinner	VHS Cafeteria	4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	November 19	Basketball Game (girls)	VHS Gym	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 6	This is Our Story	VHS Gym	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	December 21	Viking Brass Concert	Valparaiso First United Methodist Church	7:00 p.m.
Friday	January 27	Basketball Game (boys)	VHS Gym	6:00 p.m.
Sunday	February 12	Winter Band Concert	VHS Auditorium	2:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 24	ISSMA Pre-Contest Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday	April 27	ISSMA State Qualifications	TBA	All Day
Saturday	April 28	ISSMA State Qualifications	TBA	All Day
Saturday	May 5	ISSMA State Finals	Indianapolis	All Day
Wednesday	May 16	Spring Band Festival Rehearsal	VHS Auditorium	2:45 p.m.
Thursday	May 17	Spring Band Festival Concert	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	July 4 (optional)	City of Valparaiso 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Blast!	TJMS Grounds	TBA

## JAZZ BANDS

**The VHS Jazz Program** is an extracurricular activity that consists of three groups. Auditions for the bands are during the last week of September and the season begins with rehearsals in October. Students are placed in each group based on audition results. These groups are; Jazz Ensemble (advanced), Studio Band (medium level), and Lab Band (entry-level jazz experience). VHS band students interested in becoming members of either Jazz Ensemble or Studio Band must audition in order to be considered for either group. The Lab Band is structured for students seeking to have an entry and gain experience into the language of jazz performance. No audition is necessary to become a member of Lab Band. The jazz bands have several performances during the school year and also participate in out-of-school jazz festivals depending upon schedule availability. A more detailed schedule with rehearsals and performances will be handed out to students who make a commitment to become members of the jazz program.

### CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES/EVENTS 2011 – 2012 Season

(Other performance dates to be added)

DAY	DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	December 2	Guest Artist Concert	TBA	7:30 pm
Friday	December 10 (Jazz Ensemble)	Basketball Game (girls)	VHS Gym	6:00 pm
Friday- Saturday	January 20–21	Purdue University Jazz Festival	West Lafayette	All day
Friday	February 24	Jazz at Aberdeen	Aberdeen Manor	6:30 – 10:00 pm
Friday	May 25	Concert & Senior Recognition	VHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.

Schedule for jazz festivals to be announced at a later date.

For updated information, current news and events please visit  
[www.valpo.k12.in.us/band](http://www.valpo.k12.in.us/band)

# OTHER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

## INDIANA STATE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION (ISSMA) SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST

For many years, a great amount of our students become involved in performing solo and ensemble music at the annual Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) sponsored events. This is a great opportunity for students to enhance their performance skills by playing for a music judge and receive constructive feedback about their playing. Family and friends are encouraged to attend these performances. There is no charge for these events. VHS band students who take private lessons can consult with their instructor for repertoire selection. Students who do not take private lessons but wish to participate can ask for assistance from the band directors. All students planning on preparing a solo and/or ensemble for contest must be aware of the deadline for the submission of applications and entry fee when they are announced in the fall semester.

### CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Saturday	January 28	District Solo & Ensemble (vocal/piano)	VHS	All day
Saturday	February 11	District Solo & Ensemble Contest (wind/percussion/strings)	VHS	All day
Saturday	February 18	State Solo & Ensemble (vocal/piano)	Indianapolis	All day
Saturday	February 25	State Solo & Ensemble (wind/percussion/strings)	Indianapolis	All day

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# INDIANA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION (IBA)

## ALL-STATE BAND WEEKEND

The VHS Band program has enjoyed a rich tradition of having many students selected to participate in the All-State Band. Hundreds of students around the state of Indiana audition every year to become a member of this organization. Its main purpose is to provide an opportunity to work with a first class conductor and with other students from around the state who share the same interest in performing challenging music within one weekend. Any VHS band student from the freshman to senior year interested in auditioning for this organization should contact the band directors once the information regarding the application deadline and fee is announced in the fall semester. The audition consists of specific material that needs to be prepared prior to the audition date.

## ALL-DISTRICT, ALL-REGION, & JUNIOR ALL-STATE WEEKEND

These are other weekends of music making activities sponsored by the Indiana Bandmasters Association. The directors will hand out more information about these exciting opportunities for your musical experience.

## IBA CALENDAR OF PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

DAY	DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
Saturday-Sunday	November 12-13	All-District Band	TBA	All day
Saturday-Sunday	November 19-20	All-Region Band	TBA	All day
Sunday	January 8	All-State Band Auditions	VHS	All afternoon
Thursday-Saturday	January 19-21	Junior All-State	Indianapolis	TBA
Friday-Sunday	March 9-11	All-State Band Weekend	IU Bloomington	Begins Friday @ 10:30 am

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## VHS BASKETBALL PEP BAND

<b>BAND</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>REPORT TIME</b>	<b>GAME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
Concert Band	Saturday, Nov. 19	6:00 pm	Girls	VHS Gym
“A” Band	Saturday, Nov. 26	6:00 pm	Boys	VHS Gym
“A” Band	Friday, Dec. 9	6:00 pm	Boys	VHS Gym
“B” Band	Friday, Jan. 6	6:00 pm	Girls	VHS Gym
Jazz Ensemble	Friday, Jan. 13	6:00 pm	Girls	VHS Gym
Concert Band	Friday, Jan. 27	6:00 pm	Boys	VHS Gym
“B” Band	Saturday, Jan. 28	6:00 pm	Boys	VHS Gym
Studio Jazz Band	Friday, Feb. 3	6:00 pm	Girls	VHS Gym

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# VHS BAND POINT SYSTEM

All points should be turned in by the end of the month. Point slips require that you state how and when you earned the points. Make sure your name is on the point slip. All points are subject to the approval of the directors and point chairman.

## **350 points are needed to earn the VHS Band Letter**

Anything not covered on this page must be approved by the directors before the event.

### **Ways to earn points**

**Private lesson:** 4 points per half hour

**One hour of service:** 2 points

<b><u>ISSMA Contest:</u></b>	Rating	Solo	Ensemble
	Gold	15 points	10 points
	Silver	10 points	7 points
	Bronze	7 points	5 points

### **Other Public Performance:**

(Points in this category should be cleared with the directors).

Small Ensemble: 3 points

Solo: 6 points

All-State Band: 30 points

IMEA Honor Band: 25 points

All-State Orch.: 30 points

All-Region Band: 20 points

All-State Jazz: 30 points

All-District Band: 20 points

**Summer Band Camp:** 20 points for the first week;  
5 points for each additional week.

**Jazz Ensemble, Studio Band, Lab Band:** All jazz points are recorded by the director.

1 point per hour of rehearsal

3-5 points per performance

**Orchestra Winds:** 2 points for each hour of rehearsal (not on school time).  
3 points for each performance.

**Student Aides:** Automatically get 1 point for each class period. If the student works more than half of the period, 2 points are awarded.

<b><u>Band Officers:</u></b>	President:	30 points	Point Chairman:	20 points
	Vice-Pres:	25 points	Property Persons:	20 points
	Secretary:	20 points	Drum Major:	25 points