



VERONA MARCHING MAROON & WHITE

VHS Instrumental Music Department 2017-2018

Band Camp

- **Saturday, August 26th:**
 - 8am to 2pm: Car Wash Fundraiser (students will be assigned two-hour shifts)
 - 3pm to 6:00pm (full rehearsal)
 - 8:00pm: Party at the Verona Community Pool
- **Sunday, August 27st:**
 - 10am to 1pm: Session I
 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm: Lunch
 - 1:15pm: General Parent Meeting
 - 2:00pm to 6:00pm: Session II
- **Monday, August 28th through Thursday, August 31st:**
 - 9:00am to 12:30pm: Session I
 - 12:30pm to 1:30pm: Lunch
 - 1:30pm to 4:30pm: Session II
 - 4:30pm to 6:00pm: Dinner (Pizza Party at VHS on Wed. 8/30th)
 - 6:00pm to 9:00pm: Session II
- **Saturday Rehearsal:** (with no games or competitions) September 9th 10pm to 4pm
- **Tuesday Night Rehearsals (except where marked) 6:30-9**
9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/11 (Wednesday Night), 10/17
- **Special Championship Week Rehearsals:**
Tuesday 10/24 (5:30-9:00pm)
Thursday 10/26 (5:30-9:00pm)
- **Color Guard and Percussion Sectionals:** *Thursdays (except where marked) 6:30 to 9:00pm*
Wind/Brass Sectionals are optional on these evenings
9/7, 9/14, 9/20 (Wednesday), 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/18 (Wednesday Night)
- **Competitions:**
9/23: Saturday, Roxbury
10/7: Saturday, West Orange
10/14: Saturday, **Verona Festival of Bands/1st Annual NJSMA Competition**
10/21: Saturday, NJMEA Marching Band Festival
10/29 Sunday: North Jersey Championships

- **Football Games (contingent on our performance times at competitions)**

Friday, September 8th Hoboken, *home*, 7pm
Saturday, September 16th Madison, *away* 1pm
Friday, September 22nd Cedar Grove, *away* 7pm
Saturday, September 30th, Ramsey, *home*, 7pm
Saturday, October 7th, Glen Ridge, *away*, 1pm
Friday, October 13th, North Warren, *away* 7pm
Saturday, October 21st, Butler, *home*, 1pm
Saturday, October 28th, Boonton, *home*, 1pm
Friday, November 3rd, Hopatcong, *away*, 7pm

Possible Playoff Games (if no playoffs there will be a consolation game the 9th, 10th, or 11th)

Thursday, Friday 9th, or Friday, November 10th or Saturday November 11th
Friday, November 17th or Saturday November 18th
Friday, December 1nd or Saturday December 2nd

Concerts/Performances

- **Holiday Concert** –Wednesday, December 20th, 7:30pm
- **Additional Concert Band Rehearsals**
Wednesdays: 1/31, 2/21, 3/14 (6:30pm to 9:00pm)
- **State Concert Band Festival at VHS:** Tuesday, March 20th (4pm to 10pm)
- **Tentative Trip** - March 22nd to March 25th
- **Back to the Basilica!** April 18th, 12pm
- **Jazz Night** –Thursday April 26th 7:30pm
- **NJ State Gala Concert** (if selected): Sunday April 29th or Sunday May 6th
- **Spring Concert** – Thursday, May 24th 7:30pm (“rain date” Wednesday, May 23rd if given the Friday of Memorial Day back)
- **Memorial Day Parade** – Monday, May 28th 8:45am
- **Chamber Night** – Tuesday, May 29th
- **Music Banquet** –Monday, June 4th, 6:30pm (Hanover Manor, East Hanover)
- **Graduation** – Tuesday, June 19th, 6pm (tentative date)

Welcome - It is time for marching band and another great year! Please read this manual carefully and fill out the shared value statement at the end.

Philosophy – The Verona High School Music Department is firmly committed to providing a well-rounded music education for our all students, within an intimate family environment, in synergy with current students, alumni, parents, colleagues, and the community at large.

Staff –

Band Director – Erik Lynch

Assistant Band Director – Taylor Rehe

Percussion Caption Head and Arranger– Dan Granda

Visual Caption Head - Jesse Burbank

Color Guard Caption Head – Nick Charles

Color Guard Instrcutor: Karen Solomon

Drill Writer – Brian Murphy

Visual Designer - Sal Adomo

Music Arranger - Rich Guillen

Pit Instructor – Julie Boyle

Percussion Tech - Skyler Fortgang

Brass Instructors – Mario Correa & Nick Licitra

Attendance -

Pages 1 and 2 of this packet list the rehearsals and performance dates for the 2017-2018 school year. As a member of the Verona Band it is imperative to plan accordingly for these dates. Students are permitted two excused absences for significant personal/family matters per year (with the exceptions of emergencies/illness). Students will find a time to discuss the absence with Mr. Lynch/ Ms.. Rehe at least one week before the actual conflict. All students must adhere to these attendance policies and all VHS policies to perform at football games/competitions. An unexcused absence will rule out that student's participation in the upcoming football game or competition and can result in a loss of the drill spot in the marching field show.

Being on time, aka “early”, is at the heart of our success and beyond! After being late for two rehearsals, each additional late will result in one point being subtracted for attendance portion (50%) of the marking period grade. Mr. Lynch/Ms. Rehe sometimes grants exceptions to the lateness policy for students who are involved in athletics. Any student found to be taking advantage of this policy will face disciplinary action from the school administration and will jeopardize their participation in the band.

Moving of Equipment -

All freshmen and percussionists (drum line/pit) have the responsibility of moving the percussion and other equipment to the appropriate rehearsal spot and back to the appropriate storage places. These members are required to arrive fifteen minutes before rehearsal begins, and to move all equipment back after the rehearsal concludes. Specific equipment assignments are posted in the band room. The above late policy will apply to any person late for these responsibilities as well.

Block Scheduling -

Verona High School will continue to operate on a Block Schedule, which will be broken down into Regular Days A, B, C, and D. The Band will rehearse during Regular Days A, B, and C (not D) during Period 1. Please check Veronamusic.org for the most recent weekly schedules.

Lesson Policy -

As a member of the Verona High School Music Department, every student receives a weekly group lesson on a rotating schedule during the school day. These lessons provide personalized instruction for the student during which they are given a sound fundamental and pedagogical approach to musical growth. Attendance at these lessons is vital for the continuing growth of the program and the growth of each individual on their instrument. If a student is unable to attend a lesson, they must bring it to the attention of Mr. Lynch, Mr. Morden, Ms. Rehe, and work out an agreeable time to make up their absence.

Rehearsal Preparation –

The following is a required list of items for each rehearsal:

- Water Jug, Healthy Meals and Snacks
- Instrument/Flag/Accessories in working condition
- Sneakers/Socks (for marching)
- Marching Binder (For all warm ups, music and drill. Students should attach rope to the binder so they may put it over their shoulder during marching rehearsals and place all handouts in plastic cover sheets.)
- Hat - highly recommended
- Sunscreen – highly recommended
- Appropriate clothing for varying degrees of weather
- Towel (for color guard students during dance routines)

Nourishment –

Due to the rigorous physical nature of marching band, it is imperative that students eat full meals and drink plenty of fluids before and during rehearsals. Since rehearsal/game/competition days are quite long, it is equally important that students/parents pack enough food and drinks for the day. It is completely understood that choice of meals is something personal, however it is generally suggested that students choose water, fruits, vegetables, and proteins over soda and “junk food.”

Instrument/Equipment Care and Storage: *We Love Our New Room~*

It is imperative that students maintain their respective school-owned or personal instruments. This includes regular cleaning, as well as having the appropriate accessories (mouthpieces, valve oil, etc.) in emergency situations, reeds are available in the office. No reed will be distributed without receiving the appropriate payment. (Clarinet, Alto Sax and Tenor Sax are \$1 per reed, Bari Saxes are \$2)

If school equipment is damaged or lost, students are responsible for fixing or replacing it. All equipment will be taped/labeled prior to rehearsal. Students are responsible for bringing all equipment to rehearsal, football games, competitions, parades, etc. All instruments, both school-owned and personal, will be stored in our storage area. All students will be issued a lock and locker in the storage room, as well as a contract that he or she responsible for the instrument/lock. These cages must be locked at all times. All school instruments must be returned by the last day of school, unless the student wishes to fill out a contract for summer practice. Students are permitted to store only their instrument in the locker, no food, drinks, books, folders, etc.

Grade Breakdown -

Attendance - 50%; Participation - 25%; Performance Assessments – 25%

What We Do~

Above all mutual respect, pride, and class permeates our organization. We travel to football games and competitions both in and out of state, and therefore we represent our school, our community, and most importantly ourselves. Appropriate etiquette and behavior is at expected at all times, which includes the respect of other bands. Any behavior that is deemed inappropriate by the marching band staff will result in immediate disciplinary action, and will require a parental conference with staff and the school administration



**Verona Marching Maroon and White Member
Shared Value Statement~**

1. Above all integrity & mutual respect is the backbone of our music family
2. We will abide by our attendance policy at all times
3. We will arrive early enough for rehearsal to be prepared, as well as help clean up after rehearsal
4. We will make the consistent commitment to our drill, music, and guard work to serve one another and our community

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

Please return to Mr. Lynch by Tuesday, August 29th at 9am