

Welcome to the 2022 Spring Band and Winter Guard Semester!

Congratulations- you made it through your first (real) marching season!

We have several concert band events in the spring. Rehearsals involve some after school time, and *all instruments have sectionals every week unless otherwise notified*. Times are usually assigned by your director and can be before or after school. Remember to check your Band Notes and [band calendar](#) for updates! Color Guard is separate from concert band as color guard has an indoor winter guard season complete with weekend competitions. Currently, JV guard practices after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00-7:00, and varsity guard practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00-8:00.

Remember- I am here for any questions you have. If I do not know the answer, I will try to find out for you.

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Concert Bands are as follows:

Wind Ensemble- Mr. Turpin- Varsity

Wind Symphony- Mrs. Dacy- Non-varsity

Symphonic- Mr. Winters- Non-varsity

Concert- Mr. Turpin- Non-varsity

Color Guard- Mr. Josey for Varsity and JV

After school rehearsals will be announced in Band Notes and on the [band calendar](#) each week.

This semester the color that events are posted in on the [band calendar](#) are very important! Each band, color guard, full band, and percussion have their own colors. To find the color for your student's band, go to the top of the calendar and look at the top right corner. Next to the word Agenda, you will see an arrow pointing down. Click that arrow, and the colors for each different group are posted. For your convenience, I have also listed them here so you can find your colors now:

WHS Wind Ensemble

WHS Symphonic Band

WHS Percussion

WHS Band Leadership

WHS Wind Symphony

WHS Band

WHS Concert Band

WHS Colorguard

Color Guard Spring Semester: Color Guard participates in their own spring semester separate from the band schedule. They have their own performances, competitions, and rehearsal times. Those are included in this document.

Varsity Guard: Rehearsals Tuesday/Thursday: 5:00-8:00 plus some weekend camps

JV Guard: Rehearsals Monday/Wednesday: 5:00-7:00 plus some weekend camps

Competitions:

January 29th- [TCGC \(Texas Color Guard Circuit\)](#) Competition at [Dripping Springs High School](#)
940 US-290
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

February 12th-TCGC Competition at [Hendrickson High School](#)
19201 Colorado Sand Dr
Pflugerville, TX 78660

February 26th- TCGC Competition at [Georgetown High School](#)
2211 N Austin Ave
Georgetown, TX 78626

March 5th- [WGI \(World Guard International\)](#) Austin Regional (Tentative and for Varsity only) Location TBA

March 12th- JV State Championships at [Davenport High School](#)
23255 FM3009
San Antonio, TX 78266

March 19th- TCGC- Varsity Prelims at [Davenport High School](#)
23255 FM3009
San Antonio, TX 78266

March 26th- TCGC- Varsity State Championships at [Reed Arena](#)
730 Olsen Blvd
College Station, TX 77843

Band Events in the Spring semester:

Disney Trip- January 12-17, Details provided by band directors. On January 5th is the second trip meeting at 7:00 pm, most likely in the cafeteria.

Symphonic Camp is the first event that typically comes up in the spring semester for all four concert bands and will be held **February 4th-5th** this year. Students are expected to be available for rehearsal after school on Friday and all day on Saturday. No school classes are missed for Symphonic Camp. There is a concert on Saturday evening at the conclusion of the rehearsals at the RRISD PAC. Symphonic Camp is a time for intensive rehearsal to further music skills and technique with expert clinicians who come and work with the bands and then conduct them in concert.

UIL Solo and Ensemble is usually held on a Saturday in **February**. This is an opportunity for your student to play his/her/their solo in front of a judge. The judge gives a rating and a critique to each student. If the student plays a Class I solo from memory and receives a First Division (a

“1”), the student is eligible to play the solo again at a state level solo and ensemble competition later in the year. *UIL Solo and Ensemble is **not required** of the students.* It is voluntary. No accompanist will be provided. Students must find their own. Private lesson teachers are often helpful with this.

Pre-UIL Concerts for orchestra: If your student’s concert band is also playing with one of the full orchestras, the pre-UIL concert is required and is being held on February 24, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the RRISD PAC.

Orchestra UIL Performances: UIL Evaluations for full orchestra will be held on **March 3rd**. Students usually miss some class time. The orchestra is bussed to the school where the evaluations are taking place and play 3 concert pieces before three judges and given a rating. They are also evaluated and given a rating on a piece they will sightread. Playtimes are announced close to the day of the evaluations. *Parents are encouraged to go and support their students and directors as they play and sightread.*

March 5th: Mulch Day! One of our largest fundraisers is selling mulch. We made over \$30k two years ago! All students are asked to volunteer for a shift, and as many parents as possible are asked to volunteer as well. This is a huge undertaking, and we need all hands on deck!

April - The bands will hold a **pre-UIL concert** as the full orchestras do. Times and dates TBA.

UIL Evaluations: mid-April: Typically, there is a day for non-varsity bands and a day for varsity. Non-varsity bands include **Wind Symphony** (Dacy), **Symphonic Band** (Winters), and **Concert Band** (Turpin). Varsity Band is the **Wind Ensemble** (Turpin). As the orchestras did, the bands miss some class time and will play their 3 concert pieces before judges and are given a rating. They are also evaluated and given a rating on a piece that they sightread before judges. Playtimes are announced close to performance dates. *Parents are encouraged to go and support their students and directors as they play and sightread.* Students go only one of the days listed, and which day they will go will be announced later.

End of April/Beginning of May- Marching Camp for current 8th and 9th graders. To prepare for summer band camp, we will have a preliminary day to work with current 8th and 9th graders on marching skills.

Band Banquet- May- Usually, the band celebrates the year at a semi-formal event. We eat dinner, hand out awards, and honor each senior. A slide show presentation ends the celebration. Parents are welcome to attend in addition to students!

Percussion Ensemble Concert- May Details TBA. Usually, percussion gives a May concert.

Westwood Solo and Ensemble Competition- The Westwood Band has its own solo and ensemble competition typically held at the end of March. **This is required for all students!** Usually, an accompanist is provided for your student- no need to hire one. (Usually, you will have already paid for the accompanist with your band fees.) Students play their solos in front of

a judge and are evaluated and given a rating. **Usually the top 10 soloists** are chosen and play again in **April**. This year, the top two will perform at the spring concert. (Editor's Note: They were absolutely amazing the year before last!).

Full Band Mini Camp- mid-May: This camp is for the full band (9th-11th grades) plus current 8th graders. We will have a marching clinic and get fitted for uniforms, shoes, t-shirts, etc. At the end of the day we have an exhibition of what was learned. All current band members attend. Plan for the students to be there all day long. Date TBA.

Spring Concert- May 13th- Location TBA. (Typically, it is at the RRISD PAC.)

Calendar: These are the dates that are on the band calendar as of now (1/1/22). More dates will be added as the semester begins and progresses. Be sure to check Band Notes each week and the [band calendar](#) for updates.

Week of Jan. 3rd:

Jan. 4th: 9:00-1:00- JV Guard Rehearsal

2:00-6:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 5th: 7:00- Second Disney trip meeting- mandatory!!

5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 6th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 7th: 1:30- Band students auditioning for Area leave classes to depart for auditions

Jan. 8th: Area Auditions at Duncanville High School

Week of: Jan. 10:

Jan. 10th: 7:30 am- Have luggage at Westwood ready to load onto the truck for the trip

5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 11th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 12th: Depart from Westwood for the airport, Time TBA

Jan. 13th: 12:45- Parade down Magic Kingdom's Main Street!

Week of: Jan. 17th:

Jan. 17th: Return from Disney

Jan. 18th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 19th: 4:30-6:00- Full Wind Symphony Band/Orchestra Rehearsal

5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 20th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Jan. 21st-22nd: Region Band Clinic/Concert (after school Friday, all day Saturday, concert Saturday evening)

Jan. 22nd: 9:00-1:00- JV Guard Rehearsal

2:00-6:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Week of: Jan. 24th:

Jan. 24th: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Jan. 25th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Woodwind Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Jan. 26th: 4:30-6:00- Full Wind Symphony Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Jan. 27th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Brass Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Jan. 29th: All day: TCGC Competition, Varsity and JV Guard
[Dripping Springs High School](#)
940 US-290
Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Week of: Jan. 31st:

Jan. 31st: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 1st: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Woodwind Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 2nd: 4:30-6:00- Full Wind Symphony Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 3rd: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Brass Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 4th-5th: Symphonic Camp- Rehearsals after school Friday and all day Saturday; concert in the evening- For all 4 concert band ensembles

Week of: February 7th:

Feb. 7th: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 8th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 9th: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 10th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 12th: All day- TCGC Competition, Varsity and JV Guard
[Hendrickson High School](#)
19201 Colorado Sand Dr
Pflugerville, TX 78660

Week of: Feb. 14th:

Feb. 14th: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 15th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Woodwind Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 16th: 4:30-6:00- Full Wind Symphony Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 17th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Brass Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Week of: Feb. 21st:

Feb. 21st: 9:00-1:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

2:00-6:00 JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 22nd: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Woodwind Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 23rd: 4:30-6:00- Full Wind Symphony Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Feb. 24th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Brass Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
7:00- Full Orchestra Pre-UIL Concert
Any band that also plays with an orchestra will be in this concert
Feb. 26th: All Day: TCGC Competition, Varsity and JV Guard
[Georgetown High School](#)
2211 N Austin Ave
Georgetown, TX 78626
1:00-3:30- Wind Ensemble Concert at the RRISD PAC

Week of: Feb. 28th:

Feb. 28th: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 1st: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Woodwind Sectional
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 2nd: 4:30-6:00- Full Wind Symphony Band/Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 3rd: Full Orchestra UIL- all day
5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 5th: All Day- Mulch Day!!
All Day- WGI Austin Regional, Varsity Guard

Week of: Mar. 7th:

Mar. 7th: 5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 8th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 9th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal
5:00-7:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 10th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 12th: All Day: TCGC JV Championships
[Davenport High School](#)
23255 FM3009
San Antonio, TX 78266

Spring Break!

Mar. 16th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal- Check with Mrs. Dacy on this rehearsal. It is on the calendar, but it is also spring break.
Mar. 18th: 12:00-4:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal
4:00-8:00- JV Guard Rehearsal
Mar. 19th: All Day- Varsity Prelims
[Davenport High School](#)
23255 FM3009

San Antonio, TX 78266

Week of: Mar. 21st:

Mar. 21st: 5:00-6:30- Color Guard New Member Clinic

Mar. 22nd: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Mar. 23rd: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal

Mar. 24th: 5:00-8:00- Varsity Guard Rehearsal

Mar. 26th: All Day- TCGC State Championships, Varsity Guard

[Reed Arena](#)

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Week of: Mar. 28th:

Mar. 28th: 5:00-6:30- Color Guard New Member Clinic

Mar. 30th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal

Week of: Apr. 4th:

Apr. 4th: 5:00-6:30- Color Guard New Member Clinic

Apr. 6th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal

Week of: Apr. 11th:

Apr. 11th: 5:00-6:30- Color Guard New Member Clinic

Apr. 13th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal

Week of: Apr. 18th:

April 18th: 5:00-6:30- Color Guard New Member Clinic

Apr. 20th: 4:30-5:30- Wind Symphony Full Band Rehearsal

Week of: Apr. 25th:

All Week: Band Auditions

Apr. 25th: 5:00-6:30- Color Guard New Member Clinic

Apr. 26th: Drumline Audition

Week of: May 2nd:

Week of: May 9th:

May 13th: Spring Concert- Date and Time TBA

Week of: May 16th:

Week of: May 23rd:

May 24th: Graduation

May 27th-28th: Percussion Camp, Time TBA