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VISTA RIDGE MARCHING FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 5, 2024
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PRELIMS SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM

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8:30 am	Legacy Ranch High School	4A
8:45 am	Round Rock High School JV	4A
9:00 am	William B. Travis High School	4A
9:15 am	Stony Point High School	6A
9:30 am	Wagner High School	5A
9:45 am	JUDGE BREAK	
10:00 am	Harker Heights High School	6A
10:15 am	Shoemaker High School	6A
10:30 am	Seguin High School	5A
10:45 am	McNeil High School	6A
11:00 am	Pflugerville High School	5A
11:15 am	JUDGE BREAK	
12:00 pm	C.C. Winn Maverick Band	5A
12:15 pm	Medina Valley High School	6A
12:30 pm	John Paul Stevens High School	6A
12:45 pm	New Braunfels High School	5A
1:00 pm	Tom Glenn High School	5A
1:15 pm	*Weather Contingency Slot*	
1:30 pm	William H. Taft High School	6A
1:45 pm	Hutto High School	6A
2:00 pm	McCollum High School	5A
2:15 pm	Brenham High School	5A
2:30 pm	Westlake High School	6A
2:45 pm	JUDGES BREAK	
3:00 pm	A&M Consolidated High School	5A
3:15 pm	Weiss High School	5A
3:30 pm	John B Connally High School	5A
3:45 pm	Lake Belton High School	5A
4:00 pm	Liberty Hill High School	5A
4:15 pm	Winston Churchill High School	6A
4:30 pm	Prelims Conclude	
4:50 pm	Prelim Awards & Finalist Announcement	
7:00 pm	Finals begins with non-finalist Class Champion Exhibition	
10:15 pm	Vista Ridge Ranger Band Exhibition Performance	

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WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Greetings!

Welcome to Gupton Stadium for the 13th Annual Vista Ridge Marching Festival! On behalf of Vista Ridge High School, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your band's participation and your unwavering support of your students today. We hope you enjoy this celebration of excellence in marching band performance.

You are all part of a remarkable activity that merges athleticism with artistic interpretation, expression, and an incredible work ethic. The collaboration of diverse ideas and personalities necessary for success in this art form fuels creativity and excellence.

While the hours of hard work and practice may go unnoticed, they are deeply appreciated by administrators, teachers, parents, and fellow students alike. Although public recognition is not your primary motivation, your efforts elevate all our schools, regardless of competition outcomes. Thank you for demonstrating the courage to "lay it on the line." You embody the dedication that transforms individuals, programs, schools, and communities.

Thank you for being here today. Best of luck to each of you as you strive for excellence this season!

Musically Yours,

Robert Herrings

Director of Bands

Vista Ridge High School

2024 JUDGING PANEL



Adam Sage

Adam Sage is an active choreographer, designer, and adjudicator in the pageantry arts. Adam has worked with numerous programs in the southeast including Tarpon Springs High School, East Lake High School, Seminole High School (1993 WGI A class Bronze medalists), Clearwater High School, Kell High School and Pope High School in Marietta, Georgia. Pope High School was the 2000 WGI Open class Silver medalists and the 2002 WGI World class Bronze medalists. Kell High School was the 2005 WGI A class Silver medalist. In addition, Adam also designed for Spanish River High School Winter Guard in Boca Raton, Florida (2009 Winter Guard International Scholastic A Silver

medalists). Adam's drum corps experience includes being a performing member of the Suncoast Sound and The Cadets of Bergen County. He has been on the teaching and design teams for several drum corps over the years. They include the Crossmen, Cavaliers, Santa Clara Vanguard, Phantom Regiment, Carolina Crown, and the Madison Scouts. Adam is also actively involved with Winter Guard International (WGI). He was the director of The Company Colour Guard, Phantom Regiment Winter Guard and CrownGUARD. Adam Sage was the director and designer for the Kennesaw Mountain High School Color Guard in Kennesaw, Georgia 2003-2016 (2004 Winter Guard International Scholastic A World Champions, 2005 Winter Guard International Scholastic Open World Champions, 2006 Winter Guard International Scholastic World Class finalists, and the 2013 Winter Guard International Scholastic Open Bronze Medalists). Sage is currently the artistic director and choreographer for the Yokohama Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps in Yokohama, Japan. Adam Sage is the visual creative director and color guard coordinator with the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. He also is one of the directors at Park Vista High School in Lake Worth, Florida where he is the artistic director, designer, and choreographer. When he is not teaching color guard, Adam is a third-grade teacher in Parkland, Florida and resides in Delray Beach.



Wayne Dillon

Wayne Dillon (Dunedin, Florida) holds a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and Education from York University in Toronto, Canada, and a Master's degree in Jazz Performance/Pedagogy from The University of Miami (FL). Dillon is the former Director of Bands at Elizabeth High School in New Jersey. He has been awarded the State of New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award, and most recently was named the New Jersey Outstanding Jazz Educator for 2021. The Elizabeth High School marching band earned ten state championships, and the symphonic and jazz bands achieved consistent superior ratings during Dillon's tenure. He currently provides clinics for

schools and organizations on a variety of topics including performance, leadership, mindset coaching, rehearsal management, and show design. He has conducted clinics in Japan, South America, Canada, and the United States. Dillon is currently the Chief Judge of the winds division of Winter Guard International. He also serves on the music administration team for Drum Corps International and the Florida Federation of Colorguards outdoor division. Dillon served as the Brass Caption Head for the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps from 2006-2011. He has also worked on the music staff of the ten-time world champion The Cadets, serving as the music supervisor in 2002. In 2010-2011, Dillon served as a staff member for the US Army All-American Marching Band, and in 2020, Dillon was honored with his induction into The Buglers Hall of Fame.

2024 JUDGING PANEL



Albert Lo

Albert Lo is the Director of Instrumental Music Ensembles at the Austin Community College District and the resident Conductor/Artistic Director for the Valley Wind Symphony. Dr. Lo completed his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas where he was under the tutelage of Professor Eugene Migliaro Corporon, Professor Dennis Fisher, and Dr. Nicholas Enrico Williams. A native of Chicago, Illinois, he received his Bachelorette of Music Degree from Northern Illinois University and his Master of Art Degree from Western Illinois University. Previous to his appointment as the Director of Instrumental Music Ensembles at Austin

Community College, Dr. Lo served four years as the Director of Bands for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley - Brownsville and one year as the Director of Orchestra. Dr. Lo also served as the Director of Bands at Winston Churchill High School in San Antonio, Texas from 2001-2008. Under his direction, Churchill High School continued their tradition of excellence, placing in the finals at consecutive Texas 5A State Marching Contests, Bands of America Regionals, and The Bands of America Grand Nationals in Indianapolis, IN. The Churchill winter percussion line is the 2003 Winter Guard International World Class Indoor Percussion Champions and the color guard was a consistent Winter Guard International World Class finalist at the Nationals in Dayton, Ohio. Both Churchill Jazz Ensembles have been awarded Outstanding Jazz Ensembles at the Northern Colorado Jazz Festival in Greeley, CO, the North Texas Jazz Festival in Addison, TX as well as the Harlingen and Fiesta Jazz Festivals. The Charger Band was selected to participate in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA. in 2006 and performed in the 50th anniversary celebration of Hawaii's Statehood in 2008. The Wind Symphony has placed consecutively at the TMEA Honor Band Area competitions, and all four concert bands have received sweepstakes at the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. All bands have been awarded "Best in Class" at various national concert festivals throughout the country. In addition to his career as a music educator in the public schools, Dr. Lo was a brass instructor and Caption Head for the nationally renowned Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. He is currently an adjudicator for Drum Corps International, Music for All, Texas University Interscholastic League, as well as other Judges' Associations throughout the United States and Asia. Mr. Lo is an active clinician and guest conductor who has taught, conducted and performed in concert and jazz ensembles throughout Europe and Asia. Dr. Lo is a two-time Teacher of the Year recipient and was awarded Certificate of Recognition by the Texas Academy of Math and Sciences at the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. He is a member of College Band Directors National Association, Pi Kappa Lambda Music Honor Society, Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity, Texas Music Educator Association and Texas Bandmasters Association.



Christopher Alexander

Chris Alexander began his career in pageantry with The Cavaliers Drum & Bugle Corps, where he performed as a member of the brass section from 2002 through 2005. He served on the brass instructional team at The Cavaliers for an additional 4 years, 2006 thru 2009, before accepting an offer to lead the visual team at Santa Clara Vanguard. From 2010 through 2016, Chris served as Visual Caption Manager at Santa Clara Vanguard, leading both visual instruction and full-ensemble coordination. At the conclusion of the 2016 season, Chris stepped aside to start a family and take a larger role in his businesses outside of pageantry, but he has continued to engage with the marching arts as a clinician and adjudicator for ensembles throughout the United States. Today, Chris serves as Managing Partner of Artha Capital, through which he leads business ventures in energy and agriculture. He resides in Edmond, OK with his wife Cassandra, and their two young children, Henry and Eleanor.

2024 JUDGING PANEL



Garth Gunderson

Garth Gunderson currently serves as the Associate Director of Bands and Director of the "Pride" Marching Band at Texas A&M University-Commerce. The "Pride" Marching Band is nationally renowned for innovative design and excellence in the marching arts with performances at the UIL State Marching Festival, BOA Regionals, Super Regionals and Grand Nationals. At Texas A&M University-Commerce, Mr. Gunderson directs the marching band, directs the symphonic band, and teaches music education classes to music majors.

Prior to this appointment at TAMUC, Mr. Gunderson served as the Assistant Director of Fine Arts for Killeen ISD. In this position, Mr. Gunderson oversaw the instrumental music programs in Killeen ISD.

His duties included supervising band and orchestra programs at 6 high schools, 11 middle schools, and 33 elementary schools throughout Killeen ISD. Mr. Gunderson spent 26 years teaching bands in the greater Austin area. Mr. Gunderson served as the Assistant Band Director at Westlake HS (1993 - 1996) and Stephen F. Austin HS (1998 -1999). He served as the Head Band Director of the W. Charles Akins HS (1999 - 2002); Robert E Hendrickson HS (2003 -2018); and James Bowie HS (2018 - 2022). During his tenure at these schools, his bands performed at the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle, the Midwest Convention in Chicago, the Chicago Thanksgiving Day Parade, the ABC Boscov's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, to name a few. Under his direction, the bands were consistent Bands of America Regional, Super Regional Finalists and Champions; and these bands were consistent UIL sweepstakes winners and participants at the UIL State Marching Band Championships. Additionally, Mr. Gunderson was the co-conductor of the Austin Youth Orchestra from 2018 - 2022. Mr. Gunderson earned his master's degree in music education and conducting from The University of Texas at Austin where he studied with Jerry Junkin, Bob Duke, and Paula Crider. He earned his bachelor's degree in music education from Louisiana State University, where he studied with Frank Wickes and was the drum major of the Golden Band from Tiger Land. Mr. Gunderson is a frequent adjudicator and clinician. His professional affiliations include TMEA, TBA, Phi Beta Mu, TMAA and Pi Kappa Lambda.

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FESTIVAL FORMAT

PERFORMANCE

15 minutes total time (field warm-up, performance, off the field)

30 minute warm-up

20 minute transition time

JUDGING FORMAT

Music: 40%- 2 judges

Visual: 40%- 2 judges

General Effect/ Design: 20%- 1 judge

PRELIMS AWARDS

Best in class, 2nd & 3rd place will be awarded to 6A, 5A, 4A, 1A-3A (combined)

Music, Visual, and General Effect

FINALS FORMAT

Top ten scores regardless of class

Best in Class groups not in top ten will have the option to perform in exhibition at the beginning of finals. Finals performances order will be determined by a draw.

FINAL AWARDS

All participating bands in finals will receive a trophy for 1st-10th place.



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4A

LEGACY RANCH HIGH SCHOOL “BLOOM: OUR LEGACY BEGINS”

Music Features Include:

- Spring Recomposed by Max Richter
- Kingfishers Catch Fire by John Mackey
- Earth Song by Frank Ticheli
- American Faces by David Holsinger



The Legacy Ranch High School Band is under the direction of:
Kyle Ruschhaupt & Tyler Dempsey

The Program Coordinator for the Legacy Ranch Band is Jeremy Spicer. Music arrangements are written by Evan Vandoren. Visual designers are Andy Ebert, Tyler Edrington and Molly Fav-ray.

Legacy Ranch High School is a new campus in Liberty Hill ISD. The campus has a population of 320 freshmen and will add a grade every year. The band & colorguard is comprised of 45 students.



4A

ROUND ROCK HIGH SCHOOL JV “WE RISE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Major:

Oshin Aslot & Ada Banks

Music Features Include:

- We Rise With the Mountains
by David Eastmond
- Resilience by Pink Zebra



The Round Rock High School JV Band is under the direction of:

David Mobley, Cathy Benford, Isabelle Bouhadana, & Kyle Hammack

The Round Rock High School Dragon Band consists of 350 students and continues to grow with each passing year. The band has received countless awards over the years and continues to take their brand of high- energy, vivid, entertaining and exciting marching programs to new venues and earn top recognition during each performance along the way.

4A

WILLIAM B. TRAVIS HIGH SCHOOL “RITMOS DE PASION”

The band is led on the field by Drum Major: Argelia Huerta

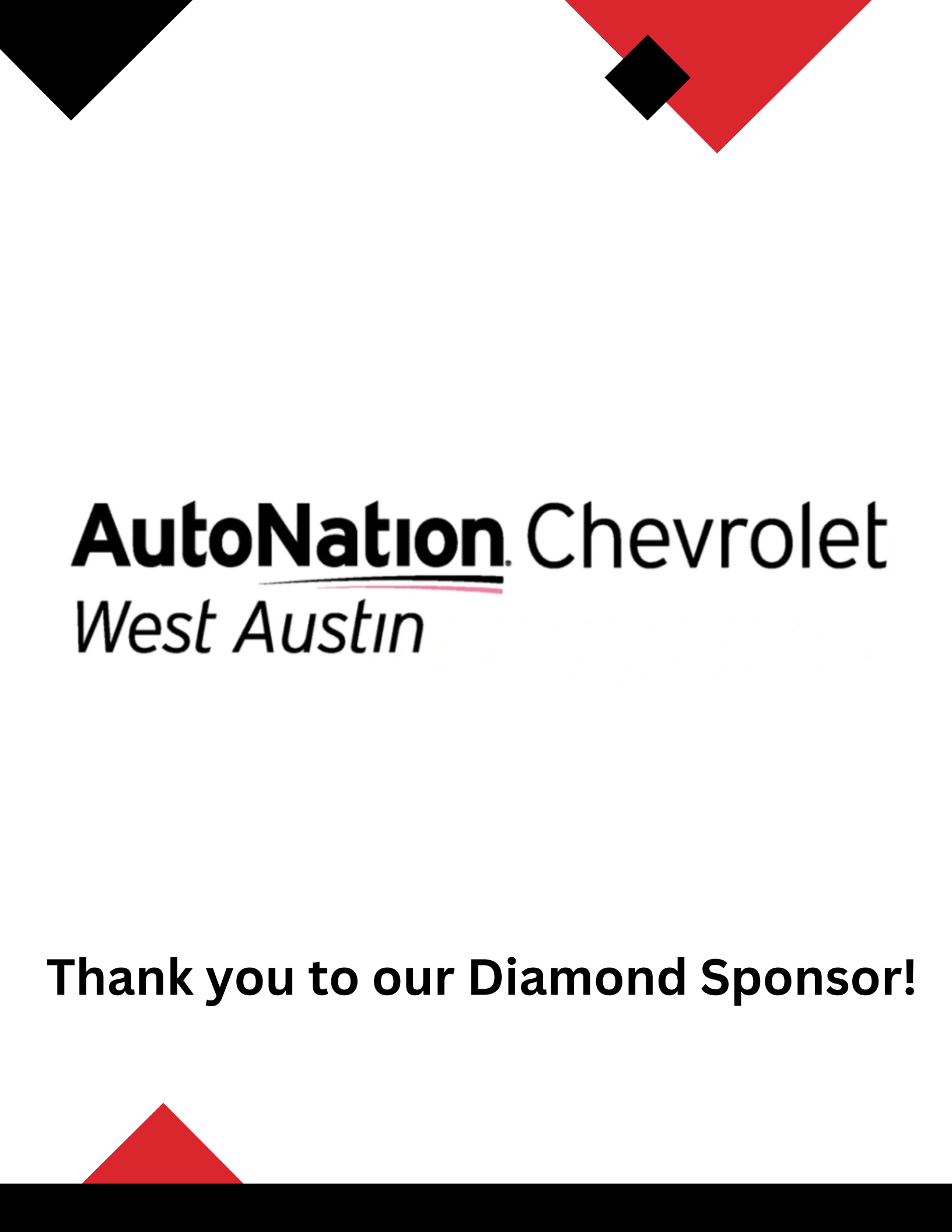
Music Features Include:

- Mvt. 1. LOS CUERVOS
- Mvt. 2. - HAVANA EXPRESS
- Mvt. 3. - EL GATO TRISTE

The Travis High School Band is under the direction of: David Contreras

The Travis Rebel Band history dates back to the schools founding in 1953 and has been described as the "Backbone of all the pride and spirit of Travis HS" The Rebel Marching Band has been a Texas State UIL marching contest, received numerous first divisions superior ratings throughout our history.





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5A

A&M CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL “SUSPEND”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Maddy Valka, Sam Rhoads, Clare Duhon, & Taylor Rutledge

Music Features Include:

- Mvt. 1 - Suspend
- Mvt. 2 - Trittico
- Mvt. 3 - Chandelier
- Mvt. 4 - Suburbia



The A&M Consolidated High School Band is under the direction of:
Steve Fry, James Benton, Harry Hutchins, Ava Ahamadi, & Alex DeWald

The A&M Consolidated High School band program has a long tradition of excellence and allows the students to grow individually through their instrument. The marching band consistently receives Superior Ratings at the UIL Region and Area contests. In 2021, the Tiger Band went to the UIL State Marching Contest for the first time in school history. In 2023, the Tiger Band finished at the UIL Area I Grand Champion earning their second trip to the UIL State Marching Contest in 3 years. The Tiger Band has competed in the Bands of America circuit for the past 3 years placing in the top 50 at the San Antonio Super Regional. The concert bands have received Superior Ratings on a consistent basis for the past 40 years. Both the Winter Guard and Indoor Percussion compete at a very high level.

In 2022, the Indoor Percussion group finished 4th at the TCGC State Competition. In 2023, the Winter Guard earned another trip to the TCGC State contest. The band programs also promote individual growth within the band program by having students audition for the TMEA Region, Area, All-State Bands. The Tiger Band has a rich history of having a student placed in the TMEA All-State Band. The band program also promotes performing solos in both winds and color guard activities.



5A

BRENHAM HIGH SCHOOL “THE PROMISE OF A NEW DAY”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors: Trey Gates, Hunter Hagler, Thomas Loesch, & Jose Santibanez-Ambrocio

Music Features Include:

- Part 1-Setting Sail-Liquid by Jay Bocook
- Part 2-Smooth Sailing-Light of a Clear Blue Morning by Dolly Parton
- Part 3-Rough Waters-Temen Oblak by Christopher Tin
- Part 4-The Promise of a New Day-Golden Hour by JVKE (Jake)

The Brenham High School Band is under the direction of:

Eric Rettig, Michael Hanson, Justin Baker, & Joshua Turnipseed

The Cub Band would like to thank our Band Parents for their endless support.

The Brenham Cub Band is a consistent UIL Sweepstakes Award winner and have made appearances at the UIL State Marching Contest and the TMEA Honor Band competition.

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5A

C.C. WINN MAVERICK BAND

“BLOSSOM”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Dahlia Lopez, Joshua Chavarria, & Jeremiah Jimenez

Music Features Include:

- “Turn to Stone” by Ingrid Michelson

The C.C. Winn Maverick Band is under the direction of:

Ruben Rodriguez Jr., Alejo Garza Jr. Roberto Rodriguez, Mathew Riley, Jorge Vargas, Juan De Dio Perez, Carlos Vela, & Stephanie Trevino

The C.C. Winn Band has 17 years of Consecutive sweepstakes at UIL marching contest and 4 years of advancing to Area Finals in area G (2015) and H (2019, 2022, 2023)

C.C. Winn Maverick Band is a 5A school in Region 11. This band program has been in existence since 2007 and offers classes such as: Jazz Band, Mariachi, Color Guard, Marching Band, and Concert Band.



5A

JOHN B CONNALLY HIGH SCHOOL “REVERIE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Giselle Garza & Ruben Robledo

Music Features Include:

- Fur Elise - Beethoven
- Elenor Rigby - The Beatles
- Symphony in Bb Major - Bruckner
- Seven Nation Army - The White Stripes



The Connally High School Band is under the direction of:

Chris Thomsen, Stephen Bouma, Kristen Hutchins,
Lauren Gonzalez, Alejandro Garcia & Erika Agrait

The Connally Marching Band is an 8 time UIL area finalist, 4 time state finalist, and holders of over 20 sweepstakes awards.

Special Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Carrillo, who work tirelessly as our booster executives to ensure the band's success, and to all our boosters and parents who give and support our great program.

JOHN B. CONNALLY HIGH SCHOOL



2024 - 2025 COUGAR BAND

5A

TOM GLENN HIGH SCHOOL “CITY CYCLE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Dawn Teske-Wright, Melina McGirr, & Kristen Zyla

Music Features Include:

- Short Ride in a Fast Machine- John Adams
- Wild Nights- Frank Ticheli
- Goodnight Mood- Eric Whitacre
- Aurora Awakes- John Mackey



The Glenn High School Band is under the direction of:

Matthew Garrison, Samantha Muckleroy, Rick Scruggs, & Jacob Gall

The Glenn High School marching band is in its ninth year. We would like to thank our administration, band boosters, and community for all their support.



5A

LAKE BELTON HIGH SCHOOL “ETERNAL GLORY”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Jonathon Crow, Cahaya Lane, Lilyan Graves, & Noah Thomas

Music Features Include:

- The Music of Dmitri Shostakovich including
 - The Fire of Eternal Glory
 - Piano Concerto No. 2
 - Jazz Waltz
 - Symphony No. 5
 - Symphony No. 10



The Lake Belton High School Band is under the direction of: Bobby Yerigan, Craig George, Jacob Guerrero, Grant Shane, & Jessie Arbolay

The Stampede would like to extend a special thank you to Mr. Luke Gall, Mr. Brandon Smith, Mr. Wes Cartwright, the Stampede Band Boosters, and Fine Arts Director-Mr. Keith Zuehlke.

The Stampede program is 5 years old with Lake Belton High School opening in the fall of 2020 with only freshmen and sophomores. The program has grown from 84 members in 2020 to over 230 in 2024. The Stampede is a consistent UIL Sweepstakes award winner, and has been a participant in the UIL State Marching contest in class 4A in 2020, 2021, and in class 5A in 2023.



5A

LIBERTY HILL HIGH SCHOOL “DRAWN UPON”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Rita Gerten & Michael Kolagani



Music Features Include:

- Für Elise - Reimagined - Alexander Joseph
- Primacy of Number - The Philip Glass Ensemble and Yo-Yo Ma
- Marnie - Takatsugu Muramatsu
- Kingfishers Catch Fire - John Mackey

The Liberty Hill High School Band is under the direction of: Joshua Muñoz, Ashlynn Turner, Justin Zimmerman, & Evan Turner

The Liberty Hill Panther Band would like to thank our entire Panther Band community for all of their support. From our boosters, parent volunteers, chaperones, etc., it truly takes a village, and our success is a testament to your support.

The Liberty Hill Panther Band is a consistent marching band finalist, UIL Sweepstakes recipient, and State Marching Contest participant. In 2023, the Liberty Hill Percussion

Ensemble was invited to the Music for All Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival. For 2025, both the Liberty Hill Wind Ensemble and Liberty Hill Percussion Ensemble were invited to the Music for All National Concert Band Festival and Sandy Feldstein National Percussion Festival.



5A

MCCOLLUM HIGH SCHOOL “YOU ARE MY STAR”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Ilena Muniz, Simeon Griffith, & Catalina Ferniz

Music Features Include:

- Moonlight Serenade
- Sentimental Journey
- Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy
- Sing Sing Sing
- Taps
- God Bless America



The McCollum High School Band is under the direction of:

Gilbert Borrego, Briann Jasso, & Matthew Settles

Special acknowledgements
to the Colorguard Directors -
Jeremy Contreras and Kayla
Garcia, Guard Tech Jiselda
Aragon, and Percussion
Techs - Joseph Flores
and Isabel Villarreal



5A

NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL “POINT OF ORIGIN”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Logan Bachman, Luke Dolch, & Giuliana DeLuca

Music Features Include:

- Electric Counterpoint by Steve Reich
- Cantus- Song of Aelous by Karl Jenkins
- Color Wheel by Arch Echo
- Across the Sky by Pat Metheny
- Posthumous Forgiveness by Tame Impala



The New Braunfels High School Band is under the direction of:

David C. Eckert, Felicia Garza, Angel Hernandez, & Kate Day

Point of Origin features the music of Alex Thode (Tho-dee) and Benjamin Pyles, Drill and Program Design by Zachary Travis, Color Guard design by Kate Williams Day, and movement by Liz Wiatrek.

The New Braunfels High School Mighty Unicorn Band is in its 92nd year of existence. The band program holds a tradition of excellence in performance and competition, maintaining consistent Superior UIL ratings that span decades.

Our band staff is dedicated to providing a positive educational experience for all of our students. We strive to set and maintain the standard of excellence for all NBISD students. With the help of our parent organization, The Unicorn Band and Guard Boosters, we work to provide a fulfilling and creative musical education to all Unicorn Band and Colorguard students.



5A

PFLUGERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL “THE FUTURE IS NOW”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Rilo Baker, Cyrus Peterson, & Selah Abbott

Music Features Include:

- Tron Legacy - Daft Punk
- Everything In Its Right Place - Radiohead
- The Chairman Dances - John Adams
- The Red Machine - Peter Graham
- Run to You - Pentatonix
- Lost it to Trying - Son Lux



The Pflugerville High School Band is under the direction of:

O.D. Wilson, Darryl Wagner, Chelsea Crochet, Trysten Cook & Hannah Mayes

The Panther Band would like to thank the administrations of Pflugerville ISD, Pflugerville ISD Fine Arts, Pflugerville HS and the Parent Boosters and Band Foundation for your continued support.

The Pflugerville Band and Guard program offers students performance opportunities in marching band, indoor winter guard and indoor percussion activities, jazz band and concert band. The Panther Band and Color Guard is a consistent UIL Sweepstakes recipient having last performed at the UIL State Marching Contest in Fall of 2023. The Panther Band has represented Texas at the Rose Bowl Parade and the prestigious Music for All National Concert Band Festival and Percussion Festival in Indianapolis, IN.



5A

SEGUIN HIGH SCHOOL “HUE OF HYPNOSIS”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:
Roean Pruitt, Grace Christensen & William Tallier



Music Features Include:

- Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg
- 160 BPM from Angels and Demons by Hans Zimmer
- The Hymn of Acxiom by Vienna Teng
- Remembering the Future from WAIT of the World by Stephen Melillo

The Seguin High School Band is under the direction of:

Marc Telles, Samantha Dimatteo, David Witherspoon, Brad Samsen, Heather Brown, and Kameron Ridgeway, with assistance from John Blair, Sarah Jandt, Alejandro Yanez, and Linsey Rios.

The Seguin High School Matador Band was established in 1918 and, for over 100 years, has been a symbol of excellence in the Seguin, Texas, community. The Matador Band has achieved numerous best-in-class and UIL Sweepstakes awards and has advanced to the UIL Area Marching Contest finals.



5A

WAGNER HIGH SCHOOL “HAND IN HAND”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Ariana Lopez, Gloria Alonso, & Iris Hostos

Music Features Include:

- Ghost of the Old Year - James David
- I want to hold your hand - The Beatles
- First Circle - Pat Metheny



WAGNER BAND

The Wagner High School Band is under the direction of:

J. Raul Perez, Raul Cisneros, Joseph Trevino, & Ruben Alejandro

The Wagner Marching band would like to give a special acknowledgement to the Wagner Band Boosters.

The Karen Wagner High School Band has had a tradition of success stretching back to 2005. The Wagner Band has produced musicians that have studied in the finest universities and conservatories in the country and the world. For three consecutive years, the band won the US Bands Texas State Championship in 2010, 2011, and 2012. In 2012 they were named the US Bands National Champion in a competition of over 120 of the nation's most competitive bands with a score of 97.52 in East Rutherford, New Jersey. In recent years, the band has continued that legacy of success on the marching field in US Bands competitions and UIL Area H Finals.



5A

WEISS HIGH SCHOOL “PEO-ETIQUE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Lance Go, Annabelle Soliz, & Samantha Yengest

Music Features Include:

- Sweeney Todd by Sondheim
- Sleepy Hollow by Danny Elfman
- Adagio in G minor By Albinoni



The Weiss High School Band is under the direction of: Ian Young, John Wesley, Emely Chacon, Hunter Langhans, & Lany Wyatt Roberson

Would like to thank the PFISD School Board, The Weiss Band Boosters and Fine Arts Director for all of their support!

Our mission is to create a welcoming and positive environment where students can thrive while expressing themselves through music. In using the strength of our pack, we elevate the individual to reach our greatest potential. Furthermore, we will strive to embody grit, passion, and humility as we bring pride to our community, our school, and ourselves





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6A

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL “NEVERMORE ACADEMY”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Jeff Leeka, Myleigh Curry, & Alyssa Calaway

Music Features Include:

- Wednesday by Danny Elfman
- Serenada Schizophrana - Danny Elfman
- Move Towards the Darkness - Andrew Lipa
- The Goo Goo Muck by The Cramps
- Paint it Black - Keith Richards and Mick Jagger



The Churchill High School Band is under the direction of:

Amanda Stevenson, Amy Plazek, Rick Astorga & Ray Ramirez

The Charger Band is a consistent Bands of America participant and UIL Sweepstakes recipient. In 2019 the Percussion Ensemble performed at The Midwest Clinic in Chicago. IN the Spring of 2023 The Winterguard performed at WGI in Dayton and the Wind Ensemble was a Featured Ensemble for the Music for All National Band Festival.



6A

HARKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

“LYMPHA AQUAM”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors: Josh Duenas, Alex Ukachi, Ottavia Denton & Gage Cardenas

Music Features Include:

- Into the Water from Avatar: Way of Water by Simon Franglen
- Liquid by Jay Bocook
- Gabriel’s Oboe by Ennis Morricone
- Ocean Eyes by Billie Eilish
- After the Storm by Stephen Mellilo



The Harker Heights High School Band is under the direction of:

Eric Skinner, Tyler Claycomb, Clay Roesler & Molly Bradley.

Additional Staff include: Daniel Harter, Johan Rodriguez, Josh Poling, , Heather Williams, & Koln Wright

For years, the Red Brigade Marching Band and Avalons have inspired the hearts of Harker Heights High School fans with our powerful music and creative marching drills. The Red Brigade Marching Band is the largest student musical organization in Killeen ISD.

The Harker Heights High School Red Brigade is a perennial Area D qualifier. Representing Harker Heights, Texas, the Red Brigade has made appearances in several USBands events within the state of Texas, as well as the Bands of America Austin and Waco Regional Events.

6A

HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL “GLITCH”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Audrey Cunningham, Jheremy Dinopol, Julein Lipscomb, & Dustin Orman

Music Features Include:

- Young and Beautiful
- Codex
- Electric Counterpoint
- Mother Board



The Hutto High School Band is under the direction of: Michael Harrison, Ryan Manders, Madeline Kendall, Allen Campoy, & Kevin Monteiro

The Hutto Band would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Hutto ISD & Hutto HS administration, and the Hutto Band Boosters for all their support! You are greatly appreciated, and we could not do it without you!



6A

MCNEIL HIGH SCHOOL

“RESONATE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Valerie Allen, Cormac Edmond, Saanvi Mehta & Audrey Raybould

Music Features Include:

- Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi
- Arabesque No. 1 by Claude Debussy
- Resonate by Andrew Markworth



The McNeil High School Band is under the direction of:

Jason Dimicelli, Brittany Graham, Jordan Garza, & Christopher McCarthy

The McNeil Band earned the silver medal at the VRMF in 2022 and 2023. They are a consistent UIL 6A Area D finalist and an annual Sweepstakes recipient. The percussion section earned the bronze medal at the Lone Star Drumline Competition in 2023, and the winterguard was once again a TCGC State Finalist.

The McNeil Band thanks the Vista Ridge Band community for their hospitality today, and we also thank the McNeil Band families for their continued support.

The McNeil Band is a consistent UIL 6A Area D Finalist. They have also been Finalists in the Texas Marching Classic, various Bands of America Regionals, and other local festivals. The percussion section was recognized as one of the best in Texas in 2023, earning the bronze medal at the Lone Star Drumline Competition in Flower Mound, TX. The McNeil Winterguard was a finalist at WGI Regionals and the TCGC State Championships.

The Wind Ensemble has established itself as a top ensemble in the area having performed at the Music For All National Festival, being previously named a TMEA 6A State Honor Band Finalist, and earning Mark of Excellence awards. The Percussion Ensemble is recognized as one of the elite groups in central Texas, and they also performed at the MFA National Festival in 2023. The McNeil Winterguard has earned a national reputation over the years, becoming a two-time WGI World Championship Finalist, an annual TCGC state finalist, and State Champion in 2018.

6A

MEDINA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

“WILD!”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Hameed Wilson, Ashley Persyn, Rebekah Valero, & David Onstott

Music Features Include:

- Welcome to the Jungle
- Animals
- Pagan Dances
- Asphalt Cocktail

The Medina Valley High School Band is under the direction of:

Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Josue Solalinde, Jose M. Cruz, Raymond Sifuentes, Kailey Parker, Jessica Maple, Carlos Jimenez, & Albert Riojas

We would like to thank Andrew Sanchez, Marching Tech. Our percussion techs: Valeria Hernandez, Symeon May, and Katlin (Katelynn) Ramirez. We'd also like to recognize our color guard techs Nicole Solalinde, and Benicio Hernandez.



6A

SHOEMAKER HIGH SCHOOL “INVASION”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Mario Puente, Flavio Gabriel, & Orlando Novoa

Music Features Include:

- Also Sprach Zarathustra
- Mars Attacks
- New Worlds Symphony
- ET
- Everybody Wants to Rule the World
- X-Files
- Mars

The Shoemaker High School Band is under the direction of:

Sean Hill, Wesley Penny, Josh Donnelly, & Elizabeth Harp

The band would like to thank the Wolf Pack band boosters for their support this year. This is the Wolf Pack Bands 2nd appearance at the Vista Ridge Marching Festival.



6A

JOHN PAUL STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

“FINDING NORTH”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Julie Nino, Raul Saravia, & Adrian Silva



The Stevens High School Band is under the direction of:

John Dominguez, Adam Casiano, Ryan Williams, Emma Williams,
John Brown, Michael Cortes, Daniel Valdez, & Eris Valdez

The Stevens Band & Colorguard would like to thank our Booster Parents and all of the Stevens Band Family for all of their hard work and dedication to our efforts. Without the support of our community, The Sound would not exist.

The Stevens Band program is a well respected organization on campus, in the Northside ISD community, and throughout San Antonio and Texas. The Sound of Northside is our marching band of over 200 members that entertains audiences throughout the fall with its unique field productions. The Sound has earned numerous honors in competition including finals appearances at the Vista Ridge Marching Festival and the Texas Marching Classic, and is a 5 time UIL Area Marching Contest Finalist (2014, 2016, 2018, 2021, 2022). Stevens has 3 levels of concert bands that perform numerous concerts throughout the winter and spring every year. Students are placed in Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or Concert Band 1 based on an audition that takes place in the spring. Students are also offered performance opportunities through our 2 Jazz Ensembles, four sections of Instrumental Ensemble, and Percussion Ensemble. Stevens High School also offers Music Theory and has a large and active chapter of the Texas Future Music Educators group (TFME). Stevens has one of the largest and most awarded Color Guard programs in San Antonio. With 40+ members, the fall marching guard offers an exciting visual element to our marching band shows. Stevens has 2 competing winter guards that perform in the Texas Color Guard Circuit from January through April. Our Varsity Winterguard is a 4 time TCGC State Finalist.



6A

STONY POINT HIGH SCHOOL “SNAKES AND STONE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:
Madeline Woody, Sherry Jin, & Alyssa Summers

Music Features Include:

- Ocean Eyes by Billie Elish
- Apollo Unleashed by Frank Ticheli
- Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen
- Madea's Dance of Vengeance by Samuel Barber



The Stony Point High School Band is under the direction of:
Spencer Gregg, Christopher Brown, Matt Greene, & Louie Flores

The Stony Point Band would like to thank the Round Rock ISD Fine Arts Dept, the Stony Point Administrative Team, the Band Booster program and all of its supporters and sponsors this year.



6A

WILLIAM H. TAFT HIGH SCHOOL “THE WORLD OF FABRERGE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors: Kayley Garza, Christian Morales, Jasmine Pena, & Abigail Wailing

Music Features Include:

- Once Upon a December by Liz Callaway
- Russian Easter Overture by Rimsky-Korsakov
- What What I Made For- Billie Eilish
- Symphony No. 3 “Slavyanskaya”: Allegro 1- Prokofiev



The Taft High School Band is under the direction of:

Austin Zigler, Johan Escalera, Brenda Reynoso, Jo-el Chi, Maleah Martin, Chase Guerrero, & Malichi Durand.

William H. Taft High School is a part of Northside Independent School District (NISD) in San Antonio, Texas. Since 1985, the William H. Taft Raider Band has displayed continued growth and has a strong tradition of excellence in the State of Texas. The Raider Marching Band has participated in and received high rankings in many events such as Bands of America, the State Marching Contest, and has a long standing record of consecutive first division ratings at the Texas UIL Marching Contest as well as the UIL Stage and Sight Reading Contest. The band program has also produced multiple All-State Students, performing with many excellent ensembles. The Taft Band is proud to showcase 10 award winning programs and ensembles throughout the year, including a 2-time TECA championship indoor guard, two jazz ensembles, three concert wind ensembles, and numerous percussion ensembles.



6A

WESTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL "NOUVEAU"

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Marc Miller, Gabby Meza, Charles Tester, & Ved Hoskote

Music Features Include:

- Spring 1 (Max Richter)
- Spiral for Violin, Piano, and Strings (Oliver Davis)
- Tango (Oliver Davis)
- I Hear a Symphony (Cody Fry)
- Bright Blue Music (Michael Torke)



The Westlake High School Band is under the direction of: Thomas Turpin, John Pearson, Ben Armeni, Austin Byers, & Kaysey Thompson

The Westlake Band would like to thank the Eanes ISD Administration, School Board, and the Westlake Band Parents for their generous support.

The Westlake Band has a storied history of success and excellence in both the marching and concert activities. Past achievements include multiple appearances as a finalist at the UIL State Marching Contest, BOA Regional and Super Regional finalist, TMEA Honor Band, multiple Midwest Clinic performances, and the Prestigious Sudler Shield and Flag. The Westlake Marching Band has also represented the state of Texas three times in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.



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VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

“OUR JOURNEY OF HOPE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Megan de Bruyn, Michael Gearing, Aaron Huang, & Mason Murphy

Music Features Include:

- Without Warning by Stephen Melillo
- Down in the River to Pray
- Song for Hope by Peter Meechan
- Thy Kingdom Come by Jacob Remington



The Vista Ridge High School Band is under the direction of:

Robert Herrings, Taylor Trevino, Kate Allen, Brian Perez & Erin Kosman

Vista Ridge has been a frequent finalist at the Austin and Dallas Regionals, was the Grand Champion of the 2019 West Texas Regional, and has performed 12 times in the San Antonio Super Regional, performing in finals 5 times. They have had 8 appearances at the UIL State Marching Band Contest and were crowned 6A State Champions in 2018. In 2021, the band attended Grand Nationals and made Finals where they were invited to perform in the 2023 Rose Parade. They were awarded the Sudler Shield in 2017 and in 2021 they received the Sudler Flag of Honor.

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