



LAGO VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL VIKING BANDS

LAGO VISTA, TEXAS

September 15, 2020

Beginner Band Members –

I wanted to send out some clarification about how band will be for the foreseeable future as we balance students both in-person and in the virtual format.

Attendance

Remote students need to continue completing the attendance assignment each day in the Google Classroom. In-person students will have their attendance taken when they are on campus, and will need to complete the attendance assignment on Wednesdays when everyone is virtual.

Google Classrooms

All students should be enrolled in the correct Google Classroom for their instrument. This includes online students. For band class, we will utilize Google Classroom for communication purposes and for submitting some assignments. It does not matter at this point what period you have band, just make sure you are in the correct Google Classroom for your instrument. This way, you will have access to all of the work that applies to your instrument.

Trumpet/Percussion: **q4szhfk**

Trombone/Baritone/Tuba: **542dng6**

Saxophone/French Horn: **5jchyqn**

Flute/Clarinet: **zrp2nue**

Class Meeting Times

Our class meeting times will follow the in-person schedule that students are following on campus. Beginning Monday, September 21st, remote students are highly encouraged to join during the scheduled class time as we will be broadcasting our class live. A link will be provided for students to access the live YouTube broadcast from the Band Hall. This will allow you to hear our lectures, and also get immediate help should you need it. During these live broadcasts, remote students can ask questions through their Google Classroom and we can respond as soon as possible. These classes will also be recorded for future reference or in the event you cannot view it live by ALL students, both remote and in-person.

“A” Day (Monday/Thursday)	“B” Day (Tuesday/Friday)	“C” Day (Wednesday)
1 st Period: 7:50am-9:20am	5 th Period: 7:50am-9:20am	Math: 8:00am-9:15am
2 nd Period: 9:29am-11:05am	6 th Period: 9:29am-11:05am	ELA: 9:30am-10:45am
Lunch: 11:08am-11:38am	Lunch: 11:08am-11:38am	Science/Electives: 1:00pm-2:15pm
3 rd Period: 11:44am-1:19pm	7 th Period: 11:44am-1:19pm	History/Electives: 2:30pm-3:45pm
4 th Period: 1:24pm-2:54pm	8 th Period: 1:24pm-2:54pm	
Advisory: 3:03pm-3:23pm	Advisory: 3:03pm-3:23pm	
Tutorials: 3:25pm-3:45pm	Tutorials: 3:25pm-3:45pm	

**On “C” Days (Remote Learning Days), we will meet with students by appointment should they need additional help.

Assignments

Beginning on Monday, September 21st, we will post the weekly schedule in the Google Classroom and on the band website – www.lagovistabands.com. This schedule will include the plan for the week for what we will do in class, and what students are expected to do outside of class. As we begin playing instruments, students will have assignments that will need to be completed/submitted by a deadline. In-person students will submit their assignments online as well. This allows everyone to submit their assignments in the same way.

SmartMusic

We will be utilizing a new program in band this year – SmartMusic. Once we begin our work on the instruments, students will submit their playing assignments through this program. We will review how to use this program in detail in the coming weeks. We have provided the subscription for all students free of charge.

SmartMusic will allow students to record themselves playing (through their iPad or cell phone) and submit it directly to us for review. In some cases, we will assign a line from our book and students will play it and receive immediate feedback from the program on any notes they missed. The SmartMusic program will work with our book that we use in class so it is very user-friendly.

Instrument Rentals/Pick Up

If you have not taken care of your instrument rentals, please make sure you have done so ASAP. Instruments should be delivered this week, however, if you have not taken care of it yet, they may be delayed in arriving. Our intention is to begin on instruments as soon as we get them in!

As soon as the instruments and supplies are delivered, we will set up a time for remote learners to pick their supplies up at school. All materials will most likely be delivered to the school.

Lockers

Band students are provided a locker in the Band Hall at LVMS. They will need to bring a Master Lock with combination dial in order to have one issued to them. This locker must remain locked at all times. Students will need to provide the combination to the directors at the time of receiving a locker.