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2023 FINALS SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LIVE SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT [TINYURL.COM/VRMF23FINALS](https://tinyurl.com/vrmf23finals)

7:15 pm	Class 4A Champion Exhibition - Burnet HS
7:30 pm	Weiss High School
7:45 pm	Louis D. Brandeis High School
8:00 pm	New Braunfels High School
8:15 pm	Hutto High School
8:30 pm	Sandra Day O'Connor
8:45 pm	JUDGE'S BREAK
9:00 pm	Liberty Hill High School
9:15 pm	McNeil High School
9:30 pm	Lake Belton High School
9:45 pm	Winston Churchill High School
10:00 pm	Taft High School
10:15 pm	Finals Conclude
10:25 pm	Exhibition by the VRHS Ranger Band
10:40 pm	Drum Major Retreat & Finals Awards

PRELIMS SCHEDULE

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

LIVE SCHEDULE AVAILABLE AT [TINYURL.COM/VRMF23](https://tinyurl.com/vrmf23)

10:00 am	Round Rock High School JV	5A
10:15 am	John Marshall High School	6A
10:30 am	Shoemaker High School	5A
10:45 am	Glenn High School	5A
11:00 am	JUDGE BREAK	
11:15 am	Weather Contingency Spot	
11:30 am	Burnet High School	4A
11:45 am	Del Rio High School	6A
12:00 pm	John Paul Stevens High School	6A
12:15 pm	JUDGE BREAK	
12:45 pm	JUDGE BREAK	
1:00 pm	Belton High School	5A
1:15 pm	Stony Point High School	6A
1:30 pm	Louis D. Brandeis High School	6A
1:45 pm	Sandra Day O'Connor High School	6A
2:00 pm	Medina Valley High School	5A
2:15 pm	New Braunfels High School	6A
2:30 pm	Winston Churchill High School	6A
2:45 pm	McNeil High School	6A
3:00 pm	JUDGE BREAK	
3:15 pm	Lake Belton High School	5A
3:30 pm	Weiss High School	6A
3:45 pm	Hutto High School	6A
4:00 pm	Liberty Hill High School	5A
4:15 pm	Brenham High School	5A
4:30 pm	John B Connally High School	5A
4:45 pm	Taft High School	6A
5:00 pm	Prelims Conclude	
5:20 pm	Prelim Awards & Finalist Announcement	
7:15 pm	Finals begins non-finalist Class Champion Exhibition	
10:25 pm	Vista Ridge Ranger Band Exhibition Performance	

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WELCOME FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF BANDS

Welcome to Gupton Stadium for the 12th Annual Vista Ridge Marching Festival. On behalf of Vista Ridge High School, please accept my sincere gratitude for your band's participation and your support of your students through your attendance at today's festival. We hope you enjoy this day of excellence in marching band performance.

You are all part of a wonderful activity that combines athleticism, artistic interpretation, expression, passion and intense work ethic. The collaboration of ideas and the combination of styles and personalities that is required to be successful in this art form, serve as a catalyst for creativity and excellence. While you may not realize it, the many hours of hard work and practice are appreciated by administrators, teachers, parents and even fellow students. Though public recognition is not your incentive for participation in this event, it is through your efforts that all of our schools are recognized and rewarded, regardless of your placement at the end of the competition. Thank you for exhibiting the courage necessary to "lay it on the line." Thank you for being an example of what hard work and dedication can do for an individual, a program, a school and a community.

Thank you, especially, for being here today. Good luck to all of you as you aspire to attain excellence this season.

Sincerely,



Director of Bands

Vista Ridge High School



2023 JUDGING PANEL

Mark Waymire

Dr. Mark Waymire is in his thirty-sixth year as a music educator. Though now working fulltime as a consultant, lecturer, adjudicator, and designer, he was most recently a Music Education professor at The University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to completing his PhD at The University of Mississippi, Dr. Waymire was Associate Director of Bands at Eastern Michigan University. His public-school experience includes work in Louisiana and Texas, including ten years as Director of Bands, Seguin High School, Seguin, Texas. Personal honors include six H.E.R.O. teaching awards, nine appointments to WHO's WHO in American Education, and two presentations of the National President's Award for Education Excellence. National and International lectures based on Dr. Waymire's research on teaching expertise have been given in California, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Canada, and Scotland. In addition to his high school and collegiate-level designs and directorships, Mark Waymire been a part of the staffs of the following drum corps: Phantom Regiment, Madison Scouts, Spirit of Atlanta, and Glassmen, taking on various roles including both brass and visual caption head positions, as well as designer and program coordinator. Dr. Waymire is an active band clinician and adjudicator which includes associations with BOA, WGI, UIL, and DCI.

Jarrold Huntley- Bluecoats



Founder of Marching Network, Jarrold Huntley is backed by over 25 plus years performing, judging, teaching, and designing in the marching band, winterguard and winter drums activity. 20 of Jarrold's 25 plus year career has been spent working with the most premier groups in our activity: The Cadets, The Blue Devils, and Bluecoats drum corps. Jarrold served on the visual staff for the 19-time DCI champion Blue Devils from (2004-2010) and served as Visual Caption Head for the 10-time champion The Cadets from 2011 to 2013. "I'm proud to have helped lead the cadets to a visual title in 2011 and the corps 10th DCI victory; the first victory in over 5 years." In 2014 Jarrold moved back to the visual staff of the Blue Devils where he worked continuously through the 2018 season. In 2019 Jarrold took a new role as Visual Co Caption head for the Bluecoats Drum Corps. Jarrold now service as full time Visual caption head of the Bluecoats Drum Corps. Jarrold is a regular adjudicator for both fall and winter seasons having judged competitions around the world.

As drill designer, Jarrold has a UIL state championship with the Marcus HS band, and a 3rd place BOA nationals medal as drill writer for Hebron HS. Along with his teaching and judging accolades, Jarrold's drill writing has made it possible to work across the world and the country in places including: Europe, Japan, Indonesia, UK, Texas, Florida, California, Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Illinois, Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada. Jarrold has worked with many nationally known groups including: The Company Drum Corps (UK), Hebron HS (Texas), Marcus HS (Texas), Union HS (Oklahoma), Flower Mound HS (Texas), Argyle HS (Texas) Etiwanda H.S. (California), Vista Murrieta HS (California), Marching Band Bontang PKT (Indonesia), The Cadets, The Concord Blue Devils, Bluecoats, The Crossmen, Momentum Winter Drumline, and more. Jarrold now resides in Newport Or. where he lives with his amazing wife and the coolest daughter ever.

2023 JUDGING PANEL

Reid Atkinson



Reid Atkinson is an arranger and program coordinator for award winning marching programs across the country. In conjunction with his design work, Reid serves as the Director of Education for Ultimate Drill Book in which he oversees education initiatives for student and directors across UDB's global reach.

Before transitioning to pageantry design, Reid served as a band director for 14 years, most recently as the Marching Director at Vista Ridge High School in Cedar Park, TX. As the marching director, Vista Ridge was recognized with several high honors including a UIL Texas 6A Championship, BOA Grand National finalist, BOA Super Regional medalist, and BOA Regional Champion. Prior to his appointment at Vista Ridge, Mr. Atkinson served as the Director of Bands at Grain Valley High School in Missouri for ten years where the marching band earned multiple AA BOA Division Championships, BOA Super Regional Finals performances, and a performance at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Mr. Atkinson resides in Leander, Texas with his wife Alison, daughter Ainsley and son Paxton.

Bob Chreste

Bob Chreste currently works as an educational consultant for the music education software, MuseClass. He is also an active arranger, consultant, and adjudicator residing in Texas. Bob spent 16 years as a high school band director at several prominent programs in Texas. During his career, his bands have won the UIL Texas state championship, multiple Bands of America class championships, and several other local marching contests across Texas. Bob is currently the Assistant Brass Caption Head for the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps and has previously worked with Carolina Crown, Santa Clara Vanguard, and The Cadets. He is one of only a few instructors in DCI that have been a brass caption head and a visual caption head at a DCI finalist corps. Bob has been a clinician at the Midwest Clinic, Music for All Summer Symposium, Texas Bandmasters Association, and many other conferences. Mr. Chreste also adjudicates for Bands of America, Winter Guard International, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, and several other local, regional, and state level circuits. His educational background includes receiving his Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Houston and his Master of Music in Conducting degree from Sam Houston State University.

Ryan Kilgore



Dr. Matthew "Ryan" Kilgore is a percussionist, arranger, clinician, and adjudicator. With a diverse percussive background, he specializes in keyboard percussion, chamber music, steel band, and the marching arts.

Ryan marched with Kiwanis Cavaliers in 1998 and Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps in 1999. He began as an instructor at Bluecoats and Rhythm X in 2008. At Bluecoats, he served on percussion staff from 2008 to 2013 and has been the music ensemble coordinator since 2014. He is also in his 12th year with Rhythm X Indoor Percussion Ensemble and has been part of 3 gold medal seasons. Currently, Ryan is the Director of the Scot Marching Band and Instructor of Percussion at the College of Wooster.

Ryan has his Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance from Rutgers University, his Master of Music in Percussion Performance and Pedagogy from Northwestern University, and his DMA from the University of North Texas.

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

BURNET HIGH SCHOOL “SWAN SONG”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Eileen Crist, Aeden Harrison, and Stellan Zollitsch

Music Features Include:

- Selections from Swan Lake
- Dance of the Jesters
- Young and Beautiful



The Burnet High School Band is under the direction of: Joseph Cox, Caity Clinton, Jacob Picht, Michael Ollman, Marcos Cordova, and Brad Jones



The Burnet Esprit de Corps would like to thank the EDC Boosters, the BCISD Board of Trustees, the staff and students of Burnet High School, and the BCISD transportation department!

The Burnet Esprit de Corps is made up of the Burnet Band and the Highlandette Dance Team. They are a consistent state qualifier in class 4A, a consistent class champion at the BOA Austin Regional, and they consistently win Best in Class 4A at the Vista Ridge Marching Festival.

5A

BELTON HIGH SCHOOL “THUNDERBOLT & LIGHTNING”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Autumn Madetzke, Mallory Larson, and Robert Pierce

Music Features Include:

- Bohemian Rhapsody
- The Barber of Seville
- Electricity
- Lightning Field
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The Belton School Band is under the direction of: Kevin Kwaku, Chris Kreger, Matthew Vaadi, Ian Smith, and Briana Merritt.

Field Assistants are Benny Guererro, Kaylenn Henderson, Hunter Jacks, and Gabe Park.

All 3 concert ensembles at BHS competed at the Region 8 UIL Concert & Sightreading Evaluation in Copperas Cove. Each band received the highest ratings from each judge that is possible- each group earned straight 1's for their performances on stage and in the sight reading room. The BHS Band program has also been awarded the Sweepstakes Award given when the school's marching band receives a Superior Rating in the Fall and the Varsity ensemble receives 1's in the Spring UIL evaluation as well..

5A

BRENHAM HIGH SCHOOL “WITH EACH NEW SUNSET”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Kandace Gonzalez, Leslie Solis, and Jose Santibanez-Ambrocio

Music Features Include:

- I Will Always Love You
- End Credits from Silverado
- Sasparilla
- Happy Ending from The Red Pony Suite



The Brenham High School Band is under the direction of: Eric Rettig, Michael Hanson, Justin Baker, Karla Retting, Chris Schramme, and Joshua Turnipseed

The Cub Band would like to thank our band parents for their continued 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.

5A

JOHN B CONNALLY HIGH SCHOOL “UNFOLD”

The band is led on the field by Drum Major:

Joseph Quintanilla and Luis Hernandez

Music Features Include:

- Firebird
- Pure Imagination
- Kingfisher Catch Fire

The Connally High School Band is under the direction of: Matthew Garrison, Thomas Burnette, Kristen Hutchins, Lauren Gonzalez, and Alejandro Garcia



The John B Connally Band would like to thank the PfISD Fine Arts staff, campus administration, and especially the cougar band boosters and parents for their continued support.

5A

GLENN HIGH SCHOOL “PICKING UP THE PIECES”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Jesse Antwi-Appah, Kaiana Entrekin, and Brenden Neely

Music Features Include:

- Fix You
- Take a Bow
- Symphony in Three Movements
- Apocalyptic Dreams



The Glenn High School Band is under the direction of: Jeremy Figlewicz, Jacob Gall, Zack Travis, and Michael Costner

The Glenn High School marching band is in its eighth year. This past year their wind ensemble was invited to perform in Seattle at the Western International Band Clinic. We would like to thank our administration, band boosters, and community for all their support.

5A

LAKE BELTON HIGH SCHOOL “PAINTED BLACK SWAN”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Adeline Abraham, Jonathon Crow, Cahaya Lane, and Lilly Allman

Music Features Include:

- Swan Lake
- The Queen’s Gambit Main Theme
- Paint it Black



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



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Thank you to the Lake Belton Band Boosters and all of our wonderful sponsors!

The Stampede was established when Lake Belton High School opened in the Fall of 2020, with only freshmen and sophomores, and have been consistent UIL Sweepstakes award winners. The Stampede has experienced immediate success with trips to the UIL Class 4A State Marching Band Contest in 2020 and a 7th place finals finish in 2021. The Stampede moved to class 5A in 2022 with its first class of Seniors, and experienced a 6th place finals finish at the Area D marching contest. The Stampede has seen tremendous growth in just a few short years. Opening in 2020 with only 93 freshman and sophomores to 220 members strong with all 4 classes in 2023.

5A

LIBERTY HILL HIGH SCHOOL “WHIRLWIND”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Alyssa Zapien, Eli Walker, Ryan Moore, and Madelena Flores

Music Features Include:

- Air Waltz
- Javelin
- The Whisperer
- Windsprings



The Liberty Hill High School Band is under the direction of: Joshua MuñozAshlynne Turner, Justin Zimmerman, and Evan Turner

The Liberty Hill Panther Band recently was awarded Second Place at the USBands San Antonio Regional on September 23, 2023. In addition to that placement, the band was also awarded the caption awards for Best Visual and Best Overall Effect.

Step into a whirlwind of music and motion with our mesmerizing fall production! The winds and percussion unite in harmonious chaos, while the guard performers spin, embodying the very essence of a whirlwind. Watch as the band seamlessly blends the elements of sound and movement, creating a whirlwind of emotion and excitement that will leave you breathless and spellbound!

5A

MEDINA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL “THE ASCENT”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Dylan Lee, Hameed Wilson, and Ashley Persyn

Music Features Include:

- Running Up That Hill
- Hymn to the Sun with the Beat of Mother Earth
- Tin’s Sogno Di Volare



The Medina Valley High School Band is under the direction of: Juan Carlos Rodriguez, Josue Solalinde, Jose Cruz, Jessica Maple, Elissa Rodriguez, Raymond Sifuentes, and Carlos Jimenez. The Guard Director is Albert Riojas. He is assisted by Kassandra Ramirez. Percussion Techs are Valeria Hernandez, and Emilio De Leon. Marching Techs are Sarah Hamm, and Aidan Ramos. Student Teacher is Katlin Ramirez.



5A

ROUND ROCK HIGH SCHOOL JV “OF DISTANT PEAKS”

The band is led on the field by Drum Major: Siwoo Choi

Music Features Include:

- Of Distant Peaks
- Wind Dances



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

David Mobley, Steve Roeder, Cathay Benford, and Isabelle Bouhadana
Fine Arts Director - Jager Loyde & Tim Lowke;
Round Rock HS Principal over Fine Arts - Allen Stewart;

This is the Round Rock High School Dragon Band Junior Varsity's 8th year in existence, and 2nd year of competition.

5A

SHOEMAKER HIGH SCHOOL “CALL OF THE WILD”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Orlando Novoa, Mario Puente, and Bella Ramos Alonzo

Music Features Include:

- Run Boy Run
- Warriors
- Vox Populi
- Original Music by Chris Bunner



The Shoemaker High School Band is under the direction of: Sean Hill, Wesley Penny, Joshua Donnelly, Jacob Dellinger. and Elizabeth Harp

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6A

DEL RIO HIGH SCHOOL “MYSTICAL”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Daliah Bocanegra, Valeria Garcia, and Kendall Carta

Music Features Include:

- 160 BPM from Angels and Demons
- Meditation from the Opera Thias
- March to the Scaffold from Symphony



The Del Rio High School Band is under the direction of: Aldo Morales

The Band would like to thank the Del Rio High School Band Boosters for their continued support.

The Del Rio High School Marching Band is a ten-time Bands of America Regional Finalist and Former class champion. The band is a four-time UIL Area Finalist and a former state qualifier. This year the Del Rio High School Jazz Ensemble was selected to perform at the Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

6A

HUTTO HIGH SCHOOL “NEW WORLDS”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Homer Aguilar-Vega, Hector Finlayson, Diana Vega,
and Elaine Yepez-Torres

Music Features Include:

- Above the Treetops
- New World Symphony
- Primacy of Number



The Hutto High School Band is under the direction of: Michael Harrison,
Ryan Manders, Madeline Kendall, Tyler Dempsey, and Kevin Monteiro

The Hutto band would like to thank the Hutto ISD Board of Directors and administration, Hutto HS administration, and the Hutto HS Band Boosters for their continued support.

I Can... I Will... Nothing Less in the Hutto Band.

The Hutto band consistently earns Sweepstakes with their marching band and concert ensembles and is a regular UIL Area D qualifier & participant.

6A

JOHN PAUL STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL “FEELING LUCKY”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Cari Carreno, Jacob Amesquita, and Joshua Tate

Music Features Include:

- Luck Be a Lady
- Wild Nights
- When the Party's Over
- Marry You
- See Rider



The Stevens High School Band is under the direction of: John Dominguez, Adam Casiano, Ryan Williams, and Emma Williams



The Sound is a 3 time Vista Ridge Marching Festival Finalist! They have also earned 5 consecutive appearances in the UIL Area G & Area H Marching Finals. The Sound would like to thank the Stevens Band Family for all their support - we are Feeling Lucky to have your dedication to our program.

6A

JOHN MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL “CHAOS AND GRACE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Abigail Flores, Trinity Perez, and Victoria Sharp

Music Features Include:

- Chaos Theory
- Amazing Grace



The Marshall High School Band is under the direction of: Kevin Tabb, Daniel Bentley, Briana Freitas, and Ronald Burton

The Ram Band is an award winning year- round program that keeps musicians learning and growing in music. More than just half- time performances at football games, these students excel in competitions, small ensembles and region band recognition.

6A

LOUIS D. BRANDEIS HIGH SCHOOL “THE WILD FRONTIER”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Nicholas Bernal, Leah Carlin, and Branden Lotts

Music Features Include:

- The Ecstasy of Gold
- Magnificent Seven
- The Rose Tree
- Home on the Range
- Cowboy Bebop
- Big Country



The Brandeis High School Band is under the direction of: Patrick Aguirre, Joshua Conner, Steven Gres, David Suarez, Jacqueline Aguirre, Madeline Chambers

The Louis D. Brandeis Band is a consistent UIL sweepstakes award recipient. The Bronco Band program is comprised of 3 concert ensembles, jazz ensemble, 2 color guard groups, and a field dance company. All concert ensembles received superior ratings at UIL Concert & Sightreading. Brandeis Jazz was awarded grand champion at various jazz festivals throughout San Antonio. The varsity winterguard group were two time finalist at WGI in 2023. This December the band will be represented at the 77th annual Midwest Clinic in Chicago, Illinois as they perform with The Brandeis Symphony. The Directors would like to thank the Brandeis Bronco Band Boosters for their never ending support!

6A

MCNEIL HIGH SCHOOL “SIX DEGREES”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Valerie Allen, Jared Allison, Jeremy Moon, and Audrey Raybould

Music Features Include:

- Circuits
- Loss
- You Will Be Found
- Six Degrees



The McNeil High School Band is under the direction of: Jason Dimicelli, Brittany Graham, Jordan Garza and Christopher McCarthy

The Maverick Band is a consistent UIL Area D and Bands of America Regional Finalist. The McNeil Winterguard is a past TCGC Open Class Champion and WGI World Championship Finalist. The Wind Ensemble is a previous TMEA 6A State Honor Band Finalist, and they, along with the Percussion Ensemble, performed at the 2023 Music For All National Festival in Indianapolis.

6A

NEW BRAUNFELS HIGH SCHOOL “NIGHTSHADE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Valerie Allen, Jared Allison, Jeremy Moon, and Audrey Raybould

Music Features Include:

- Celestial Night
- Flower Duet
- Air Waltz
- Everything In It's Right Place



The New Braunfels High School Band is under the direction of: David Eckert, Kyle Day, Felicia Garza, Analisa Gonzalez, and Kate Williams. Music Arranger: Alex Thode & Craig Turner; Program Coordinator: Dan Morrison; Drill Writer: Mason Daffinee; Colorguard Design: Kate Williams; Band Choreo: Tykeem Rainey



The Unicorn Band would like to thank the parents and faculty for their support. The New Braunfels High School Band is in its 91st year of existence. The Unicorn Band has a long history of success at the local, state, and national levels. Recently, the NBHS Percussion was selected to perform at the Music For All National Percussion Festival in Indianapolis, the NBHS Brass, under the direction of Kyle Day, was selected to perform at the 2024 Texas Music Educators Association convention, and both the Wind Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of David C. Eckert were selected as Commended Winners in the Foundation for Music Education 2023 National Wind Band Honors and National Jazz Band Honors Mark of Excellence Awards. NBHS was selected as one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants in 2023.



6A

SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR HIGH SCHOOL "OUTLAW"

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Scarlet Graf, Karolina Shrader, Isabella Padilla, and Henry Nichols

Music Features Include:

- Yellowstone
- Hurt
- Bad Guy
- Outlaws
- Rephrygeration
- Young Guns II

The O'Connor High School Band is under the direction of: Alfonso Alvarado, Gabriel Valdez, Michael Bradford, Jose Marin and Amanda King

The Sandra Day O'Connor Panther Band is a UIL 25-time award winning consecutive sweepstakes band. The Panther Band is a BOA McAllen finalist and actively participates at various Bands of America competitions across the state. The Panther Band is an UIL Area H Finalist, Area G finalist, and a UIL State Marching Band participant. The Panther Band is a T.C.G.C. Indoor Percussion Gold and Bronze medalist, an WGI Indoor Percussion Semi Finalist, a T.C.G.C. Winterguard silver medalist, T.E.C.A. Winterguard Bronze and Silver medalist. The Panther Band actively participates with the TMEA Honor band auditions, receiving TMEA Region and Area Honor Band Finalist distinctions. In February, the Sandra Day O'Connor HS Jazz Ensemble has been selected as the Invited TMEA Jazz Ensemble and will be performing at the 2024 TMEA Convention.

6A

STONY POINT HIGH SCHOOL “MIRAGE”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Sherry Jin, Tyler Suárez, and Madeline Woody

Music Features Include:

- The Heat of the Day
- Scheherazade
- Spices, Perfumes, and Toxins



The Stony Point High School Band is under the direction of: Spencer Gregg

The Stony Point Tiger Band would like to acknowledge the administration, teachers of Stony Point and the Stony Point Band Booster Organization for all of their help and support.

6A

WEISS HIGH SCHOOL “SHERLOCK’S ENIGMA”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:
Alicia Gutierrez, Paige Medows, and Taylor See

Music Features Include:

- Discombobulate
- School for Scandal
- I’ve Never Woken Up in Handcuffs Before
- Nimrod- Nigma Variations



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

The Weiss Band would like to thank the Pfisd School Board, The Weiss Band Boosters, and our Community for all 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.

6A

WILLIAM H TAFT HIGH SCHOOL “COY”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Natalia Quifada, Christian Morales, Kayley Garza, and Ottmar Castrejon

Music Features Include:

- Symphony No 10 by Shostakovitch
- Symphony No 5 by Shostakovitch
- Both Sides Now by Natalie Cole
- The Engulfed Cathedral by Debussy



The Taft High School Band is under the direction of: Greg Mills, Robert Soto, Jeremy Chapman, and Jacob Barrientes. Additional staff includes: Maleah Martin, Joseph Cerros, Ethan Aguilar, Isaac Juarez, Celestino Rodriguez, Jerry Gonzales, Chase Guerrero, Malachite Durand, Dr. Peter Grubisich, Regan Martila and Austin Zeigler. Wind Arranger: Manny Maldonado; Percussion Arranger: Mark Hunter; Program Coordinator: Geoff Sperling



The Taft Band program has been a consistent UIL sweepstakes winner since it opened its doors in 1985. In addition to marching arts, Taft hosts three award winning concert ensembles, 2 fully staffed jazz ensembles, a TECA champion award winning indoor color guard unit, and has sent students to major in music at the Manhattan School of Music, the New School in NYC, and numerous Texas area universities in the last two years alone. Most recently its jazz ensemble was recognized as the 2023 TMEA Invited Ensemble, and performed with guest artists Wayne Bergeron and Freddie Mendoza in the past 12 months. The Taft band is excited to be back for the Vista Ridge Marching Contest again this year!

6A

WINSTON CHURCHILL HIGH SCHOOL “CHURCHILL DOWNS”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:
Ethan Owens, Corban Davis, and Jeff Leeka



Music Features Include:

- One Mint Julep
- Go the Distance
- William Tell Overture
- The Pegasus Fanfare

The Churchill High School Band is under the direction of: Amanda Stevenson, Amy Plazek, Rick Astorga and 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.

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EXHIBITION

VISTA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

“ICON”

The band is led on the field by Drum Majors:

Julianne Choe, Kyleigh Gasbarro, Michael Gearing, and CJ Kalter

Music Features Include:

- Iconic Music by Iconic Composers and Recording Artists

The Vista Ridge High School Band is under the direction of: Shawn Murphy, Zach Santos, Kate Thane Allen, Hector Gil, and Erin Kosman



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The Ranger Band is a consistent UIL Sweepstakes Award recipient, and State Marching Band Contest Finalist, having won the UIL 6A State Championship in 2018. The band was also named a Bands of America Grand Nationals Finalist in 2021, and appeared in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California in January 2023.

THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN!

Vista Ridge Marching Festival Chair People:

- Jennifer Bowman (alumni parent)
- Chris Mauer (alumni parent)
- Eric Gross (alumni parent)
- Jerry Insall

Vista Ridge Marching Festival Leads

Tina Blanton, Chris Bowman (alumni parent), Andrea Buckel, Kyndra Cullen (alumni parent), Alan Cullen (alumni parent), Ashtyn Cullen (student alumni), Daniel Delgado, Stephanie Delgado, Carrie Fisher, Jennifer Gasbarro, Melissa Geiger, Sophie Gousset, Emily Gray, Eric Gross (alumni parent), Whit Harden (alumni parent), Kevin Heimerman, Shannon Hicks, Shannon Hutchins (alumni parent), Jerry Insall, Stephanie Jagen, Mike Jagen, Susan Livitz (alumni parent), Kevin Marks (alumni parent), Danielle Martinez, Mark Oberhoff, Miro Perez, Ross Perry, Heather Phillips, Todd Pomroy, Sara Prause (alumni parent), Neal Rigney, Byron Rolfe, Tanner Rundall, Toni Rundall, Jennifer Smith, Diana Tripp, Ashley Wood, Peter Yee (alumni parent)

- Program Created by Ashtyn Cullen

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