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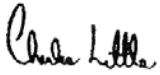
Dear Viper Students and Parents,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Vandegrift High School, welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. As the principal of Vandegrift, I am proud and honored to continue to be a part of the LISD tradition of excellence and to have the opportunity to share in this unique experience. This summer, our staff has been busy preparing for our largest enrollment to date. With a staff of 214 and a projected enrollment just over 2650 students, we have effectively exceeded our full building capacity of 2400.

We look forward to making the upcoming year a rewarding and memorable time for each student. The faculty and staff at VHS are committed to working to make sure each student receives a personalized education experience and the world class curriculum and programs that you have come to expect from LISD schools. Please feel free to contact me or a staff member if you have any questions, or if there is anything we can do to ensure that your student has a positive and rewarding high school experience at Vandegrift. I hope the following information helps you plan for back-to-school.

On behalf of the entire VHS staff, we wish you a restful and enjoyable summer. We will see you August 28th!

Sincerely,



Charlie Little  
Principal, Vandegrift High School

### **What's New for 2017-2018?**

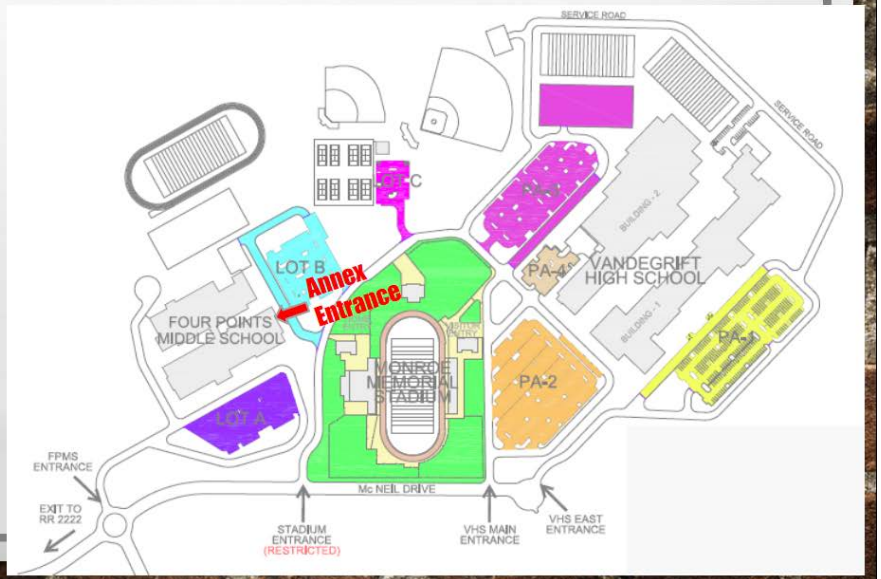
**The Annex:** For 2017-2018, we will use 10 classrooms, 6 ACC Classrooms, 3 Science labs and some office space at FPMS to accommodate our current student population that has exceeded the 2400 student building capacity. This satellite campus is referred to as the "Annex." We are fortunate to have accessible, useable space to us available at FPMS to address this concern. The use of FPMS saves considerable tax-payer dollars by not requiring the purchasing, moving, and installation of 11 double-classroom portables. In addition, students are familiar with using the Annex, since we utilized 6 classrooms for ACC classes last year.

The VHS "Annex" will be housed in the West end, upper level of the main FPMS building. It will be self-contained, separate from the middle school students, complete with a high school assistant principal on site-during the day. High school students will enter at the Annex entrance, and a security plan will be in place for student egress between the buildings.

The Annex is approximately a 5 min walk (.1 tenth of a mile) from the Annex classrooms to the main building. This is approximately the same distance from our front door to the back door at the end of building one. To accommodate the extra travel time, we have extended passing periods to 8 minutes for next year. A copy of the new bell schedule for 2017-2018 is below:

# ANNEX

- Rooms on your schedule: AX-
- You must enter the Annex through the Four Points side doors that face the football stadium (in other words, you will go up the stairs/ramp to enter). Do not enter the Four Points main entrance.



## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

8:40 – 10:02	1 <sup>st</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Period (82 min)
10:10– 11:32	2 <sup>nd</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Period (82 min)
11:40- 12:22	PIT and Announcements (42 min)
12:30 – 2:22	3 <sup>rd</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Period

**A Lunch 12:22– 12:52**  
A Class 1:00 – 2:22

**B Class 12:30 – 1:11**  
**B Lunch 1:11 – 1:41**  
B Class 1:41 – 2:22

**C Class 12:30 – 1:52**  
**C Lunch 1:52 – 2:22**

2:30 – 3:52 4<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Period (82 min)

**PLEASE SEE THE SPECIAL BELL SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2017. This is a special schedule that will allow students to attend ALL of their classes on the first day of school. This schedule is at the end of this document.**

**VHS Open House:** The Vandegrift High School Open House will be **Monday, September 11th, 2017**. A detailed email about all of the meetings, including a General PTSA Membership meeting, will be sent the week before open house.

- 5:30-6:00pm Athletic and Fine Arts Program Meetings
- 6:00-8:00 Open format classroom visits. Parents may choose to visit any classroom to visit with their child’s teacher in an informal setting.

Please note, we will have a website with brief teacher introduction videos available for all VHS teachers starting the last week of August. This resource will allow you to select a teacher’s video and hear a brief overview of their background, philosophy, and classroom tips that pertain to their class.

**Traffic:** Be patient, leave early. If possible, send you student on the bus. In the event that a bus is late, we never penalize the students, and we always inform the staff. Also, the afternoon pick-up will be heavily congested. During the first week of school, traffic is always heavy as new drivers learn new routes and processes. Please expect delays until the traffic patterns normalize and students

**Laptop & Bring Your own Device BYOT:** Students who already have their LISD laptop or their own BYOT laptop should bring them to school on day one. Students who still need to pay for their LISD laptop can do so online and pick those devices up during ELA on Thursday 8/31 or Friday 9/1. All students will be expected to have a laptop every day at school after Friday.

It's not too late to enroll in mLISD! Click [here](#) to sign-up and pay. Laptop distribution will be August 31 and September 1 through the ELA classes.

**Student Pick Up:** Please note that all student pick-up's during the school day (Dr.'s appointments, etc.) are initiated at the main VHS Building (1). Please do not attempt to pick up students from the annex. There is not a reception area or access point for visitors.

### INFORMATION FOR FIRST DAY

Students are to go directly to their **first period** classes once they arrive on Monday morning, August 28th. This includes morning ACC classes and any Off-Campus or Subcampus student should report to the Cafeteria first period.

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**All students and parents will be able to view student schedules in txConnect beginning Friday evening, August 25th.** If you have not set up a txConnect account or have not visited it in the last 6 months, you will need to sign up on the Vandegrift website (top left hand side under "Quicklinks"). All students should have received their alpha-numeric txConnect portal id code on the bottom of their schedule that they received in the mail earlier this month.

**If you have not received this code and need one to sign up for txConnect, please contact Maureen Sanders (maureen.sanders@leanderisd.org) by noon on Friday, August 25th.**

\*We will also have students' first period classes posted outside of the library, by student id number, on Monday, in case there are problems logging into txConnect. Additionally, we will have teachers and administrators helping to direct students to where they need to go on Monday morning.

**First week scheduling information:** The deadline to request a schedule change was August 11<sup>th</sup>. At this point, the only changes that will be made will be for students who may have a conflict. Conflicts include:

- "See Counselor" listed as a class
- having less than 8 classes
- 2 classes during the same period
- repeating a course you have already taken
- wrong band/athletic course

Students with a schedule conflict may visit with their counselor during the period in which they have the conflict, before/after school, or during lunch!

Level changes (for students wanting to drop from AP/Pre-AP/IB to an on-level course) will begin September 18<sup>th</sup> and end at 4p.m. on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

## GENERAL INFO

### JOIN THE VHS PTSA TODAY!

Parents ask how they can be involved & support the school --- Easiest step is to join the PTSA as a family (moms, dads, guardians, students). Please take a moment to join – the list of activities and support they provide year round to the staff, students and community is too numerous to mention. Return on your investment in dues and participation in the “write the check” fund-raiser is high. Form attached for check/cash enrollment, credit cards accepted at the PTSA store : [vandegrift-mypta.org](http://vandegrift-mypta.org)  
[Click here for the PTSA Application](#)

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

There is no set school supply list for high school due to the dynamic schedules all students have. Each teacher will let students know the first week of school what supplies are needed for their class. Teachers will post supply lists on their individual web pages or send home a list with their syllabus.

### VHS SITE-BASED PLANNING COMMITTEES NEED YOU!

Each campus within Leander ISD has a Site-Based Planning Committee (SBPC). These committees are composed of district employees, community members, business representatives and parents. SBPC members provide input to the principal on a wide variety of subjects, with an aim of improving the achievement of all students. The committees address such areas as planning, curriculum, budgeting, staff development, staffing patterns and school organization. Elections for parent representatives are held every fall. Parents can only serve as a parent representative at the campus where they have a child attending school. If you would like to find out more information about the council, run for one of the parent seats or nominate someone for one of the seats, please call the campus your student attends no later than Friday, September 1st. 570-2300 or, go on-line and volunteer here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ByTnR3D0FCKRMZL83>

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# Vandegrift High School

## 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Bell Schedule

August 28, 2017

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	8:40 – 10:26	96 min	<i>*ACC classes meet 8:37-10:02 10:02-11:04 – Cafeteria</i>
<b><u>ALL STUDENTS MUST REPORT FOR 1<sup>st</sup> PERIOD</u></b>			<i>*CAFETERIA: Off Campus ACC (8566.11) Subcampus Period Off Campus *(8555.11) Period Off Campus PE</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:34 – 11:04	30 min	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	11:12 – 11:42	30 min	
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:50 – 12:20	30 min	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period/Lunch	12:28 – 1:58	60 min	<i>*ACC classes meet 12:27-1:52</i>

<u>A LUNCH</u>	<u>B LUNCH</u>	<u>C LUNCH</u>
Lunch 12:28 – 12:58	Class 12:28 – 1:58	Class 12:28 – 1:28
Class 12:58 – 1:58	Lunch 1:58 – 1:28	Lunch 1:28 – 1:58
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7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:06 – 2:36	30 min	<i>*ACC 3rd/7th students LUNCH</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:44 – 3:14	30 min	<i>*ACC classes meet 2:30-3:55</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> Period	3:22 – 3:52	30 min	

### **Special Notes:**

#### ***Annex classes:***

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- *You must enter the Annex through the Four Points side doors that face the football stadium (in other words, you will go up the stairs/ramp to enter). Do not enter the Four Points main entrance.*

#### ***Off Campus, Off Campus ACC, Off Campus PE students and Sub-campus:***

*For the 1<sup>st</sup> day, report to Cafeteria during each of these class periods. Campus will be closed for the entire first day of school and attendance will be taken in the cafeteria each period.*