

ViperByte for October 25th, 2017

[CLICK HERE FOR THE MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE](#)

It's been an exciting week for the Vipers! Volleyball are co-district championships, and will have their 1st round playoff match on 10/31. Stay tune for details as they are finalized. Also, Viper Tennis is competes tomorrow at 10am in the Reginal Semi-Finals in San Antonio. See the Tennis website for tourney details. This is a BYE week for football. Please join us at Bob Shelton stadium next Friday night for what promises to be a great game. The Viper Band competes in the Band of Americas Super Regional Championships in the Alamo Dome November 3rd-4th. [Click here for the schedule.](#) Also, don't forget to check out the Viper Theater production of "Irena's Vow," (see poster below).

CROSS COUNTRY HEADED TO STATE: VHS Cross Country has qualified for the State Meet and will be competing at **Old Settlers Park in Round Rock on Saturday, 11/4**. The Girls qualified as a team (Jordan Mathis, Gemma Goddard, Emma Saia, Erin Donohue, Kylie Bryan, Brianna Garza, Natalie Root) and will be running at **9:50 am**. Sophomore Anthony Monte qualified as an individual at will be running at **10:30 am**.

Schedules and spectator information can be found here: <https://www.uiltexas.org/cross-country/state>.

TXDOT TRANSPORATION MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT!

Attend TxDot Public Hearing/Comments about 620/2222 Road Improvements

Thursday, October 26, Vandegrift High School, Cafeteria

Open House 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Formal Presentation 6:30 pm

What is this hearing about?

This is an official public hearing to assess the impacts of proposed improvements to RM 620 and RM 2222. Construction is planned for 2019 pending the outcome of the assessment. The hearing is required due to the construction of a new roadway as part of the improvements.



Why should I attend?

We need your voice at this hearing to ensure these projects happen and move forward as scheduled. This is the official hearing where those for and against the project go on record as part of the environmental assessment. Students, parents, commuters, businesses and all impacted by traffic should attend and go on the official record. From 5:30 to 6:30 pm, TxDOT is conducting an Open House where you can review the information and exhibits, discuss with project staff and ask questions. The formal presentation begins at 6:30 pm, followed by a public comment period.

What are the proposed projects?

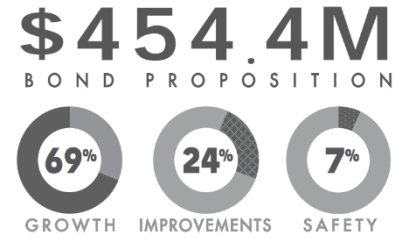
1. Addition of two lanes on RM 2222 through River Place Blvd/McNeil Dr.
2. Improvement of RM 2222 & River Place Blvd/ McNeil Dr intersection to allow concurrent left turns.
3. Addition of new connecting bypass road between RM 620 and RM 2222 to allow concurrent flow of northbound and southbound traffic between RM 620 and RM 2222.
4. Additional lane of travel along RM 620 from Steiner Ranch Blvd north to the new bypass.
5. Median barriers along RM 2222 north of the bypass to RM 620.

Click on these links for more information:

[Official TxDOT meeting announcement](#)

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION: [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

The Leander ISD Board of Trustees called for a bond election to address the needs of growth and safety. LISD serves more than 39,000 students across 42 schools and 200 square miles. The district is expected to grow by about 1,200 new students each year. Through a Bond Advisory Committee, the Board approved the construction of four new schools and funding to plan for projected growth for the immediate future.



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LISD BOND](#)

COUNSELING NOTE:

We place great emphasis on building relationships at Leander ISD, so much so that it is part of our Leander Way guiding document. We also take pride in the success our students have after graduation. With those values in mind, I am excited to share information with you about our one-on-one counseling conferences that will take place this school year.

To assist our students with postsecondary planning, high school counselors will schedule a meeting with students and their parents. While counselors have always met with students, these meetings will highlight options that make sense for the family, whether that's a college, a technical school or certification program.

The counseling conference will review:

- Credits earned
- GPA and class rank
- Four-year plan
- Endorsements and programs of study
- Standardized test scores

This review will help foster conversations about ways for a student to:

- Distinguish themselves for college admissions or employers
- Research colleges and careers
- Prepare for the ACT or SAT tests
- Research and create a plan to pay for a college education

Counselors began checking in with seniors in September to review their plans. Future meetings will take place during the following windows:

- Juniors: November and December
- Sophomores: January and February
- Freshmen: February and March

A video explaining the one-on-one counseling sessions [can be watched here](#).

Please visit our high school counseling website for more information about scheduling your conference. We look forward to this important step in helping each student to engage, inspire and achieve for life-long success.

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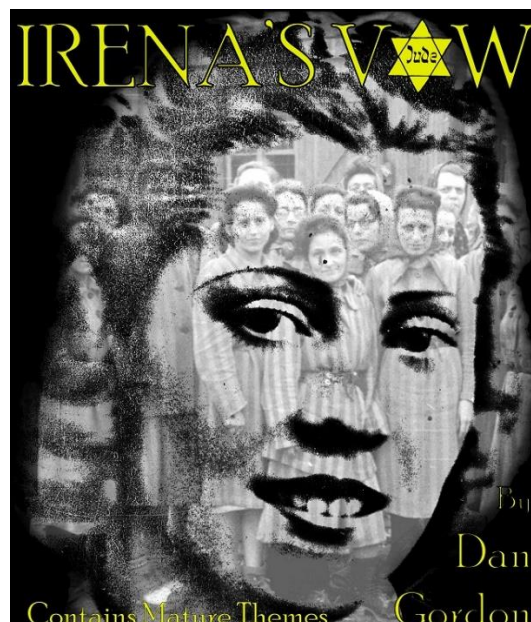
- Any donation makes you an awesome 300 donor!
- Every \$100 donation enters the JW Marriott drawing!
- \$150 donations and more receive an awesome VNEF T-shirt!
- Go to www.ViperNationEF.org. Click on WHAT WE DO to learn about our incredible educational programs in the Vandegrift feeder pattern schools and throughout LISD!
- Click on [SNAPSHOT](#) to find our 2017 Annual Report.

CAMPAIGN ENDS November 18th

Thank you

Important Attendance Reminder: We would like to remind you of some important school attendance rules and procedures. All student absences must be verified **in writing** by a parent/guardian. Also, if a student needs to leave school during the school day or arrives to school for any reason after 8:40am, they **MUST** go to **the attendance office to sign out and/or to sign in**. In order to confirm that student's attendance is properly coded, it is imperative that a student always sign both in and out during the school day in the attendance office (even if they brought a note in before school or if they arrive/leave during a passing period). To ensure student safety and accurate attendance for students, we must have proper records of when students are coming and going.

We also want to remind you that state truancy laws require students to be present at school. If you have any questions about what counts as an excused absence, please refer to the [Leander ISD student handbook](#). We want all students present at school—regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education.



Come See Irena's Vow October 26-28

10/19/2017

The VHS Harvey Players will perform "Irena's Vow" October 26-28

[Read More about Come See Irena's Vow October 26-28](#)



School Day ACT and SAT

10/16/2017

VHS is offering the ACT and SAT during the school day. Register Now!

[Read More](#)

Important Dates

4/13/18 Relay for Life & Faculty/Student BB Game

2/10/18 VNEF Gala

4/20/18 Valor Day (on Friday since 4/21 is on Saturday)

5/19/18 VHS Prom

5/23/18 VHS Senior Awards (10am)

5/24/18 Spring Football Game & Thursday Night Bites

6/7/18 Senior Breakfast and Grad Rehearsal

6/8/18 VHS Graduation at Cedar Park Center (8pm)

Please remember that we post our video and written announcements daily on our school website. Please be sure to check the announcements for up-to-date daily information that is important to your student. The link can be found under "Quick Links" and "Announcements/Media" on the left menu of the main VHS webpage. Also, please see the website to follow us on Twitter.