

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE PODIUM

As we near the end of school, we have a few activities still on our calendar. The XPLOSION! Show is in early May, we have Percussion Ensemble performances, Jazz LGPE, the Band Banquet, Solo and Ensemble Festival, and tryouts for percussion and color guard for next year's marching band.

It gets more difficult to keep things straight as we enter "test taking mania" and "I didn't work hard all semester, now I have to pull off a miracle to get the grade I want". Please continue checking the calendar and communicating in order to avoid conflicts.

We are getting prepared for the Band Banquet. It is both a happy and a sad occasion for us, as we look fondly on all of this year's performances and accomplishments and we say goodbye to our seniors. It isn't easy staying in an elective course for four years. It is even more difficult to maintain the extracurricular participation on top of everything else. Our seniors do an amazing job!

We also begin looking ahead to next year. One of the big goals for the Pope Band Program for 2016–17 is more parent involvement. We need to see the moms and dads actually participating... doing the fundraisers, assisting with events and activities, and attending performances. It is sad when we get a new freshman, and the next time we see their parents is on senior night at the football game. We're all busy, we all juggle schedules, and we all have lots of responsibilities...but the high school experience only happens once (hopefully!). It makes it better for your student when they know that they have your support and they see you there applauding their efforts. You get to see them engaged in something they enjoy and you share the experience!

In an activity as complex as ours, it takes all kinds of support... and no task is too small. Check the website or contact a PBPA Board member to offer your services.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS CONTINUE IN SUPPORT OF THE BAND

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 20th at WZ Tavern** (3052 Shallowford Rd)—Dine any time on Wednesday and mention you are supporting the Pope Band and a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the band! Not only can you enjoy delicious food, but live musical entertainment will be on hand Wednesday night! So head on over for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, April 20th. Be sure to tell all of your friends and neighbors too!

TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING RECYCLING DAY April 30, 2016 8:30 am–4:30 pm

PLEASE help in two ways with this MAJOR fundraiser for the band program.

1. PLEASE sign up on [CHARMS](#) to volunteer to work a shift or more. Two hour time slots for both adults and students are available from 8:30 am–4:30 pm. Friends, relatives, mature siblings, etc are all welcome. Community service hours are available for students. Get involved, meet new people, have fun and help to make this recycling day a success. The more the merrier!
2. PLEASE bring your own items for recycling. We accept metal, electronics, paint and paper shredding. Please check out the recycling flyer on the [band website](#) for fees and accepted items.

Questions? Please email Deanna and Tim Reynolds at popebandrecycling@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated time and treasures toward the band baskets sold at the Pope Foundation Gala. The band raised over \$1,100 from the sale of our baskets!! Everyone had great themes from Campfire Fun to A Weekend in Napa to Georgia Brews. Your contributions to your child's section basket were greatly appreciated. Again, thanks for supporting Pope Band!

Please Join Us for All Things PERCUSSION!

If you loved the percussion performances at XPLOSION!, you will love each of these events:

Lassiter Percussion Symposium at the Lassiter Concert Hall—April 23—8 a.m.–5 p.m.

More than a dozen schools will participate in this awesome festival. Pope Percussion Ensemble performs at 4:20 p.m. The evening performance will be by the University of South Carolina Percussion Ensemble.

Pope Percussion Ensemble Performances—April 25 at 7 p.m.

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See a preview of the XPLOSION! selections, plus a whole lot more!

Percussion Solo Concert—May 10 at 7 p.m.

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Enjoy solo performances by each of our talented members of the percussion section.

BAND BANQUET—FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2016

Please join us for our annual band banquet which will be held **Friday, May 13th** at Mt. Zion Church on Johnson Ferry Road. **Doors open at 6:15 pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm.** After dinner we will move to the Sanctuary for the acknowledgements and awards, which include a few surprises, a few laughs and a few tears, followed by the announcement of the 2016–17 leadership team and drum majors.

We would love to see all band members (concert, marching and guard) and their families to celebrate the accomplishments we've achieved as a band, the friendships that have been created through band and enjoy some time with your band family!

The ticket order form is available in the band room and also on the band website. Please complete, note and enclose, the method of payment (Check, Cash or Student Account), and then drop in the far left white box in the band room.

Deadline to purchase tickets will be Friday, May 6th. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Tickets will be handed out in band class Tuesday and Wednesday, May 10th and 11th.

Thanks to everyone for a great year and please join us for some fun, food and laughter!!!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Kathy Wood at kwood.pbpa@gmail.com or Sandy Stefani at ssstefani@yahoo.com.

PINE STRAW SALE EXTENDED!

We've added one more date for pine straw delivery! **Orders in by April 29 will be delivered Friday, May 6.** Optional delivery is available Saturday, May 7. A link to the flyer is on the popeband.com website.

Please help get the word out by distributing flyers to your neighborhood! Flyers will be available at the PBPA meeting and at every XPLOSION! practice. I will also deliver them to you if needed. If you have questions, please contact Sherri Welch at swelch27@hotmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE BAND/GUARD REGISTRATION Monday, May 9th at 7 p.m.

It's hard to believe but it's time to REGISTER for Band and Color Guard for the 2016–17 school year! Whether you are planning to pursue **Competition Marching Band, Friday Night Band, Color Guard or Band Class**, please plan to join us in the **Media Center at Pope on Monday, May 9th at 7 pm.** We will have a brief meeting where you can learn more about helping out the energetic E-Team and/or being a shining Chaperone as well as learn more about the upcoming school year and events for the Band and Color Guard. Please look for details on how to register which will be emailed soon! We are working to streamline this year's process and have on-line registration and accept payment by check, PayPal or using your student's account, if there are available funds. We look forward to seeing you on May 9th!

AMERICAN FLAG FUNDRAISER HELP NEEDED

We need your help with the Pope Band flag fundraiser. Over the five major patriotic holidays, we place American flags in front yards of subscribers. More information about the flags program can be found on the band website at www.popeband.com/flags.html. Currently, we need more hands to allow for more growth and money from this program. This is a great opportunity for you and/or your child to help out. The next time the flags need to be placed is before Memorial Day! We also have some behind-the-scenes opportunities to help. If you can volunteer please go to <http://bit.ly/FlagsVolunteer> or email Anne Jeffres and Julie Miller at popebandflags@gmail.com with any questions. Thanks in advance for your support!

XPLOSION! SHOW TO AMAZE ON MAY 5th & 6th

The school year would not be complete without a final performance to top all performances—XPLOSION! by our very own Pope Band and Guard! A synergetic show of music, dance, marching and color guard will amaze audiences on **Thursday and Friday, May 5th and 6th at 7 p.m. in the Pope Theater.**

Pizza and concessions will be sold before the show and during intermission.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 general admission and \$15 VIP seating, and are available at www.PopeBand.com.

A “50/50” raffle will also be offered to support the Band’s fall invitational to Hawaii.

XPLOSION! is a show like no other in the area and great fun for the whole family! These shows do sell out, so order your tickets today! Please help us spread the word and share the information on Facebook, Instagram and other social media.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Anderson at kbanderson3@gmail.com.

50/50 RAFFLE

One lucky person will win 50% of the total pot!

The band will have three 50/50 raffles before the Hawaii trip. The first one will be during the XPLOSION! show on May 5th and 6th. Tickets will be sold before the concert begins and during intermission. We will announce the winner on Friday night. We will also sell 50/50 raffle tickets at two Pope Football games. Look for the Raffle table going into the XPLOSION! event!!

Tickets will be: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, and 15 for \$20.

2016 Hawaii Trip Fundraisers

Our fundraising chair, Maryann Douglass, and our team have been working very hard to put together some fundraising programs to help support our trip to Hawaii in November. We wanted to provide the details to everyone and would like to ask for your assistance. Please share with your friends, family, co-workers, etc. and ask for their support. We also will be looking for volunteers so we can put on additional events. Please let us know if you are interested.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please do not hesitate to contact us. Maryann Douglass: mkdouglass@bellsouth.net
Kathy Wood: kwood.pbpba@gmail.com

1. **GoFundMe** page for the Hawaii Trip! It describes the great opportunity we have and the details of Mr. Durwood Swanson, 95 year old Pearl Harbor survivor, who is traveling with us. We have already received \$4,865 of our \$15,000 goal (\$1,000 came directly to the band from a corporate match). Please share this link with your family, friends, co-workers, etc. and on Facebook, Twitter, etc.: <https://www.gofundme.com/PopeHSBand>
2. **Mattress sale**—The sale is on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10am–5pm in the Pope Cafeteria. **ALL BAND MEMBERS can earn money for their student account.** In addition, the Pope Band will earn a certain amount per mattress sold which will be used towards our Hawaii trip! Details are on the band website. Look for information on how to spread the word via email this week!
3. **2016 Hawaii Trip Sponsorship Letter**
We have created a Hawaii Trip sponsor letter for anyone that would like to hand out at their place of work, local businesses, clubs, etc. For example, our team is sending sponsorship letters to our local VFWs to ask for support. Any sponsorships, large or small, would be a great help! Please see the band website for a copy of the letter if you would like to help us distribute!
4. **Restaurant Nights**
Red Sky Tapas & Bar will help support the band by hosting fundraising nights and donating a portion of the proceeds to the Pope Band Hawaii trip. They have also been generous enough to donate a portion of all the business on those evenings to our band, not just those that are from Pope! Please attend and share with family and friends!
Sunday May 1, 2016 and Sunday September 18, 2016
Red Sky Tapas & Bar
1255 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta, GA 30068
5. **Pope Band Car Wash**
Set up is in progress—more details will follow.

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WINTER GUARD FIRST PLACE GOLD MEDALISTS AT THE SAPA CHAMPIONSHIPS!



We would like to recognize the Pope Winter Guard on their successful season this winter. They attended two WGI (Winter Guard International) regionals and advanced into finals both times! The first regional was down in Pensacola, Florida, where the group competed against 24 other units and placed 5th overall. The second regional the guard attended was the most competitive regional this season for WGI with 37 units competing in Scholastic A. The regional only allowed 15 units into finals. Pope was very ecstatic to advance into finals and placed 12th overall. Finally, the group ended their journey up in Chattanooga, Tennessee for the SAPA (Southern Association of Performing Arts) state championships. **They placed first out of 17 schools, bringing home the gold medal!** The young women and men of this year's varsity program have come such a long way. Only half the guard were vets from the previous winter season. We took on 8 new members and had to work hard to develop the skills needed to be competitive. It definitely was a season filled with tears of joy and perseverance. It was well worth it because of the many great memories that were created and will never be forgotten. We look forward to what the next season brings as they prepare for auditions on **Wednesday, May 18th from 5–8 p.m. in the Pope band room** to set the 2016 Fall Color Guard.

CONGRATULATIONS JUNIOR VARSITY WINTER GUARD FOR A FUN AND EXCITING SEASON!



We would like to congratulate the **Pope Junior Varsity Winter Guard** on such a fun and exciting season! It has been seven years since the Pope program had a JV unit. This year the group consisted of nine young ladies from 6th to 12th grade. They were able to get the same experience of performing in front of an audience, traveling, and developing bonds that would last forever. They challenged themselves as they had to compete in a class that was created for high school units. Since the guard consisted of both middle schoolers and high schoolers, they had to compete in the more advanced class. The group was able to place higher than some of those units within the season! We are very proud of our future Pope greyhounds and look forward to having them join the varsity unit when they attend Pope.

2016 COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016 5 p.m.–8 p.m. POPE BAND ROOM

Open to any student attending Pope High School for the 2016–2017 school year. Be sure to wear tennis shoes and something you can move in. All you need is a great attitude and the willingness to try something new. We hope to see you there!

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