

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Incredible Student Accomplishment

Every four years, Bands of America/ Music for All sponsors a 400 member marching band selected from students across the United States to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

Bands of America is a huge national organization that holds competitions, music festivals, camps, and events all across the country. The Pope Band has been affiliated with them for over 25 years with our marching and symphonic students.

We received a call from BOA Headquarters asking to speak to Katherine Reeves (one of our marching band drum majors).

It was the CEO/President of Bands of America congratulating Katherine on being selected as one of 4 Drum Majors for the 2017 Honor Band of America Marching Band!!!!

Katherine will lead the band down Pasadena Boulevard on National TV!!!!!!!

Katherine was in a pool of nearly 500 potential auditionees during the BOA Summer Symposium Drum Majors workshop.

We could not be more proud of Katherine and her accomplishment.

The Year Begins...

Band classes are focusing on fundamental skills development and reading music for the Fall Concert. All kids should have functional instruments, folders and music, and a place to store their instruments. Please see a band director if there are additional needs.

On Fridays, we will play “fun music”. This means playing any and all music that we will need for pep rallies (all students play), special events at school (Sept 11th ceremony, etc), and requested community performances (for local businesses or organizations).

We have started bringing in section coaches to work with different groups of students during class periods. We also have a bassoon teacher who wants to run bassoon choir and rehearsals on select Friday mornings at 7:15 a.m. The first session is Friday Aug. 12th. They will meet approximately twice per month.

Competition Marching Band is on its regular schedule and learning new material at every rehearsal.

Friday Night Band had its first rehearsal and will learn the show over the next 3 rehearsals.

District Honor Band and All State Band audition signups will be open starting Monday Aug 15th.

PLEASE review the band calendar regularly. It will be updated as we get information about upcoming competitions, performances, etc. Read the emails from PBPA, attend the meetings, and keep informed!

With constant revisions to campus access due to construction, we will have to be flexible and cooperative. Please be patient...this is out of our control.

DATES TO KNOW

Check PopeBand.com
for the full band calendar.

AUGUST

- 19: FNB practice (includes CMB) 4–5 p.m.
- 25: Suburban Tap Restaurant Night
- 26: vs. Lassiter HS (Hope Wall/TOTY)*
- 27: Competition Marching Band (CMB) practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 2: @ Walton HS*
- 5: NO SCHOOL—No rehearsal
- 6: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9: @ Johns Creek HS*
- 10: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
CMB practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
- 16: vs. Cambridge HS (Homecoming)*
- 17: BOA Powder Springs (CMB)
- 18: Red Sky Restaurant Night
- 20: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
- 23: vs. N. Atlanta HS (Matt Hobby)*
- 26–30: NO SCHOOL—No rehearsal

OCTOBER

- 4: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 6: Fall Concert
- 7: @ Alpharetta HS*
- 8: McEachern Competition (CMB)
- 10: Cobb Exhibition (CMB)
- 12: All-State Jazz Auditions
- 14: vs. Dunwoody HS (HoF, 8th Grade Night)*
- 15: Sprayberry Competition (CMB)
- 17: Winter Guard Auditions 5–7:30 p.m.
- 20: Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night
- 21: vs. Chattahoochee HS (Senior Night)*
- 27: Hawaii Parade Rehearsal 3:45–5:30
- 28: @ Centennial HS*

NOVEMBER

- 1: Hawaii Parade Rehearsal 3:45–5:30
PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
 - 4: @ Northview HS*
- *FNB practices 4–5 p.m. before every game (includes CMB)**

RESTAURANT/SPIRIT NIGHTS CONTINUE

Invite your friends, families and neighbors to dine out on **Thursday, August 25th at Suburban Tap (1318 Johnson Ferry Rd)**! The Tap will donate a portion of the proceeds from all diners who say they're there to support the Pope Band! Burgers, wings, salads and more! There's something for everyone to enjoy!

Spirit Nights continue in October at the **Chick-fil-A at 3046 Shallowford Road**. All dine in, take out and drive through orders on **October 20th** will be eligible, as long as you remember to tell them you're supporting the Pope Band!

So close up your kitchen and dine out with your families and friends on August 25th and October 20th!

We hope we can count on your support!

GENERAL PBPA MEETING SEPTEMBER 20TH

What a great turnout we had for our kick off meeting in August! It was wonderful to see so many returning families, and LOTS of freshmen families. We had fun watching the students perform on the lower field and enjoyed an ice cream social. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Pope cafeteria. These are great opportunities to learn first hand what's going on with the band, hear from our directors, have your questions answered and more. Spirit wear will be for sale, so if you missed your chance to purchase something in August, you'll have another opportunity in September! We hope to see you there. If you are unable to attend, or have questions at any time, please don't hesitate to reach out to our PBPA Co-Presidents Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com) or anyone else on the PBPA board. All contacts are on the band website at www.PopeBand.com under Resources — PBPA Info.

FUNDRAISING AT THE DOME

Looking for a way to earn money for your student's account and help pay your activity fees? Consider working at the Georgia Dome! Two more events are on the calendar—**Thursday September 1st** (preseason game of the Falcons vs the Jacksonville Jaguars) and **Saturday, September 3rd** marks the Chick-fil-A season opener of the Georgia Bulldogs vs. the North Carolina Tarheels. All of the details can be found on the band website under Volunteer — Georgia Dome. Sign up today to work a Suite or be a Runner. Click on the helping hand on Charms. Spaces are filling up fast, but you can always sign up to be a back up if spots are filled. For questions, please contact Leanne Frandsen at alfrandsen@att.net.

BAND CAR WASH

Is your car dirty? Let the Pope Band help you out!

The Pope Band is sponsoring a Car Wash on August 20th from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. to raise money for their trip to Hawaii. Come by Space Shop Self Storage on 3148 Johnson Ferry Rd between Kroger and Walmart and let our fabulous band kids wash your car! Thanks for your support!

FALL RECYCLING SEPTEMBER 10TH

Join us for the Fall Recycling event on September 10th! Clean out your garage and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot.

PAINT—TV'S —COMPUTERS—PAPER
METAL—ELECTRONICS

Please sign up on CHARMS to volunteer a couple of hours of your time to make this very important band fundraiser a success. Students and mature siblings are welcome to help and can earn service hours. Due to the all-day marching practice, we especially need help from the Friday Night Band and Concert Band members and families. If you haven't volunteered before, this is a fun and easy opportunity for you to get involved.

Thank you for your support!

COMING SOON!

Coming this fall, the Pope Band will be holding a few great fundraisers!

"Apples for All"—Fresh, new-crop North Georgia apples (8-10 varieties) and fried apple and peach pies.

Pine Straw—Make your home beautiful with TOP QUALITY "Slash" variety pine straw.

Details on how your family, friends and neighbors can enjoy some wonderful North Georgia grown fruit, improve the look of your home and help the Pope Band at the same time will be coming your way soon! Watch for details in your email.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL GAMES—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Friday Football games kickoff on **August 26th** with a home game against Lassiter. With all of the construction at Pope this year, **parking** will be more difficult than ever. Everyone is asked to carpool as much as possible. Students will be asked to park in the bus area near the cafeteria. Any and all parents helping out at the games (chaperones, e-team, football parents woking concessions, etc.) and parents just attending the games are asked to **park offsite at Hightower Middle School or Shallowford Falls Elementary School. Shuttles will be available beginning at 5:30 pm and will run until well after the game ends.** There are no parking passes available to the band this year. As we know and have heard from Dr. Downs, flexibility is the name of the game and administration is counting on our support to free up parking spaces for our away guests.

Also, **Friday Night Meals are back!** Competition Marching Band

and Friday Night Band students will practice from 4–5 pm on Fridays. They will then have time to eat dinner before getting dressed in their uniforms and heading out to the stands. As a courtesy, the PBPA has arranged for meals to be ordered on-line and delivered to the students from **Which Wich** this year. Details were sent by email earlier this week and can also be found on the website at News — Marching Information — Friday Night Dinners. **Students must place and pay for orders by the Wednesday before a Friday football game** in order to receive their dinner at 5 pm. For questions about Friday Night dinners, please contact Milicent Ferguson at mewingferguson@gmail.com.

We hope to see you at the games, and remember, we always need the help of our Chaperones and E-Team, so please consider volunteering and sign up on Charms today—just click on the helping hand for each football game.

2016 HAWAII TRIP FUNDRAISERS

Fundraising for our Trip to Hawaii is well under way. We have completed some programs, and have several planned for August and September. Our fundraising chair, Maryann Douglass, and team continue to work on the programs to support the trip as much as possible. We wanted to provide an update and ask that you share these events with your friends, family, co-workers, etc. and ask for their support. We will continue to need volunteers to ensure successful events. Please let us know where you can help.

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**—This event raised over \$5,000 for the overall Hawaii fund and student accounts. Thank you to everyone that came to help!
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. Our first night, Sunday May 1, raised \$100. Help us to increase that number and attend the next one on Sunday September 18, 2016. Let them know you are from Pope Band.
Red Sky Tapas & Bar
1255 Johnson Ferry Road
Marietta, GA 30068
5. **Pope Band Car Wash**—Our first car wash is Saturday, August 20th from 10–2:00 at Space Shop Self Storage at 3148 Johnson Ferry Road, between Kroger and Walmart. See additional details in the newsletter. Our next Car Wash is tentatively scheduled for September 24th. More information and the location coming soon.
6. **50/50 Raffle**—Our first 50/50 Raffle during the Xplosion show last May made some lucky buyer \$416 richer, with the same amount going to the Hawaii fund. We will have 2 more 50/50 Raffles during 2 home football games this season. They are planned for August 26th and September 16th. Please consider volunteering for these events as we will need a lot of people to make these dates successful.

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