

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Happy New Year!

As we conclude first semester, it is amazing to look back at all of the performances, rehearsals, trips, and opportunities that our students have experienced. Hopefully, your student did more than simply showing up for classes each day... we had many chances to meet, hear, and experience music on all levels. Guest artists presented workshops, section coaches worked with small groups, several community concerts were presented and our students encouraged to attend, and opportunities to audition for honors groups were encouraged. Students in our band program truly have opportunities to expand their skills and make connections throughout the world of instrumental music. Some of these connections can open up scholarship possibilities, can build resume credibility, and might assist in college acceptance (even for non-music majors). We encourage you to help your student take advantage of the array of musical experiences available!

As we begin second semester, the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band have several outside of school rehearsals (usually section rehearsals). Check calendars and plan around these dates. We must have everyone in attendance in order to achieve the best results. Make plans to attend the Pre-LGPE Concert, LGPE Performances at Lassiter Concert Hall, and the Spring Concerts (including the "X-PLOSION!" show).

We will have performances by our Jazz Bands, Percussion Ensembles, and Winter Guard. If you can make it to these, you will be very impressed with the performances of these groups! We will continue to advertise performances by university and community bands as well as chamber groups, so look on the band website regularly and go see some amazing concerts! Students can count these for community service credit needed in honors organizations such as Tri-M or NHS. These could also count towards the new Fine Arts Diploma Seal being implemented at Pope.

DATES TO KNOW

*Check PopeBand.com
for the full band calendar.*

JANUARY

- 2-4: NO SCHOOL
- 7: All-State Final Auditions
Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 10: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 14: Sym Camp Sectionals 12–5 p.m.
- 16: NO SCHOOL
- 24: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**

FEBRUARY

- 4: Sym Camp 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 7: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10-12: District Band
- 16: Swing-N-Sweets
- 17: Early Bird Yearbook Order Deadline
- 20-24: NO SCHOOL
- 28: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**

MARCH

- 2-4: All-State Band
- 7: Pre-LGPE Concert
- 14: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 16-18: LGPE
- 24: Senior Tribute Ads Due for Yearbook
- 31: Yearbook Final Order Deadline

APRIL

- 3-7: Spring Break
- 11: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 20: Spring Concert
- 22: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Lassiter Percussion Festival
- 25: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
- 28: Jazz LPGE

MAY

- 2: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 4&5: X-PLOSION!

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 24 —GET INVOLVED— THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Please join us for our next General PBPA meeting in the cafeteria at Pope on **Tuesday, January 24th at 7 pm**. The Nominating Committee will present the proposed PBPA Board for the 2016–17 year. If you are interested in serving or know someone who is, please contact Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com). **Serving on the board or chairing a committee is an incredible way to give back to the band program.** We have all seen first hand the friendships the band students have built with each other. Volunteering on the board or any one of our numerous committees is the parents' chance to forge new friendships and be involved with our students and program. These 4 years go by very quickly... don't sit on the sidelines! We hope you will join our team of fun and energetic parents! You won't be sorry that you did!

SPIRIT NIGHT AT WILLY'S

Take out or dine in at Willy's Mexicana Grill at 4250 Roswell Road on **Tuesday, January 24th** from 11 a.m.–10 p.m. and support the band! Tell all of your friends, families and neighbors and post on your social media! Download the [flyer](#) from the band website or show it on your phone when paying and 20% of your check will be donated back to Pope Band!

THANK YOU TO OUR BAND BUDDIES... and it's not too late....YOU CAN BE ONE TOO!

This year we rolled out the new **Band Buddy Program**. In each concert program, we highlight those families who make a donation in support of the PBPA and Band program at Pope. If you are interested in growing your support of this amazing program, and making a tax-deductible donation before the end of the year, please complete the Band Buddy card found [here](#) or given out in the concert programs at the last two concerts. Donations can be placed in the white lock box in the band room or mailed to the Pope High School Band, 3001 Hembree Rd, Marietta, GA 30062, Attn: PBPA – Band Buddy Program. All donors will be listed in subsequent concert programs for the remainder of the school year. It is through your generous donations that **so much more is made possible for our talented musicians**, beyond what Cobb County and our tax dollars are able to provide. Thank you for your support!

WINTER RECYCLING JANUARY 7TH



Join us for the Winter Recycling event on January 7th! Clean out your garage and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot.

PAINT – TVS – 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. If you haven't volunteered before, this is a fun and easy opportunity for you to get involved.

Thank you for your support!

DOMES OPPORTUNITIES

Two more opportunities remain to earn money for your student's account and the band.

Full shifts of suite attendants and runners are needed on **Saturday December 31st** for the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and **Sunday January 1st** for the last Falcon game. All information is on [CHARMS](#), please sign up now. If you have any questions please contact Leanne Frandsen at alfrandsen@att.net. Thank you.

BAND YEARBOOK ORDERS AND SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS

It's never too early to place your order for the 2016–2017 Pope Band Yearbook, on sale now through February 17 for just \$40! Don't wait, because the price increases to \$50 after February 17. Final deadline for all yearbook orders is March 31.

You can also place your orders for senior tribute ads, selling for \$60 for ½ page, and \$40 for ¼ page. The final deadline for senior ads is March 24.

Visit the [yearbook page](#) on the band website to download the yearbook order form and the senior tribute ad information flyer. Contact Val Bippert at valbippert@comcast.net with any questions.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



THANK YOU to everyone who has linked PBPA to your Kroger PLUS card! We have had 21 cards linked so far and money is coming in... CAN WE DOUBLE THIS NUMBER? Please, check with friends and family, grandparents, aunts and uncles to see if they would be willing to link their Kroger Plus card so the Pope Band can earn money with each grocery visit or fill up!

Here is how you can connect your Kroger card with PBPA so that we can start earning funds:

1. Get a Kroger Plus card from the customer service desk or register at Kroger.
2. With card in hand, register online at kroger.com (If you are new to online, you must click "Create an Account" on the right. Check your email and click on the link to activate your account.)
3. Click on "Community" then go to "Kroger Community Rewards." Look over the information, including contact information and favorite store.
On the bottom under "Community Rewards" click on ENROLL NOW.
4. Enter 66474 or search "Pope" to find POPE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION.

Enroll, and you are done! Please tell friends and family!

Questions? Please contact Leslie Ann Dunn at dunnhorn@gmail.com.

HAWAII TRIP SHOUT OUT!

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to everyone who was a part of the Hawaii trip! The directors and staff for their support and guidance of our band, the chaperones for taking such great care of our kids, Dr. and Mrs. Downs for being there with us on our great adventure and to all the parents that made this trip possible for their kids. Most importantly we thank Mr. Swanson and Mr. Treat for sharing their memories with us all, we will never forget the sacrifices that were made for us. It was a trip to remember! Thank you all!



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