

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Football season is at an end. We have seen the final performances of the Friday Night Band and the Competition Marching Band, now we move ahead to new adventures! You saw our three symphonic band groups at the Fall Concert, along with the 8th grade band from Hightower Trail. We will have our Symphonic Band, Concert (9th grade) Band, and 7th Period Percussion Ensemble performing alongside Hightower's 8th grade band again at our Winter Concert on Dec. 6th at HTMS. You can see our Wind Symphony, along with the Pope Orchestra and Chorus in the Fine Arts Showcase at Lassiter Concert Hall on Dec. 9th. Don't miss these great performances!

By the time you read this, we will have performed in the Marietta Veteran's Day Parade and will be busily preparing for the Hawaii trip and the Waikiki Thanksgiving Parade. This trip has been a highlight for Pope Band students and families in the past, and certainly one of the most memorable and meaningful activities we have ever experienced. You will see lots of pictures and reviews of the trip as soon as we return. I encourage you to participate in these kinds of adventures in the future... they really take the band experience to another level and build lifelong memories.

We had a great saxophone masterclass with Gary Paulo of D'Addario Music and a clarinet workshop upcoming with the clarinet professor from the University of Georgia. These are wonderful supplemental activities that we arrange for our students. Make sure to encourage attendance for your student when these events take place.

Our Jazz Ensemble, Swingphonic Jazz Band, and Winter Guard have all started rehearsing in preparation for their upcoming performance seasons. Don't miss these outstanding groups! Soon, we will have our percussion ensembles and various chamber groups preparing for spring semester performances as well. One exciting new group is our Bassoon Ensemble, under the guidance of Nancy Collier. It is great to see such a large group of bassoonists at a high school, and it will be great to see and hear them perform.

In early December, we will have over 50 Pope Band students audition for District Honor Band and All State Band. Wish them good luck, and if your student is one of these, make sure they are practicing on a regular basis. These are very competitive auditions and we hope to have great representation from Pope in the groups!

Keep checking the website and the band calendar for updates. We have rehearsals and activities scheduled throughout spring semester for each of our performing groups. Plan ahead and avoid any last minute conflicts and make sure that your student gains all that they can from each opportunity.

DATES TO KNOW

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

NOVEMBER

- 10: Hawaii Parade Rehearsal 3:45–5:30
Hawaii Parent/Student Meeting 6–7 p.m.,
Pope Media Center
- 11: Veterans Day Parade
- 15: Hawaii Parade Rehearsal 3:45–5:30
**PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope
Cafeteria**
- 17: Hawaii Parade Rehearsal 3:45–5:30
- 21–25: NO SCHOOL
- 21–28: Hawaii Trip
- 30: Showcase Rehearsal 2:15–4:30

DECEMBER

- 6: Winter Concert featuring Pope's Symphon-
ic and Concert Bands and HTMS 8th Grade
Band, HTMS
- 7: Showcase Rehearsal 2:15–4:30
- 8: Showcase Rehearsal 3:30–6:00
- 9: Fine Arts Showcase, Lassiter Concert Hall
- 10: District/All State 1st Round Auditions
- 13: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 22–30: NO SCHOOL

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 Honor Band
- 16: Swing-N-Sweets
- 20–24: NO SCHOOL
- 28: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope
Cafeteria**

POPE STUDENT IN NATIONAL HONOR BAND

Nick Tewell, clarinet, will travel to Texas November 10–13 to participate in the All-National Honor Band sponsored by NAFME (the National Association for Music Education). Nick was selected through audition and will join students from all across the US under the direction of Ms. Paula Crider, Director Emeritus of the University of Texas and one of the most honored music educators in the band world.

Here is the association's description of this event:

The NAFME All-National Honor Ensembles (ANHE) represent the top performing high school musicians in the United States. So much more than a musical ensemble; it is a comprehensive, musical and educational experience.

The ensembles will meet at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas under the baton of leaders in the field of music education.

Congratulations to Nick as he represents the Pope Band in this prestigious event!

WINTER GUARD AUDITIONS

We are excited to announce that the 2017 Pope Varsity Winter Guard is under way! After a two day process with 28 individuals auditioning, we've selected 24 of them to represent the team. It's been about ten years since the winter guard has had such a high number of members in one season. We are looking forward to creating many more lasting memories throughout the course of our journey this year.

“APPLES FOR ALL” FUNDRAISER

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated and supported the Pope Band apple fundraiser. It was another successful event for the band! We had a great response from our band families and wonderful help from some of our band members on pick up day! We always have a great time and raise funds for the band at the same time! Thank you all again and enjoy your apples and fried pies!!!

VETERANS DAY PARADE NOVEMBER 11th

Every 4 years, Cobb County bands are asked to participate in the Veterans Day parade. This is our year! The parade will start at the Roswell Street Baptist Church at 11 am on Friday, November 11th, loop through Marietta Square and end between the new Cobb Courthouse and Marietta City Hall. The marching band will leave school at approximately 9:15 am and return at approximately 1:30 pm. A pizza lunch will be provided for the students once they return to school. They are welcome to bring their own lunch if they would prefer. This event serves as an “excused absence” from classes missed for those students participating. Come out and see the parade if your schedule allows. It is a moving and heartfelt day that honors all of our veterans.

GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15th

Please join us for our next general PBPA meeting in the cafeteria at Pope on **Tuesday, November 15th at 7 pm**. Even though the marching season has wrapped up, there is always so much to learn and hear about with the band program and upcoming events. It's hard to believe, but it is already time to begin thinking about next year's board! If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee for the PBPA board or serving on the board itself, please reach out to Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com). Serving on the board is an incredible way to give back to this 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!

PBPA General Meeting—Tuesday November 15

SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS

Please join us for an evening of holiday music at the annual Showcase of the Arts which will feature the Wind Symphony, Mastery Orchestra and Pope Chorus. This year's performance will be **Friday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lassiter Concert Hall**. Tickets are \$10 each and available at www.popeband.com. No tickets will be sold at the door—advanced sales only!

BECOME A BAND BUDDY!

At our fall concert, we rolled out the new **Band Buddy Program**. In each concert program, there was a Band Buddy card. If you are interested in growing your support for our band program, please complete the card (or download one [here](#)) and send in your donation to the white lock box in the band room (alternatively, you can send your donation to 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!

DOMEST OPPORTUNITIES

We have the opportunity to be runners for \$100 per game for the remaining Falcon football games. If you are interested please sign up on Charms. There is also a possibility for two Saturday games in December for suite attendants and runners; please sign up on Charms ASAP. We have been relieved from suite obligations for regular season play. The SEC championships, December 3rd and the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl on the 31st may be the last chance to make money for your child's band account at the Dome this season. Don't let this opportunity pass if you have ever wanted to participate in this activity.

2015 Xplosion DVDs

If you ordered a 2015 Xplosion DVD, they are (finally!) available! DVDs will be distributed at the General Meeting on November 15th. If you will not be at the meeting, please contact Karen Anderson at kbanderson3@gmail.com to make arrangements to receive your DVD. If you are unsure if you ordered a 2015 DVD or if you would like to order one now, please contact Karen. Again, we apologize for the delay! 2016 DVDs are also still available for purchase. Please see the band website for details.

Thank You!

8th Grade Night

8th Grade Night was a success! We had 98 students participate in both the musical and social aspects of the band! Thank you to everyone, current marching band members and parents alike, who made the 8th graders feel welcome, helped provide and serve the dinner, handed out T-shirts and chaperoned the game.

Pine Straw

A huge thank you to everyone who distributed flyers and purchased pine straw this fall. With your help, our sale was again a huge success!

Chaperones

What an amazing season! We laughed, we cried, we sweated and froze. We bandaged boo boos and soothed hurt feelings. Through it all, we had fun being with each other and our wonderful kiddos. You all were truly a delight to work with. Thank you for all of your hard work and loving care. Those of you who will be moving on in the spring brought a special joy to the last four years, and you will be missed. I hope the rest of you will be back for another year of fun and fellowship. Thanks again to each of you for all you have done this season to help make Pope Band "Good, better, best!!" — Jody Neja, Lead Chaperone

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