

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

First, a word of thanks to all who have assisted with this year's marching band activities. It takes many people working at many different tasks to keep everything going and this has been a great year for the Pope Marching Bands! Remember that we have the Marietta Veterans Day Parade upcoming. We also start preparation for our Hawaii Parade performance soon.

We are nearing auditions for second semester. They will take place in late October. Students were instructed during the first two weeks of school to download and begin practice on the materials for this audition. We use the Georgia Music Educators Association scales and etudes for our tryout (same as District Honor Band and All State Band).

Once auditions are complete, we will post band assignments for second semester. A good friend of ours tells their students the following about any audition:

There are FOUR possible outcomes...

1. You do well and make the group you hoped for
2. You do well and you don't make the group you hoped for
3. You don't do well and you make the group anyway
4. You don't do well and you don't make the group you wanted

In each scenario, there are many factors. You can't control how well others play. Only you are responsible for your own level of preparation. Remember... an audition is only a single snapshot of where you are at that moment in time. Much like a standardized test, it is used to measure achievement. It does not, however, measure every possible factor.

The best advice is to be well prepared and use the experience to learn how to deal with what can be a stressful situation (similar to college applications or a job interview).

Good luck to everyone and we hope to see parents in attendance at our upcoming December performances!

DATES TO KNOW

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

OCTOBER

- 14: vs. Dunwoody HS (HoF, 8th Grade Night)*
- 15: Sprayberry Competition (CMB)
- 17: Pope Winter Guard Auditions 5–7:30 p.m.
- 18: Food Trucks 5 p.m.
Community Show 7 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*
- 7: JV Winter Guard Auditions 7–9 p.m.
- 8: NO SCHOOL
- 10: Hawaii Parade Rehearsal 3:45–5:30
Hawaii Parent/Student Meeting 6–7 p.m.,
Pope Band Room
- 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: Symphonic and Concert Bands Concert
- 7: Showcase Rehearsal 2:15–4:30
- 8: Showcase Rehearsal 3:30–6:00
- 9: Fine Arts Showcase
- 10: District/All State 1st Round Auditions
- 13: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 22–30: NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

- 2–4: NO SCHOOL

**FNB practices 4–5 p.m. before
every game (includes CMB)*

8th GRADE NIGHT—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

8th grade band night at the football game is this Friday, October 14th. Approximately 40 students from Dodgen and 40 students from Hightower Trail middle schools had a combined rehearsal on Tuesday evening, first at Hightower Trail (along with pizza for dinner) and then at Pope on the field with the marching band. On Friday, they will be playing the Star Spangled Banner along with the Pope Band to open the game, playing the Pope fight song in the stands, and will be playing the Queen show in formation at halftime, along with the entire marching band! Friday will also feature a performance by the JV Drumline featuring 7th and 8th grade percussionists from Hightower Trail, Dodgen and High Meadows schools. All participants will be given a Pope Band T-shirt to wear as their uniform. It is a great, immersive experience for the 8th graders so they can get a taste of what it is like to be in marching band at Pope! Speaking of “taste,” as is usual the PBPA is feeding the 8th graders and the Pope marching band members and staff a home-cooked dinner in the cafeteria on Friday night before the game. Check the volunteer sign-up on Charms to see if anything is still needed for the dinner or the set-up/serving/clean-up. Please help to make this an enjoyable experience for our prospective members!

COMMUNITY SHOW AND FOOD TRUCKS



Next week, **Tuesday, October 18th** is our **Community Show** where the band will perform both their competition show **The Key of Z**, as well as their rockin' halftime show with songs by **Queen**. Close up your kitchens and join us for dinner before hand with **Food Trucks**, beginning at 5 pm. The [Toasted Cheese Truck](#), [Cousins Maine Lobster](#), [Tex's Tacos](#) and [Little Blue Ice Cream Truck](#) will be the featured food for the evening. The show will start at 7 pm in Pope's football stadium. It is a wonderful evening to celebrate the band and all they have accomplished this season and to enjoy some time with our band family. Please invite your friends, family and neighbors and spread the word to our eager middle school musicians and families as well. General admission is \$5. **Please note that food trucks will open at 4:30 pm for the band students so they can eat before changing into uniforms and getting ready for yearbook pictures and the show!**

WINTER GUARD AUDITIONS

If you love to perform, compete, travel and meet new friends, Winter Guard might be for you! No experience is necessary. **Varsity auditions are Monday, Oct. 17, 5–7:30 pm. JV auditions are Monday, Nov. 7, 7–9 pm.** Meet in the band room at the start time to learn more! For questions, please contact Bobby Jones at bobby.jones@cobbk12.org.

PINE STRAW FUNDRAISER

Order your pine straw now for delivery on Oct. 28 or Nov. 4. Deadlines are one week before delivery. Flyers are on the band website under Support Us – [Pine Straw](#). Our new supplier is a Pope band alumni! For questions, contact Sherri Welch at swelch27@hotmail.com.

SPIRIT NIGHT AT



Take out or dine in at the **Chick-fil-A** at 3046 Shallowford Rd on **Tuesday, October 20th** and support the band! Tell all of your friends, families and neighbors and post on your social media! A portion of proceeds from the **ENTIRE DAY** will benefit the band, just please remember to tell them you are with the Pope Band when you place your order!

COMMUNITY SHOW—TUESDAY OCTOBER 18

BECOME A BAND BUDDY!

At last week's amazing 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). Checks should be made payable to PBPA. 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**, beyond what Cobb County and our tax dollars are able to provide, for our talented musicians. Thank you for your support!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM



Have a Kroger Plus card? Link it to PBPA to earn money for the Pope Band!

Kroger has a "Community Rewards" program wherein it gives rebates to approved organizations based on purchases made with the Kroger Plus card. We just recently had PBPA approved as a community organization that can receive these rebates!

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.

"APPLES FOR ALL"

The "Apples for All" Fundraiser is here! Order forms, selling instructions, etc. can be found on the band website.

Please consider ordering for yourself and talk with your family, friends and neighbors to ask them if they would also like to purchase and enjoy the fresh crop of North Georgia Apples and fresh fried pies we have available.

Forms and money are due Friday, October 28th. Please put them in the white box marked "Apple Sales". Pick-up will be Saturday, November 5th at Tritt Elementary School under the covered play area from 12–1 p.m. for Student orders and 1–4 p.m. for Student/Community orders.

Please contact us with any questions: Sheba Justin (justinsheba@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting the Pope Band!!!

CHAPERONING SUPPLIES

Thank you so very much to the band families who have donated to our fund to replace our failing coolers and replenish our stock of water and Gatorade! It's not too late to contribute, and we are still in need of funds! If you would like to help out, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Chaperone Fund" and place it in the white box in the band room. Again, many, many thanks for your help!