

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

As we speed toward the end of this year, we also look ahead to 2017–18. We hope to have a big group of new members join us for the band experience at Pope! Please speak with any 8th grade families that you know and encourage them to have their student enrolled in band. We also need encouragement for marching band participation. It is a truly valuable and memorable experience that students enjoy.

Note that there are no scheduled full band rehearsals this summer (due to construction), so band camp will be our first full competition band experience. Individual sections might call some student-run section practices at alternate locations, but the Pope campus will be shut down until July 17th.

Once we get started, we will need many parent volunteers as chaperones, equipment crew, and uniform volunteers. Sign up and be involved. It takes support to be successful!

Our Wind Symphony is applying for some big performances for 2018... stay tuned for details as they become available.

April 20 General PBPA Meeting and Spring Concert

Please join us in the Pope theater at **6:45 pm for a brief but important General PBPA Meeting**. We will vote on next year's budget and talk briefly about the remaining events for this school year. There are only 5 weeks to go but there is SO much going on including the Recycling fundraiser, Mattress Sale, Pine Straw Sales, XPLOSION! and more! We look forward to seeing you then! We will then remain in the theater for the Spring Concert! A reception will follow the concert in the cafeteria.

PINE STRAW FOR SALE

The pine straw fundraiser is underway! If you or someone you know would like to purchase pine straw, please visit <http://www.popeband.com/pine-straw.html>. There is a link on that page to the [order form](#). Hurry! **The last payment deadline is April 28.** If you would like to help by distributing flyers or have questions, please contact Sherri Welch at swelch27@hotmail.com.

DATES TO KNOW

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

APRIL

- 20: PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope Theater**
Spring Concert 7 p.m., Pope HS Theater
- 21: Pine Straw Orders Due for April 28 delivery**
- 21–22: Lassiter Percussion Festival**
- 22: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.**
- 27: Percussion Ensemble Concert 7 p.m.**
- 28: Jazz LGPE, Walton HS, Swingphonic 2:30, Jazz Band 4:35 p.m.**
Pine Straw Orders Due for May 5 delivery
- 29: Leadership Training 9 a.m.–5 p.m.**

MAY

- 2: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.**
- 4 & 5: XPLOSION! 7 p.m., Pope HS Theater**
- 6: Solo & Ensemble, Allatoona HS**
- 8: Drum Major Auditions 3:40 p.m.–5 p.m.**
Percussion Auditions 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
- PBPA Registration Meeting, Pope Media Center—6:30 p.m. New band families, 7 p.m. All families**
- 10: Percussion Auditions 5 p.m.–7 p.m.**
- 11: Progressive Chamber Concert 7 p.m.**
- 13: Mattress Sale Fundraiser 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
- 15: Percussion Auditions 5 p.m.–7 p.m.**
Rookie Camp 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
- 17: Percussion Auditions 5 p.m.–7 p.m.**
Rookie Camp 5 p.m.–7 p.m.
- 18: Color Guard Auditions 5 p.m.–8 p.m., Sandy Plains Baptist Church Gym**
- 19: Band Banquet—Doors Open 6:15 p.m., Mt. Zion UMC, Johnson Ferry Rd.**

JULY

- 17–21: Band Camp 9 a.m.–9 p.m.**
Friday Night Band 6 p.m.–7 p.m.
- 18 & 20: Mandatory Fun Night 9 p.m.–11 p.m.**
- 24–26: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.**
- 31: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.**

EARTH DAY RECYCLING APRIL 22ND

Join us for the Earth Day Recycling event on April 22nd! Clean out your garage and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot.

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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!**

XPLOSION! MAY 4 & 5

The school year may be winding down, but the band is revving up for their one-of-a-kind show: XPLOSION! We hope to see you at this extravaganza where every aspect of the band program will be highlighted—from marching band and the jazz ensemble to winter guard and smaller ensembles—this show has something for everyone! This event is like no other in the community, so invite all of your friends, families and neighbors and save the dates for our 2 performances—**Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in the Pope Theater. Tickets will only be sold online. Buy yours today, as these shows do sell out.** Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.



ALSO, we will have a **50/50 Raffle** again this year! Two days of selling tickets, one lucky winner! Will it be you? Proceeds will support the band program.

50/50 RAFFLE

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

The band will have three 50/50 raffles over the next year as a fundraising activity. The first one will be during the XPLOSION! concert on May 4th and 5th. Tickets will be sold before the concert begins and we will announce the winner on Friday night. We will also sell 50/50 raffle tickets at two football games in the fall—dates TBD. Don't forget to 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.

TUXEDO RETURN

It's time to return all band tuxedos! The April 20 concert is dress casual, so you're done with tuxedos this year.

1. Take out pant hems.
2. Dry clean jacket and pants.
3. Leave on dry cleaner receipt.
4. Add student's name to bag or hangar.
5. Return to band room by May 3.

* Do not return shirts, bow ties or cummerbunds unless you borrowed them from the band.

Return Dates:

Thursday 4/20: 6–6:45 p.m.

Friday 4/21: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

Tuesday 4/25: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Thursday 4/27: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

5:30–6:30 p.m.

Monday 5/1: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

5–6 p.m.

Wednesday 5/3: 7:45–8:15 a.m.

5:30–6:30 p.m.

If you are in an outside group with a May concert, or have questions, please contact Sherri Welch at swelch27@hotmail.com or [\(931\) 801-1171](tel:9318011171).

COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS THURSDAY, MAY 18 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

Sandy Plains Baptist Church Gym

Open to any student attending Pope High School for the 2017–18 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!

MATTRESS SALE

MAY 13TH — 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
POPE CAFETERIA

Buy the new mattress you've been waiting to purchase, **save 30–40% of average cost**, and money raised will support the band program as well as an opportunity to raise money for individual band accounts! There will be a complete mattress showroom in the Pope High School Cafeteria featuring name brand options in different sizes and costs. All students will receive flyers for the sale. If a customer buys a mattress and has an advertising flyer with your child's name on it, fundraising money will go directly to your child's student account. More information to come with additional details. Please help us have a successful fundraising event!!

JOIN US FOR ALL THINGS PERCUSSION!

Lassiter Percussion Symposium at the Lassiter Concert Hall — April 21 (time TBD) and April 22 — 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

More than twenty schools will participate in this amazing festival. The Pope Percussion Ensemble performance time is 4:10 p.m. The Saturday evening performance will be by the Northwestern University Percussion Ensemble under the direction of She-e Wu. This will be an unparalleled opportunity to hear some incredible percussion ensembles!

Pope Percussion Ensemble Performances—April 27 at 7 p.m. (Pope band room)

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

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Help support the Pope Band by linking PBPA to your Kroger Plus card and swiping your card each time you shop at Kroger! This is an easy way to help the band earn money every day! 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 band can earn money with each grocery visit or fill up at the pump!

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.

BOX TOPS ARE COMING!



The PBPA has decided to start collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION to benefit the Pope Band! So please tell your friends, neighbors, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc. that WE ARE COLLECTING BOX TOPS! **Start clipping and saving** and please watch for more information this summer on submitting for collection! Questions? Please contact Leslie Ann Dunn at dunnhorn@gmail.com.



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WAVE YOUR FLAGS

We need your help for the Pope Band Flag Fund-raiser! Over the five major patriotic holidays we place American flags in front yards of our subscribers. We need more hands to allow for more growth and money from this program. This is a great opportunity for you and your teen to help out with placement and then pick-up of the flags. Our next dates will be to put out the flags for Memorial Day on May 20th or 21st with pick up on May 31st or June 1st. We also have some behind-the-scenes opportunities which can be done on your own schedule.

If you would like to help out please email Anne Jeffres and Julie Miller at PopeBandFlags@gmail.com

BAND BANQUET — FRIDAY MAY 19 MT. ZION UMC

Who doesn't love a good party? The band banquet is a celebration of the accomplishments we've had over the past year, of the friendships and family ties of this band community and a nod to the upcoming year!

Please join us for our annual band banquet which will be held **Friday, May 19th** at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church on Johnson Ferry Road. **Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.** After dinner, we will move to the Sanctuary for the acknowledgements and awards, which always include a few laughs and a few tears, followed by the announcement of the 2017–18 leadership team and drum majors.

The tickets will be \$20 per person and will go on sale shortly. All families will receive order forms via email and they will also be available in the band room and on PopeBand.com. We would love to see all band members (concert, marching and guard) and their families to celebrate the wonderful year we've had.

Band yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the banquet, to students who placed an order before spring break.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Val Bippert at valbippert@comcast.net or Sandi Davis at balsky@mindspring.com.

MAY 8 REGISTRATION FOR 2017–18

Our final PBPA meeting of the school year will be **Monday, May 8th in the Pope Media Center. This will also be the day we collect your activity fees for the new school year** for Concert Band, Friday Night Marching Band or Competition Marching Band (including Color Guard). In an effort to streamline the process, we are asking new families to join us at 6:30 p.m. for a brief meeting to learn about all things band! **At 7 p.m. we will have multiple stations open to collect activity fees for the 2017–18 school year.** Payment in the form of cash, check, credit card or PayPal will be accepted! **A link to our online registration will be sent next week.** It will take only 15 minutes to complete, but it is imperative we get your student(s) properly registered for next year. On the 8th, information will be available to learn about becoming a fabulous Chaperone, joining the E-team, supporting the band through affinity programs and more. **Spirit Wear will also be on hand to order!** If you have any questions, please contact Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com).

INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED BUT DON'T KNOW HOW?

The Pope Band Parents Association is *your* booster club for all things band! We'd love to have you be a part of this important team of parent volunteers. You've seen how much the band means to your kids, now it's your chance to get involved and be a part of it all. Whether you have 5 minutes, 5 hours, 5 days or anything in between, there's some way you can make a contribution to this organization. We've all seen how many moving parts there are to this successful band, but we can't do it alone. Please let us know how you'd like to help! We are still in need of committee chairs for the following: **RECYCLING, PINE STRAW, and the BANQUET** (May 2018). To learn more about any of the committees and to figure out how to lend your time and talents, please contact your PBPA Co-Presidents: Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com).