

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Tis the season...for snow, holiday concerts, and auditions. First of all, congratulations to the Symphonic Band, 9th grade Band, and 9th grade Percussion Ensemble for an outstanding winter concert at Hightower Trail Middle School. Also, thank you to everyone for your flexibility as we were forced to move Showcase due to the weather. As I write this, the Pope Fine Arts Showcase is yet to be performed, but it has turned into one of the premier events for the school and this year's show will be one to remember. The students have worked hard and it's difficult to not be impressed by the professionalism and musicianship on display.

Now, to the auditions. By the time you read this, auditions for District Band and All-State (first round) will be completed as well as the Pope audition results just being posted. Remember that an audition is a snapshot of your performance, but it does not define you as a person or as a musician. As our good friend Scott Stewart from the Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony says, "sometimes you deserve to make it and you do, sometimes you deserve to make it and you don't. Sometimes you don't deserve to make it and you do, and sometimes you don't deserve to make it and you don't". Whatever the case is for you, keep working — there's always another audition. Remember a couple of things: the judge hearing your audition is always on your side. Trust me, when you walk in the room, the judge is pulling for you to have the best audition of your life. We want you to succeed — we want to hear great music. However, you also have to remember that, when preparing for an audition, there's only one person's preparation you can control — yours. Here's hoping you all have the auditions you want and get the results you're hoping for.

From both Mr. Gribble and Mr. Rudolph, here's wishing you all Happy Holidays and a wonderful New Year. See you all in 2018!

GENERAL PBPA MEETING JANUARY 23 AT 7 P.M.

We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, January 23rd at 7 p.m. in the Pope cafeteria** to get caught up on all the latest news with the band. A slate of the PBPA board for the 2018–19 year will be presented at this meeting and voted on at the next meeting (March 6th). If you are interested in serving on the board next year (the term is March 2018–May 2019), or trying to figure out how best to lend your time and talents, please reach out to either of the current Co-Presidents, Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com), or anyone on the [board](#). We always need help, no matter how much time you can give. We look forward to working with you!

DATES TO KNOW

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

JANUARY

- 1–3: No School
- 6: All-State Final Auditions
- 9: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15: No School
- 20: Symphonic Camp Sectionals
- 23: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Cafeteria**
- 25–27: All-State Jazz
- 27: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Kennesaw Mountain Winter Guard (WG)
Show

FEBRUARY

- 3: Symphonic Camp
- 6: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9–11: District Honor Band
- 10: Harrison WG Show
- 13: Swing-N-Sweets 7:30 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
- 19–23: No School
- 23–25: Pensacola WG Regional

MARCH

- 1–3: All-State Band
- 3–4: Atlanta WG Regional, McEachern HS
- 6: **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope Arts Center (PAC)**
Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., PAC
- 13: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15–17: LGPE, Lassiter Concert Hall
- 18: Flowery Branch WG Show
- 28–31: Wind Symphony, NYC Trip
- 30: Wind Symphony Performance, Carnegie Hall

APRIL

- 2–6: No School
- 8: SAPA WG Championships, Chattanooga
- 10: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 19: Percussion Ensemble Concert 7 p.m., PAC
- 21: Mattress Sale Fundraiser 10 a.m.–5 p.m.,
Pope Cafeteria
Lassiter Percussion Symposium

HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER

FINAL REMINDER! Create a shortcut for your holiday meal planning and preparation while raising funds for the PBPA! HoneyBaked Ham will generously donate **20% of all physical and electronic gift cards purchased** through this [link](#) to the PBPA. **The fundraiser is open through this Friday, December 22.**

LIFETOUCH PHOTO ORDERS

How amazing did your student look in their marching band/guard uniform? Please be sure to go ahead and place your orders for photo packages from the portraits made by Lifetouch in October! You should have received a sheet home with the information to view proofs online and place orders. The combination of the individual portrait and group portrait of the band is called the “SportsMate.” Be sure to place your order so you can receive your prints! Any questions, please email dunnhorn@gmail.com.

AFFINITY PROGRAMS

Reminder to please keep swiping your PBPA card when you shop at Publix, and please be sure to affiliate your Kroger Plus card to the PBPA so it will receive a donation for every grocery and gas purchase. To do so, login [here](#) and click on “Community Rewards.” Also, please be sure to affiliate your Amazon Smile account with PBPA by following the directions at <http://www.popeband.com/amazonsmile.html> so that .05% of all Amazon purchases will be donated to PBPA. So far, the PBPA has received \$987.34 since the beginning of the school year! Every bit adds up! You can even shop using your mobile device. First, shop through the Amazon app and choose your items, then be sure to check out on smile.amazon.com on a browser to have the purchase connected! Any questions, please ask dunnhorn@gmail.com.

BAND BUDDY PROGRAM...IT'S NOT TOO LATE

It's not too late to make a donation to the Pope Band Program and become a Band Buddy! Your donations help continue the great work of the directors and booster club. Donors will be listed in the concert programs for the remainder of the year. To become a Band Buddy, simply fill out the form found [here](#) and send in your donation today! What a great way to invest your year-end tax deductible charitable contribution. A heartfelt thank you to those who have already contributed in support of the program.

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 27TH—RECYCLE DAY

It's time to clean out those closets, garages and storage spaces! Mark your calendars and spread the word to friends and families in the area! **Our next Recycle Day is Saturday, January 27th from 9 a.m.–4 p.m.** We will need LOTS of volunteers to sign up for two hour shifts (parents, students and middle school siblings)! This is a great way for students to earn service hours. Look for our sign up on Charms just after the holidays! What an easy way to help out the band and get involved! For questions, please contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Chaperones

I would like to extend a great big thank you to our fantastic chaperone team for a truly outstanding season working with the marching band! You all did yourselves proud!

I would also like to send a special thanks to the senior chaperone parents. You all provided much needed leadership and experience and those of you that are moving on will be greatly missed. I hope those of you with band kids yet to come will come do it all again!

Thanks again, everyone, and best wishes for the happiest of holidays! —Jody Neja

E-Team

Thank you to all of the E-Team members who stepped up to help this season and a special shout out to all our drivers—we appreciate your dedication. We are truly grateful for our E-Team community for taking time out of your schedule to help whenever the band needed you. We look forward to next season, and hope you will join us again. —Chris and Shell Jones

Uniform Parents

We wanted to take a minute to say THANK YOU to all of the parents who helped this season with uniforms. It takes many busy hands to keep the band looking good and we appreciate every one of you! We also would like to ask that everyone continue to be there for the band in the coming year, as Sherri Welch and I will be leaving with our seniors this year. Please be there for our new uniforms leads, Vanessa Lilly (Marching) and Julianne Reeves (Concert). Thank you all!! —Kathy Wood