

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

As we begin the registration process for next year, please keep in mind the following:

1. Scheduling requires careful planning and accurate information.
2. Look at the BIG PICTURE of your 4 year plan...not just the next semester.
3. There are ALWAYS alternatives when conflicts arise.
4. Know what is REALLY required for graduation/college admissions instead of what is merely “suggested”.
5. Utilize alternative methods of earning credit if needed (online, Move On When Ready, Summer School, etc.).
6. Ask questions BEFORE your schedule is completed. Counselors, teachers, and administrators can help you.
7. DO NOT take other student’s/parent’s word as the official information... sometimes it gets distorted or confused and just creates more problems.
8. Plan your schedule based on what will be valuable to you and will help you in your future career. Just because it calls itself “Honors” or “AP” doesn’t mean you need it or will benefit from it. (See the link on the band website where college admissions officers give advice to their own kids about high school courses.) Many people are surprised when universities do not exempt courses based on AP classes taken in high school.
9. Avoid the allure of minimum day unless there is a strong reason that you need to be in the workforce instead of getting more coursework or more opportunities.
10. Remember that you also need to ENJOY your high school experience... and many students do this through music, art, and other elective classes.

DATES TO KNOW

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

FEBRUARY

- 17: Early Bird Yearbook Order Deadline
 18: JV & Varsity Winter Guard (WG), River Ridge HS
 20–24: NO SCHOOL
 24–26: Varsity WG—WGI Regional Competition, Tate HS, Pensacola, FL
 28: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**

MARCH

- 2–4: All-State Band
 4–5: Varsity WG—WGI Competition, McEachern HS
 7: Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., Dodgen MS
 14: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
 16–18: LGPE
 18: **LGPE at Lassiter Concert Hall**
 Concert Band 9:35 a.m.
 Symphonic Band 2:05 p.m.
 Wind Symphony 9:05 p.m.
 21: Marlow’s Tavern Restaurant Night
 24: Senior Tribute Ads Due for Yearbook
 25: JV & Varsity WG, Villa Rica HS
 31: Yearbook Final Order Deadline

APRIL

- 2: Varsity WG—SAPA Championships, Chattanooga, TN
 3–7: Spring Break
 11: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
 20: Spring Concert 7 p.m., Pope HS
 22: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
 Lassiter Percussion Festival
 25: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
 27: Percussion Ensemble Concert 7 p.m.
 28: Jazz LGPE, Walton HS, Time TBD

MAY

- 2: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

GENERAL PBPA MEETING—FEBRUARY 28TH

We hope you will join us for our next general PBPA meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 7 pm in the cafeteria at Pope. Come out, meet and vote for our next year's PBPA board! Find out what opportunities we have for you to lend your time and talents to help continue to make our band program the best it can be! Are you a great organizer? Do you like to market ideas and products to community members? Do you have some time in the fall to coordinate Friday Night dinners for the football season? Whatever time and talent you have... *we need you!* There's some way for *every one* to make a difference and positively impact our students and band program. If you can't attend the meeting but want to learn more, please contact your PBPA Co-Presidents Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com).

RESTAURANT NIGHTS ARE BACK IN MARCH!

Time to close up the kitchen and enjoy a night out! Please join us any time on **Tuesday, March 21st for Spirit Day/Night at Marlow's Tavern** located at 1289 Johnson Ferry Road. Dine in or take out, and they'll donate 15% of the sales back to our program provided you remember to tell them you're supporting the Pope Band. Tell your friends, families and neighbors and post our Spirit Night on your Facebook and Instagram!



SAVE THE DATE

LGPE

All three bands will perform on Saturday, March 18 at Lassiter HS. Performance times are: Concert Band 9:35 a.m., Symphonic Band 2:05 p.m., and Wind Symphony 9:05 p.m.

BAND BANQUET

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Band Banquet—**Friday May 19th, 2017 at Mt. Zion Church on Johnson Ferry Road.** We hope to see everyone there to celebrate the accomplishments we've achieved as a band this year, the friendships that have been created and enjoy some time with your band family!!! We would love to see all band members, their families and siblings for a night of fun, food and laughter. See you all there!!

POPE HOSTS LGPE WEEKEND AT LASSITER

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 16 – Saturday, March 18.** It's LGPE weekend in Cobb County and Pope is the lead host for this important event which will incorporate over 50 bands and more than 1,000 band students in our area. We need parents and students to sign up for (approximately) 3 hour shifts during these 3 days. They are full days, running from 9 a.m.–11 p.m. so any time you can donate, would be greatly appreciated. Students can earn service hours for their help.

There are nearly **300 shifts** to fill! Help is needed in a variety of areas such as band host (leading a band around through warm up to performance to clinic and sight reading), ushering at the door, backstage crew (similar to e-team), sight reading room (handing out/collecting music to the bands), and more.

The booster clubs of Lassiter and Kell will also be helping but Pope is the lead for the event and we are ultimately responsible for ensuring ALL of the positions are filled by mid-March. Sign ups can be found at this link: <http://signup.com/go/LQkwgg> (not on Charms).

Show our Pope pride and help ensure the success of another LGPE weekend. For questions, please contact Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com).

PBPA General Meeting—Tuesday February 28

AMERICAN FLAGS FUNDRAISER



Our American Flags fundraiser is starting up again soon, with the first flags of the year going up for Memorial Day in May. We are looking to expand into more neighborhoods and even to area businesses. If you feel your neighborhood would embrace the flag program please contact Anne Jeffres and Julie Miller at PopeBandFlags@gmail.com or speak with them in person at the next PBPA meeting on February 28th.

More information about our American Flags program can be found on the [Flags page](#) from the Support Us menu on the Pope Band website, but as a reminder we sell annual flag placement subscriptions for \$40.00 each. The flags are then set up in the customers' yards during the 5 patriotic holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, September 11th, and Veteran's Day. The flags are 3'x5' and on a 10' pole.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to make Flags a major fundraiser for the band! This one fundraiser has the potential to raise thousands of dollars per year for the band with most of our subscribers renewing year after year, and with funds that come from the community, not only band parents' pockets. The success of the flags fundraiser is only limited by the number of volunteers we get on our team. We need your help to make this program a huge success!

If you want to help with this great fundraiser without representing your neighborhood, we always need additional volunteers to help with flag placement, flag removal, pre-installation readiness and marketing to area businesses. Contact Anne Jeffres and Julie Miller at PopeBandFlags@gmail.com to get started!

XPLOSION! COMING MAY 4TH & 5TH



Mark your calendars now for this amazing one-of-a-kind show! Your friends, family and neighbors will want to join us on **May 4th and 5th at 7 p.m.** in the Pope Theater for the always popular musical extravaganza that celebrates every aspect of the band from the full band, Jazz Ensemble, Winter and Color Guard to ensembles of all sizes. It is an event like no other in the community.

BAND YEARBOOKS AND SENIOR ADS

If you missed the early order deadline, it's not too late to place your order for the 2016–2017 Pope Band Yearbook, which is on sale now for \$50. 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.

POPE FOUNDATION GALA

Thank you to everyone who has contributed donations for the section baskets which will be auctioned at the Pope Foundation Gala. This fundraiser is also a fundraiser for the band as we will receive 90% of the profits from the auctions of our items.

The Gala will be held on Saturday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. at Keegan's Irish Pub. For more information about the Gala and to purchase tickets, please visit the Pope Foundation website at: <https://popehighschoolfoundation.com>.