

# Pope Band Notes

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Second semester is underway! We just completed the rescheduled GMEA All State tryouts and 8 Pope students made one of the performing groups. Congratulations to the following students:

|                  |    |               |                             |
|------------------|----|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Mitchell Bowen   | 11 | Bass Clarinet | 11–12 Symphonic Band 1      |
| Will Cardin      | 10 | Trumpet       | 9–10 Concert Band 1         |
| Charles Dunn     | 9  | Horn          | 9–10 High School Orchestra  |
| Ethan Dupier     | 11 | Percussion    | 11–12 Symphonic Band 2      |
| Sabrina Gelarden | 9  | Clarinet      | 9–10 Concert Band 2         |
| Cullen Hunt      | 10 | Trombone      | 9–10 Concert Band 2         |
| Sarah Jeffres    | 10 | Alto Sax      | 9–10 Concert Band 2         |
| Nick Tewell      | 11 | Clarinet      | 11–12 High School Orchestra |

We have two upcoming events scheduled on Saturdays for symphonic band members.

The first is a “Section Rehearsal Camp” on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>. We will have professional performers to tutor each section of each band for a 1–2 hour rehearsal. Schedules have been distributed to students for this event.

The second is a day of rehearsal with guest conductors. This will only involve the Wind Symphony and Symphonic Bands (Concert Band will not attend). This event will take place on Saturday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please check the calendars for our Pre-LGPE Concert and LGPE performances.

Pope is also well represented in the District 12 Honor Bands this year. See the Pope Band website for a complete list of our participants.

Before you know it, we will be looking at participation for next year’s band program. Middle school families will be receiving registration information in February, so if you can make contact with eighth grade families and promote our efforts, it would be greatly appreciated.

## DATES TO KNOW

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

### JANUARY

- 24: PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**  
Willy’s Restaurant Day 11 a.m.–10 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

- 4:** Sym Camp 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
**7:** PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.  
**10–12:** District Band  
**16:** Swing-N-Sweets 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria  
**17:** Early Bird Yearbook Order Deadline  
**20–24:** NO SCHOOL  
**28: PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**

### MARCH

- 2–4:** All-State Band  
**7:** Pre-LGPE Concert  
**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.  
**24:** Senior Tribute Ads Due for Yearbook  
**31:** Yearbook Final Order Deadline

### APRIL

- 3–7:** Spring Break  
**11:** PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.  
**20:** Spring Concert  
**22:** Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Lassiter Percussion Festival  
**25: PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**  
**28:** Jazz LGPE

### MAY

- 2:** PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.  
**4&5:** X-PLOSION!  
**9:** Percussion Solo Concert 7 p.m.

## RESTAURANT NIGHT AT WILLY'S TUESDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>th</sup>

Dine in or take out at Willy's at the corner of Roswell and Johnson Ferry Roads (Trader Joe's shopping center) and support the band. Print out the [flyer](#) on the band website or, better yet, just take a picture of it on your phone! How easy is that?! You will need to show the flyer for the band to earn 20% on your purchase. Share the flyer on Facebook and Instagram and invite your friends, neighbors and family to come out and support the band! Willy's will accept the flyer ALL DAY LONG (11 a.m.–10 p.m.).

## JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PBPA GENERAL MEETING AT 7 P.M. IN THE POPE CAFETERIA

After you eat at Willy's, come hear about upcoming activities and events like Sym Camp, Swing-n-Sweets, the pre-LGPE Concert, LGPE and more! You'll also find out who the nominees are for next year's PBPA Board! We'll be talking about Committees that will need some help and leadership next year, so come out and get involved with an amazing group of parents; there's something and some way for EVERYONE to get involved! Get to know some great parents and help strengthen the band program!

## THE PBPA NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR THE 2017–18 SCHOOL YEAR!!

We are well on our way to having a full slate of committee chairs for the new school year. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up to help out! A few committees that still need a leader include RECYCLING, APPLE SALES, TUXEDOS/DRESSES (this is band concert uniforms, not marching), and the BAND BANQUET. Please consider donating your time and talents to any of these important committees. We can't do it without you! For questions or to volunteer, contact Karen Anderson ([678-756-7437](tel:678-756-7437), [kbanderson3@gmail.com](mailto:kbanderson3@gmail.com)) or Kathy Wood ([678-602-7829](tel:678-602-7829), [kwood.pbpa@gmail.com](mailto:kwood.pbpa@gmail.com)). We look forward to hearing from you!

## POPE HOSTS LGPE MARCH 16–18 AT LASSITER

Not only will Pope's 3 bands perform at LGPE on March 18<sup>th</sup>, but Pope is the ORGANIZER of the entire event, even though it is held at Lassiter HS. Together, with booster club parents from Lassiter and Kell, Pope will need to help fill LOTS of shifts on these 3 days. The sign-up will be available soon. Please plan to volunteer for at least one shift throughout the weekend. LGPE runs for approximately 12 hours each day! Shifts will generally be in 3 hour increments. We will really need everyone's help, so please clear some time on your schedule for these 3 days and help make us all proud to represent Pope in our band community!

## SHOWCASE PHOTOS AVAILABLE TO ORDER

A professional photographer was on hand at the Showcase of the Arts performance held at Lassiter on December 9<sup>th</sup>. To see the pictures, please go to [www.mvp-photo.com](http://www.mvp-photo.com). Click on Performing Arts and then FineArtsShowcase2016 at the bottom of the page. If you order before January 31<sup>st</sup>, there is a promo code you can apply as detailed on the site to receive 15% off your order.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS SWING-N-SWEETS FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup>

We hope you will join us for our annual jazz concert "Swing-n-Sweets" to be held on **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the Pope Cafeteria. The night will feature music by the two Pope Jazz Bands as well as Dodgen's Jazz Ensemble. Desserts and drinks will be available. Admission is \$5 and includes a sweet treat.

## LGPE—SAVE THE DATE

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.

## WINTER RECYCLING

Despite rescheduling the band's Winter Recycling Event due to snow and ice, this important band fundraiser went off without a hitch! This wouldn't have been possible without the amazing volunteers that came out in support! **THANK YOU!!!**

Please mark your calendars for Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> for the next recycling event.

## WINTER GUARD SHOWS

Pope High School has two groups of guard who have been working very hard this season. The groups will perform in their first competitions of the season on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. They will both compete at the Southern Association for Performance Arts (SAPA) show at Mill Creek High School. The JV team will perform their show “You Can Fly” in the morning while the Varsity team will compete in the evening with their show “The Departure”.

Upcoming events to mark your calendars are:

February 18: JV and Varsity Winter Guard at River Ridge High School

February 24–26: Varsity Winter Guard at Tate High School in Pensacola Florida for WGI Regional competition

March 4–5: Varsity Winter Guard at McEachern High School WGI competition

March 25: JV and Varsity Winter Guard at Villa Rica High School

April 2: Varsity Winter Guard at the SAPA Championships in Chattanooga Tennessee

## POPE FOUNDATION GALA

Once again, the band will support the Pope Foundation’s annual fundraiser by supplying baskets and specialty items for live and silent auction during their Gala, held this year on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Keegan’s. This is also a fundraiser for the band as we receive 90% of the profits from the sale of our items; 10% goes to the Foundation. All booster clubs at Pope participate in this event.

This year, we will combine sections and create fewer baskets than we have in the past, but the need for items and donations has not changed. We hope everyone will contribute if they are able. Please watch for communications from your section leaders and/or liaisons on the themes and needs for your group’s donations.

Don’t forget... if you have specialty items such as a beach, lake or ski house that you would be willing to auction off for a weekend or tickets to a game or other interesting event, these are great items for the LIVE auction which will take place that night as well.

Thanks in advance for your support! For questions, contact Maryann Douglass at [mkdouglass@bellsouth.net](mailto:mkdouglass@bellsouth.net).

## BAND YEARBOOKS AND SENIOR ADS

The Pope Band Yearbook is on sale now through February 17 for just \$40! Don’t wait, because the price increases to \$50 after February 17. 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](mailto:valbippert@comcast.net) with any questions.

## AMAZON SMILE

Support the PBPA simply and effortlessly through shopping Amazon! How does it work? Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). After signing in with your Amazon ID, you will be asked to choose a charity. Please search for and select Pope Band Parents Association. Once you have selected PBPA, everything else works the same! **Please remember, for PBPA to receive a donation, you must make all purchases through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and not through amazon.com.** If you shop Amazon through the mobile app, you can still select products for your cart, but please go to a browser on your smartphone and check out only through [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Just doing this, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the PBPA! Tell your friends and family... all of these contributions add up! ☺

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

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! For information on how to link PBPA to your card, please visit the band website under the Support Us menu and find [Kroger Community Rewards](#).

## PUBLIX PARTNERS

Support the band by swiping your Publix Partners card at check-out! Cards are available in the band room and will also be available at the PBPA General Meeting on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.