

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

It is hard to believe that band camp is starting in mid-July. As we get things under way for this year, please remember that we will have several challenges and changes that we will work with. First, we have the construction and campus access issues. These will be in place until school officially opens on July 31. They will continue through the completion of the new theater and gym. Second, we are starting marching band later than usual, which means that we won't learn the show as quickly as in past years. Third, we are starting the year with a new Principal and some anticipated changes based on faculty and curriculum situations. We will likely face some new expectations and must discover the new vision for our school and our program.

As always, we will be flexible and will try our best to make things as "normal" as possible. That being said, here's what we need from our member families:

1. Stay calm. We will all face changes and will have little control over circumstances. Complaining will not fix construction issues or the associated disruption of schedules.
2. Plan ahead to compensate for lost rehearsal time. Schedule regular home practice and/or lessons.
3. Accept change as a part of our new administration. Things might not be done as before.
4. Make certain that your student is at scheduled rehearsals...especially given our loss of summer rehearsal time.

We have a lot of great events and activities planned for this year, including a performance of the Wind Symphony at Carnegie Hall in New York in the spring. Please be an active part of our program and have some great experiences with your students!

DATES TO KNOW

Check PopeBand.com
for the full band calendar.

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.
22: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
24–26: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
31: First Day of School
CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1–2: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
4: FNB practice (includes CMB) 4–5 p.m.
5: Marching Band Pictures (times TBA)
7–9: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
11: FNB practice (includes CMB) 4–5 p.m.
14–16: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
17: Flippin' Pizza Restaurant Night 5–8 p.m.
18: FNB practice (includes CMB) 4–5 p.m.
19: CMB practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
21–23: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
24: HS Honor Orchestra Auditions
25: @ Lassiter HS*
28–30: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 1: vs. Walton HS*
4: NO SCHOOL—No rehearsal
5–6: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
8: vs. Johns Creek HS* (Matt Hobby, 8th Grade Night)
11–13: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
15: @ Cambridge HS*
16: CMB practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
18–20: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
22: @ North Atlanta HS*
25–29: Fall Break—No rehearsal

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

Join Us for the Kick Off General PBPA Meeting/Band Show/Ice Cream Social on Saturday, July 22nd at 7 PM

Please join us on **Saturday, July 22nd at 7 p.m.** in the Pope Cafeteria for our first general PBPA meeting of the new school year! You won't want to miss this one! We will kick off the season together and hear about the new school year for the band, the competition show, and how we can help make this an amazing year for the Pope Band Program! Spirit wear will be for sale; we will have spirit shirts, hats, string bags, car magnets, Chaperone, E-Team, and Photography Team shirts and more for sale! **Any spirit wear ordered in May will be available for pick up!** Please bring a credit card/check/cash with you for payment! Around 8 p.m. we'll head outside to the stadium to hear and see what the band learned at Band Camp! The camp show will feature BOTH the Competition Marching Band performing "BALANCE" and the Friday Night Band performing "GAGA". Afterwards, we hope you will join us back in the cafeteria for a brief ice cream social to meet some new band families and celebrate the start of a new band season. **Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this informative and fun evening!**

WELCOME TO THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE PBPA!

School may be starting in a little under 2 weeks, but the Marching Band has already logged over 24 hours of time together in just 2 days of band camp! We are excited to start a new year and look forward to seeing you around Pope this fall, whether at a football game, a marching competition, a band concert or in the band room. Just as the students are happy to be back with each other, the parents are too! The more involved your students are, the more they will get out of the program. The same holds true for the parents! Being a part of the booster club (PBPA), whether chaperoning, working on the E-Team, helping out with Recycling or anything in between, getting involved means making connections and friendships which will only enhance your journey through high school along with your band student. We appreciate any time and talents you can give! We do have a few committees which are looking for chairpeople (Pine Straw, Marketing of our Flag Program and the end of year Banquet). We have detailed write ups for our committees and promise you won't have to go it alone! So why not jump in and give it a try? Please feel free to reach out to any of the board members for questions as the year goes on. We're here to help and have lots of fun along the way! Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) and Kathy Wood (kwood.pbpa@gmail.com), PBPA Co-Presidents.

FALL RECYCLING—AUGUST 19th

Join us for our Fall Recycling event on August 19th! Clean out your garage and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot.

**PAINT — TVS — COMPUTERS — PAPER
METAL — ELECTRONICS — APPLIANCES**

Does your neighborhood HOA have a newsletter or email blast that would be willing to send out the recycling flyer? If so, please email us at PopeBandRecycling@gmail.com!

Website: <http://www.popeband.com/recycle.html>

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. This is the same day as a band practice, so siblings are very much needed! If you haven't volunteered before, this is a fun and easy opportunity for you to get involved. Thank you for your support!

POPE BAND RESTAURANT NIGHTS ARE BACK!

Last year the band raised over \$1000 with our restaurant nights! All of that money goes right back to the band to use for anything from special sheet music, new water coolers and music specialists that come in to help the band kids. It is a great and easy way for families to contribute to the band. Plus you get to take the night off from cooking and no clean up required!

Fall can be a tricky time to have our fundraising nights with the kids and band directors busy almost every night. We were very fortunate for August that a local restaurant stepped up and offered to have our night on a Thursday...not a normal fundraising night offered by restaurants!

Please come out and support the band on **August 17th at Flippin' Pizza from 5-8 p.m. (trivia night is from 7-9 p.m.)**. The restaurant is located at 920 Marietta Highway in Roswell (in the "Stinky Kroger" plaza closer to the road). You can also go online and order that night if you do not have time to dine in.

<https://flippinpizza.com/roswell/> Share with your friends and neighbors...you don't have to be a part of our band family to support us!

Please be sure to tell your server or cashier at pick up that you are with the band. 25% of all sales that night go back to us! Let's make this a big night!!! (Most give 10% to us)

Stay tuned for our September restaurant night! If you have suggestions for future nights we would love to hear them. Please email Dawn at kdcj2002@hotmail.com.

GENERAL PBPA MEETING—SATURDAY, JULY 22

POPE BAND 5K GLOW RUN FUNDRAISER OCTOBER 28, 2017 AT 7 P.M.



Save the date! October 28, 2017 is the first ever Pope Band 5K Glow run fundraiser! It will be held at the Mountain View Aquatic Center at 7 p.m. We are hoping to make it a community event with a drum line start, a raffle, face painting, ice cream truck, lots of music, and of course, great running! Our run will be professionally timed and managed. We have super cool glow in the dark race shirts in long or short sleeves. You can register to run at www.popeband.com/5k. We are hoping for great attendance so we can make it a new Pope Band tradition!

Right now we are in the planning stages and could use your help in finding community sponsors. If you know a local business that might be willing to help us out please ask them! Sponsor information is available at www.popeband.com/5k.

We will also need helpers in the days before and the day of the run. More info on that will be sent out as we get closer. Until then, please reach out if you have questions, sponsors, or suggestions!

Sponsor Information: Angie Meeks
ameeks13@gmail.com or
(404) 395-4095

5K Information: Jody Neja
jodyneja@yahoo.com or
(678) 592-2625

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 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! **If you have already linked your card, you must re-enroll after August 1st for the new school year or we will not continue to get the Kroger credit!**

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.

COLLECT BOX TOPS!



The PBPA has decided to start collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION to benefit the Pope Band!

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 on submitting for collection!



Support the PBPA simply and effortlessly through shopping Amazon! How does it work? Visit 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 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. 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!



XPlosion! 2017 DVDs and CDs

If you ordered a 2017 XPlosion! DVD and/or CD, they will be available for pick up at the General Meeting on Saturday, July 22nd. If you didn't have a chance to order one yet, there's still time! Please print out an order form, which can be found on the band website at www.PopeBand.com under Resources – XPlosion! DVD/CD, and bring it to the meeting along with your payment, or place your order in the white box in the band room. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) to make arrangements to receive your DVD/CD.

POPE BAND COMMUNICATION—HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

There are a few ways that the Pope Band will communicate information to you.

The Band Website has the band calendar! Go to www.PopeBand.com—click on the “Big Dates” tab and go to “Band Calendar”

This calendar can be automatically added to your device or Google calendar or Outlook calendar as a “feed.” Click on the “+GoogleCalendar” button at the bottom of the calendar OR click on this [link](#) from your applications/device. *I highly recommend adding the band calendar to your personal calendar!*

Remind Texts—Receive texts from Mr. Rudolph with IMPORTANT last minute INFORMATION!

- **Competition Marching Band:** Parents text the message: @mrrudo to 81010
- **Friday Night Band Only:** Parents text the message: @fnb to 81010
- **Band Class Only:** Parents text the message: @coparents to 81010
- **Students:** Text the message: @popeband to 81010. Parents do not need to sign up for the student list!
- If you cannot text to 81010, then text the same text message to the number: [\(678\) 335-5211](tel:6783355211)
- ONLY sign up for ONE of the text groups, otherwise you will get duplicate messages!

Also, please take note of how to properly unsubscribe. If you only reply the word “unsubscribe” to the message it comes back to Mr. Rudolph as a response, but does not unsubscribe you from the list. **Unsubscribe** by texting the message: unsubscribe @mrrudo [competition band] or unsubscribe @fnb [Friday night band] or unsubscribe @coparents [concert band class] or unsubscribe @popeband [students] to 81010.

Pope Band Emails—We periodically email you and/or your student important information, as well as the monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving emails from us or you want to add or change your email address, log onto CHARMS. Do this by going to www.PopeBand.com then Click on the “Resources” tab, then go to CHARMS (in the dropdown menu), “school code”= popehsband, “student area password” = your password. Questions? Contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

At the Pope Band Parents Association (PBPA) General Meetings we give a lot of information. Meetings are generally on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Pope Cafeteria at 7:00 PM—but our 1st PBPA General Meeting of this year will be on Saturday, July 22nd at 7 PM, followed by the band camp show—all are welcome to attend! As soon as the exact dates for the remaining meetings of the year are known, they will be on the band calendar, listed in the emailed newsletter and you will also receive an email telling you about the upcoming meeting. It is very important that parents attend the PBPA General Meetings so that you know what has happened, what is happening and what will happen with your child's band program!

And finally --- Ask your student! Mr. Gribble and Mr. Rudolph announce EVERYTHING during Band Class!

Feel free to get involved and communicate with us too!

FOR ALL THINGS BAND, GO TO:
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