

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Pope High School has begun the process of registration for the 2017–2018 school year. The process this year is very different than any we've used in the past. Please make sure you are familiar with how to register using the correct course number for band (it's 53.0373096). This is the course number for all band classes. We will work with the registrar after auditions are completed to get the right students in the right classes. Remember to sign up for band and list it as your first choice elective.

According to mycollegeguide.com:

Commitment is Key!

If you've ever wondered why colleges put so much weight on extracurricular activities, you are not alone! When it comes down to it, schools are looking for college freshmen that have proven they have the ambition and drive to pursue higher goals.

Whatever activity or job you choose to get involved in, give it your all!

By showing a deep commitment to the obligations you have in life outside of the typical school day, you show your potential college that you are ready to take on the challenges of higher education.

If you're concert only, consider trying Friday night marching band. If you're in Friday night band, consider participating in competition band. If you're in competition band, consider taking on a leadership role. Basically, the more you get involved, the better experience band will be for you. Ask our more involved students and they'll tell you they're having the time of their lives.

On a separate note, we just finished LGPE at the Lassiter Concert Hall. All three bands performed well and earned superior ratings — we are very proud!

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to work the event. As you know, Pope is the organizer of the event. It's a huge commitment, so we shared the responsibilities with Kell and Lassiter. It was great to see many of our parents helping with everything from registration to sight reading to walking score sheets to the judges to manning the doors during concerts.

If you were not able to be there this year as a worker consider signing up for a shift next time we have an event. The parents are no different from the kids — the more you get involved the more you'll enjoy the experience. See what it takes to have a successful band or run a successful event from the inside. Having that perspective is better than being on the outside and guessing why decisions are made or why things get done a certain way.

When our students are performing, please be there! The students have worked hard on their performance and they deserve to have a large and supportive audience. It makes a difference in their performance when the audience is responsive. YOU can help make this a great experience for your child!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming performances!

DATES TO KNOW

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

MARCH

- 29:** Senior Tribute Ads Due for Yearbook
- 31:** Yearbook Final Order Deadline

APRIL

- 2:** Varsity WG—SAPA Championships, Chattanooga, TN
- 3–7:** Spring Break
- 11:** PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12:** Fresh to Order Restaurant Day & Night
- 20:** **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope Theater**
Spring Concert 7 p.m., Pope HS Theater
- 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, Times TBD
- 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
- PBPA Registration Meeting, Pope Media Center—6:30 p.m. New band families Meeting and Q&A—7 p.m. All families, accept payments for 2017–18 band fees**
- 9:** Percussion Solo Concert 7 p.m.
- 11:** Progressive Chamber Concert
- 19:** Band Banquet 7 p.m., Mt. Zion Church

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POPE BAND YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW!

It's not too late to **ORDER YOUR COPY** of the 2016–2017 Pope Band Yearbook! **All orders must be received by Friday, March 31.** The current price is \$50. Find a copy of the order form on the band website, via the Resources tab. Print the order form, complete it, attach your payment (cash, check payable to PBPA, or student account, if funds are available), and drop it in the white box in the band room.

Correction: The yearbooks will be personalized this year. Your student's name will be digitally printed on the cover of the yearbook, so please be sure to put the name on the form, as you and your student want it to appear on the yearbook cover.

Senior parents, be sure to order a Senior Tribute Ad for your senior by the final deadline, **Wednesday, March 29.** Instructions can be found on the [yearbook page](#) on the band website. The rate is \$40 for a ¼ page ad and \$60 for a ½ page ad.

Contact Val Bippert with questions, at valbippert@comcast.net.

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 TBD, but we will post it as soon as we know. The Saturday evening performance will be by The Northwestern University Percussion Ensemble under the direction of She-e Wu. Due to the number of schools participating, some performances will actually be on Friday night as well. Again, times are TBD. 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!

Percussion Solo Concert—May 9 at 7 p.m. (Pope band room)

Enjoy solo performances by each of our talented members of the percussion section.

PINE STRAW FOR SALE

Spring is here, and it's time to clean up those pine straw beds! PBPA is selling great quality pine straw for delivery in late April and early May. Ask your East Cobb friends and neighbors, and maybe even your HOA, business, or church. For more information, see <http://www.popeband.com/pine-straw.html>.

Questions? Contact Sherri Welch at swelch27@hotmail.com.

**SPIRIT DAY
APRIL 12TH**

FRESH TO ORDER.
fine. food. fast.

Come on out to have lunch or dinner at **Fresh to Order on Wednesday, April 12th**, and they will give **20%** of sales back to the band! Fresh to Order is located at 1333 Johnson Ferry Road. Tell all of your friends and families and don't forget to mention you're there in support of the Pope Band when ordering! Thanks to everyone who joined us at Marlow's Tavern earlier this month. The band made \$120 thanks to your support!

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.

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

EASY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES — RAISE FUNDS TO KEEP BAND FEES DOWN

- 1 Hour—pass out flyers in your neighborhood—great opportunity for the band students to get involved!
- 2 or more Hours—Volunteer on Charms for the recycling event on April 22nd

Website: <http://www.popeband.com/recycle.html> Email: popebandrecycling@gmail.com

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!**

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CONGRATULATIONS!



We would like to congratulate the Pope Winter Guard on their great success this season! They've managed to do it again, and stay on top of their competitors in the circuit. The guard attended two WGI (Winter Guard International) regionals this year. At the Florida regional, they ended up winning the silver medal out of 21 groups from around the southern states! Recently at the Atlanta regional, they placed 6th out of 32 groups! We are truly proud of them and wish them luck as they head into circuit championships currently at the top!

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 to save the dates for our 2 performances—**Thursday and Friday, May 4 and 5 at 7 p.m. in the Pope Theater. Tickets will go on sale right after spring break.**

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. Look for more details in April's newsletter.

April 20th — General PBPA Meeting AND Spring Concert

Our 3 Pope bands will perform a spring concert on Thursday, April 20th at 7 p.m. in the Pope Theater. At 6:45, we will hold our next General PBPA meeting in the theater. We hope you will join us for this quick but informative 15 minute meeting where we will present and vote on next year's budget, discuss the upcoming registration process and a few of our key fundraisers. We hope we can count on your support with this new meeting format and look forward to enjoying an evening of wonderful music with you. A reception will follow in the cafeteria at the conclusion of the concert.

MATTRESS SALE MAY 13TH 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. POPE CAFETERIA

Save the date! Buy the new mattress you've been waiting to purchase, **save 30–40% of average cost**, and money raised will help band members cover their band expenses as well as support the Pope Band program. There will be a complete mattress showroom in the cafeteria featuring name brand options in different sizes and costs. A representative from Customer Fundraising Solutions will be at a future General Meeting to explain the details. All our band families need to do is get the customers and they will do the rest. 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 to come on how it works and what each of you can do to help support the band program and cover band expenses at the same time.

LGPE—THANK YOU!

An enormous thanks to all of the students and parents who volunteered during the 3 day LGPE event at Lassiter! It was a great collaboration with Lassiter and Kell and directors and judges alike were extremely complimentary of the whole event. Events like these are an incredible way to demonstrate the support for band programs in Cobb County and we appreciate all of the time you gave to seamlessly host 53 bands and 3,000 students over the course of 3 days. Hopefully you had some fun along the way and enjoyed meeting some of our counterparts at these 2 neighboring schools. If you are a student who volunteered, and you need a service hour letter, please contact Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com).

HELP WITH FLAGS



Our American Flag 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 this year 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.

More information about our American Flags program has been updated on the Pope Band website under the Support Us menu, 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, rather than just from all of us. 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-install readiness and marketing to area businesses. Parents and kids can help! Contact us at PopeBandFlags@gmail.com to get started!

THANK YOU! FOUNDATION GALA—A SUCCESS

Thank you to all our wonderful parents for supporting the Pope Band by donating items for each of the themed section baskets auctioned off at the Pope Foundation Gala! The band earned almost \$1200 with the basket sales! We appreciate your participation and support of the band.

SAVE THE DATE 2017–18 Band/Color Guard Registration Monday, May 8th

Information regarding our online registration for the new school year will come out just after spring break. Whether your student is planning to pursue **Competition Marching Band, Friday Night Band, Color Guard or Band Class** in 2017–2018, we will need you to complete the online registration process, which takes less than 15 minutes to do. Then, on **Monday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.**, we will hold a meeting in the Pope Media Center for new band families. We will tell you a bit about the program, answer your questions, hear from our directors, chaperone lead and equipment team (e-team). Beginning at **7 p.m.** we will be open to accept payment for your child's activity fees. Cash, check, and credit cards will all be accepted! Look for more details in the April newsletter.

BAND BANQUET FRIDAY MAY 19TH 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 after spring break. 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.

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

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