

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who made the Wind Symphony trip and performance in New York a reality. Karen Anderson was a rock star at setting up the trip, working with the travel company, and providing guidance while we were in the city. The parent chaperones were fantastic.

The trip itself was amazing, and the performance in Carnegie Hall was life-changing. It was truly one of the highlights of my career, and many of the students expressed that it was a wonderful experience. As a band program, we try to balance these type of extra experiences between symphonic bands, marching bands, and small groups such as winter color guard or percussion ensembles. During their time in high school, every student has the opportunity to be a part of something beyond the basic class and school concert structure. Take advantage of these opportunities, they are always very impactful and emotionally fulfilling.

As we move forward, there will be some changes with the Pope Band program. Our new band director, Mr. Bo Soddors, comes to us from McEachern High School, where he has developed some very fine performing ensembles. We will finish up this year with Jazz LGPE, Percussion Ensemble performances, and our Spring Concert. We will reflect on our year at the band banquet, and it will be time to move forward with the next iteration of the Pope High School Band Program. Many things will stay the same, but with Mr. Soddors at the helm, there will be some exciting chances to explore new pathways in the high school band world. Welcome Mr. Soddors when you meet him, and help him transition smoothly into the Pope Band family.

COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS AND PARENT MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 30

Color Guard Auditions will be held on Monday, April 30 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Pope HS Band Room. Concurrently, from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Media Center, there will be a New Guard Parent Informational Meeting. Current Guard parents are welcome to attend to share their experience with the new parents.

DATES TO KNOW

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

APRIL

- 21: Mattress & Sheet Sale 10 a.m.–5 p.m.,
Pope Cafeteria
Lassiter Percussion Symposium
- 27: Jazz LGPE, Walton HS
Swingphonic Band 2:30 p.m.
Jazz Band 7:15 p.m.
- 28: Leadership Training 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 30: Color Guard Auditions 5:30–8:30 p.m.,
Pope Band Room
Color Guard Parent Informational Meeting,
7:30–8:30 p.m., Pope Media Center

MAY

- 1: **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m.,
Performing Arts Center (PAC)**
Spring Concert 7 p.m., PAC
- 3: Percussion Ensemble Concert & Recital,
7 p.m.
- 4: Drum Major Auditions
- 8: **PBPA Registration Meeting, Pope Media
Center—6:30 p.m. New band families,
7 p.m. All families**
- 9: Spirit Day at Chili's, Home Depot Plaza
- 12: Band Banquet 6:15 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
Acknowledgements & Awards, PAC
- 18: Spring Game 6 p.m.
- 19: Mr. G's Retirement Party 6–9 p.m., Catho-
lic Church of St. Ann, Nolan Hall

JUNE

- 5, 12, 19, 26: Color Guard 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Competition Marching Band
(winds/perc) 5:30–8:30 p.m.

JULY

- 9–13: Pre-Camp Color Guard 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 10 & 12: Pre-Camp Competition Marching
Band (winds/perc) 5:30–8:30 p.m.
- 16–20: Band Camp 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday Night Band 6–7 p.m.
- 17 & 19: Mandatory Fun Night 9–10:30 p.m.

MATTRESS & SHEET SALE FUNDRAISER

The band's annual Mattress & Sheet Sale Fundraiser will be held this **Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** in the Pope Cafeteria. Take advantage of factory direct pricing and money raised will support the band program as well as provide an opportunity to raise money for individual student accounts! There will be a complete mattress showroom featuring name brand options in different sizes and costs. [Luxurious sheet sets](#) will also be available for purchase.

We need your help to make this fundraiser successful! Get the [discount flyers](#) with your child's name on them to everyone you know. **Your student's account will be credited for each mattress set purchased using your student's flyer (\$50 per set/\$25 per \$149 twin set)!** What a great and easy way to earn money for your student account! Help get the word out about this great opportunity by sharing our [Facebook event](#) with your friends.

Sign up using [this link](#) for one or multiple 2 hour volunteer shifts between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and receive service hours! No selling is required! Whether you want to direct customers to the cafeteria or you are more adventurous and want to wave drivers in to Pope, there is a job for you!

For questions please contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER AND EARN MONEY FOR YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT!

Hey band families!

Would you like to earn some money for your student's account while having a great time outdoors? We have an opportunity for you!

The company who times and manages our band 5K race would love to donate money to us in exchange for some help. Details are as follows:

Memorial Day 5K/10K

Monday, May 28th. The race starts in the LA Fitness Center parking lot [2550 Sandy Plains Rd](#), Marietta, at 7:30 a.m. Volunteers would need to check in at 6:30 a.m. and will be serving cups of water to runners.

For every group of 8 volunteers (14 years and older) that show up and work the race from start to finish, we earn \$150 plus 25 cents per athlete that crosses the finish line. This money will then be split between volunteers and credited to student accounts. Parents and siblings (14+) can earn money for their band student's account!

Here is a link for the volunteers to sign up for Memorial Day. Each person that volunteers must sign up via [this link](#) or through the Five Star website.

Feel free to contact Jody Neja at jodyneja@yahoo.com if you have questions.

PINE STRAW FOR SALE

Spring is here, and it's time to clean up those flower beds! The PBPA is selling great quality pine straw with 2 more delivery dates available on April 27 and May 4. Orders are due one week before delivery. For all the details, click on this link: <http://www.popeband.com/pine-straw>. Ask your East Cobb friends and neighbors, and maybe even your HOA, business, or church for their support! And buy some for your own yard while you're at it! Questions? Contact Cori Hembree at pbpa.pinestraw@gmail.com.

TUXEDO RETURN TIME!

Band tuxedos will not be needed for the spring concert. Please carefully remove pant hems, dry clean pants and jacket, leave receipt attached, adding student's name, and return to the band room. Please plan to return them by the spring concert on May 1. If you have an outside group concert later than May 1, please email Sherri Welch at swelch27@hotmail.com.

BAND YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

Yearbooks: Did you order your yearbook? They will be delivered the week of May 7th and distributed at the band banquet on May 12th. We will have a few extra books for sale for \$60 each. If you are interested in purchasing one of these yearbooks, please contact Leslie Ann Dunn at dunnhorn@gmail.com.

THE CONCERTS JUST KEEP COMING!



The school year may be winding down but there's still PLENTY of great music to hear! Mark your calendars for these fun events!

The Lassiter Percussion Symposium is at the Lassiter Concert Hall this Friday

and Saturday, April 20–21. More than 20 schools will participate in this amazing festival. Admission is \$10 and covers the 2-day event. **The Pope Percussion Ensemble performs on Saturday at 4:50 p.m.** The Saturday evening performance will be by the Florida State University Percussion Ensemble under the direction of John W. Parks IV. Go to the Lassiter Percussion Symposium's [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Jazz LGPE at Walton High School on Friday, April 27th. Pope's two great jazz bands under the direction of Ravan Durr will play for their annual LGPE rating. The Swingphonic group will perform at 2:30 p.m. and the Jazz Band will take the stage at 7:15 p.m.

Spring Concert on May 1st at 7 p.m. in Pope's Performing Arts Center! Join us for Mr. Gribble's last concert at Pope! Concert Band, Symphonic Band and the Wind Symphony will all perform in the new theater, and we will hold a reception in the lobby of the PAC immediately following the concert. Please [sign up on Charms](#) if you are able to bring a sweet treat to the reception.

Pope's Percussion Ensemble will hold its annual recital on Thursday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. in the band room. Come out and support these talented musicians in their final concert of the year.

MAY 8 REGISTRATION FOR 2018–19

Join us on **Tuesday, May 8th in the Pope Media Center** to get your band/guard activity fees for the new school year paid! Whether your student will be participating in Competition Marching Band (including Color Guard), Friday Night Band, or Band class only, this event is for you! In an effort to streamline the process, we are asking **new families to join us at 6:30 p.m.** for a brief meeting to learn about all things band including how to become a Chaperone, how to volunteer with our Equipment Team (E-Team), and how to get involved with the band program. Our new band director, Bo Sodders, will also be on hand! **At 7 p.m. we will have multiple stations open to collect activity fees for the 2018–19 school year.** Payment in the form of cash, check, credit card or PayPal will be accepted! **A link to our online registration will be sent next week.** It will take only 15 minutes to complete, and it is imperative we get your student(s) properly registered for next year. If you have any questions, please contact your PBPA Co-Presidents, Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you then!

MR. GRIBBLE'S RETIREMENT PARTY IS MAY 19TH!

We hope you will join us for an evening to honor Mr. Gribble and all he has done for the thousands of Pope band students he has taught and mentored over a career that spans more than 30 years! Drop in anytime between 6 and 9 p.m. at Nolan Hall at the Catholic Church of St. Ann ([4905 Roswell Road](#)). Refreshments will be served. Beginning at 8 p.m. there will be a short program with speakers and a presentation of the crystal baton award by Chris Monroe, the Director of The Gift of Music Foundation. If you would like to help and/or make a donation towards this event (monetary, pictures, etc.), please click on [this link](#) for more information. We hope to see you then!



RESTAURANT NIGHT

The band will have one more restaurant night before the school year is done. With hectic schedules in May why not take a night (or afternoon) off to relax and have someone else do the cooking and cleaning up all while giving back to the band? Invite another band member to join your family or bring a friend along. Join us anytime on **Wednesday, May 9th at Chili's** located at [4111 Roswell Road](#) in the Home Depot Plaza.

Make sure to tell them when you order that you are with the band. Chili's will donate 10% back to the band. Spread the word!

BAND REGISTRATION MEETING—TUESDAY, MAY 8

HELP US WITH POPE BAND FLAGS — THE AMERICAN FLAG FUNDRAISER

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 subdivisions 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. We can give you more information and a PDF copy of the flyer to distribute to your subdivision.



More information about our American Flags program has been updated 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.

If you are interested in having a flag in your own yard, **sign up online [here](#)**.

If you want to help with this great fundraiser without representing your own 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!

BAND BANQUET — SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

Come join us for the party! Please join us for our annual band banquet which will be held **Saturday, May 12th** in the **Pope High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.** After dinner, we will move to the **Performing Arts Center** for the acknowledgements and awards, which always include a few laughs and a few tears, followed by the announcement of the 2018–19 leadership team and drum majors. Band yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the banquet to students who placed an order.

The tickets are \$20 per person and the deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, May 4th. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Order forms are available in the band room and on the band website [here](#). Please fill out the order form and drop in the white box in the band room.

We would love to see all band members (concert, marching and guard) and their families celebrate the wonderful year we've had. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Kathy Wood at kwood.pbpa@gmail.com.

GENERAL PBPA MEETING ON MAY 1

May 1st is not only the band's spring concert, but it also marks our next General PBPA meeting. We will gather at 6:45 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for a brief but important meeting to review and vote on the 2018–19 budget. We hope to see you there!

CONCERT PHOTOS

Lifetouch pictures/proofs are in! The pictures and proofs from Lifetouch from our photo shoot on 3/6 are in and will be sent home through your student. So, please keep an eye out for the proof sheet. The photos are great!

RECYCLE DAY ANOTHER SUCCESS

We had beautiful weather for our recycle day on April 14. Despite a slow start, traffic picked up in the afternoon and we finished the day with a total of **253 cars** which raised **\$7500** for the band. This event would not be a success without our volunteers, so THANK YOU to everyone who helped. **Did you know that we are the only school to offer a pick up service for our recycle events?** We are seeking drivers for our **August 25th** event to pick up large items from homes either using the band truck or your own pick up truck. If you own a pick up truck or are comfortable driving the band truck, WE NEED YOU! Please contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com now if you might be able to help with pick ups for future events.

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