

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

The new school year is underway! We are incredibly excited and honored to have each of you involved in the Pope High School band program. Please be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming rehearsals, performances, and booster club events. Communication is essential so please be sure to read all e-mails, sign up for the Remind text messaging system, and visit the band website on a regular basis. We would love to see you at the PBPA meetings and events throughout the year, as our organization truly takes a village to operate successfully. Being active and engaged is the best way to see how our program operates and to know first-hand what is happening.

“The more you put into it, the more you get out of it”.

This is a prime time to sign up for private lessons and establish a regular home practice schedule. Students whom excel are those who get the one-on-one coaching from a professional on their instrument and are guided through the developmental process as they approach auditions.



To be ‘good’ at something, you must ‘work’ at your craft, and that activity becomes ‘fun’. This can be applied to any aspect of our lives, but especially in our classroom. Encourage your students to ‘work’ at the craft of music, and though the pay-off is never immediate, the work put forth will create a culture of hard work and dedication towards the relentless pursuit of excellence.

We are excited for an incredible year and hope to see you at our upcoming events!

DATES TO KNOW

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

AUGUST

- 23: Pope Open House—No CMB Rehearsal
- 24: @ Lassiter HS*
FNB practice 4–5 p.m.
- 25: CMB practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 31: vs. Walton HS*, Spin & Drum, 50/50 Raffle

SEPTEMBER

- 3: No School
- 5: X-Plosion Rehearsal 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- 7: @ Centennial HS
- 11: PBPA Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 12: X-Plosion Rehearsal 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- 14: vs. Alpharetta HS* (Matt Hobby, 8th Grade Night)
- 15: East Cobber Parade, Time TBD
CMB practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
- 18: **PBPA General Meeting 6:30 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
- 21: @ Chattahoochee HS
- 28: CMB Practice 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
No FNB practice
vs. Dunwoody (Hope Wall) (CMB & FNB)
- 29: CMB Practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3: Fall Concert with HTMS 7 p.m., New Gym
- 5: @ John’s Creek HS
- 6: Valhalla Classic Band Festival (CMB), Northgate HS, Newnan, GA
- 8: Cobb Exhibition (CMB), McEachern HS
- 9: PBPA Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 10: X-Plosion Rehearsal 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- 12: vs. N. Atlanta HS (Homecoming), 50/50 Raffle (No FNB practice)
- 13: Music City Invitational (CMB), McGavock HS, Nashville, TN
- 17: X-Plosion Rehearsal 2:30–3:30 p.m.
- 19: @ Cambridge HS

**FNB practices 4–5 p.m. before designated football games (includes CMB)*

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RECYCLING DAY—THIS SATURDAY!

The Pope High School Band is hosting its largest fundraising event this **Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 am–4:00 pm at Pope High School**. Clear out the clutter and bring your recyclable metal, electronics, appliances, paint and paper for shredding. A \$10 donation includes all you can bring metal, appliances and electronics. Additional fees apply for other items. Pick-up is available. [Click here for complete details](#), or email us at popebandrecycling@gmail.com.

Band families, please help us make this day a success by:

1. Volunteer for a two-hour shift on Saturday helping to collect donations or sort recycling. [Click here to sign-up on Charms](#).
2. Help us get the word out by sharing information about the event on all of your social media platforms. Simply cut and paste the paragraph above.

SPIN AND DRUM WITH THE GREYHOUNDS!

Do you or your friends have a student in grades K–8th who would love the opportunity to get on the field with the marching band during a halftime show? New this year, the band is inviting students in K–8th grade to join our drumline and color guard for a half-time performance at the August 31st home football game! Students will have the opportunity to practice with the marching band, as well as drum, dance, and spin in front of hundreds of spectators during Friday night halftime! For more information please visit the [Spin and Drum page](#) on the band website. **Online registrations and payments are due by Friday, August 24**. Share our [Facebook event](#) with your friends so they can take part in this unique and fun opportunity!

FOOTBALL SEASON—WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

1. **TICKETS** – Football games are free to marching band students and adults who are working (and signed up on Charms) as chaperones, e-team and photographers. Parents, siblings and other students can either buy an **ALL SPORTS PASS** (\$50 for students, \$75 for adults) or **buy tickets for each football game (home or away)**. The All Sports Pass is good for ALL Pope regular season HOME sporting events, not just football. A free Bleed Blue t-shirt is included with your purchase. Individual football tickets cost \$8 each and can be purchased on-line before the game (home OR away!). Save time and don't wait in line! Information on purchasing either the All Sports Pass or digital football tickets for home or away games can be found [here](#).
2. **WHICH WICH** – Order a sandwich for your student by Thursday at 8:45 pm each week throughout the football season, and their dinner will be waiting for them outside the band room by 5 pm on Friday! Details on how to order can be found on the band website at: <http://www.popeband.com/friday-night-dinners.html>.
3. **PARKING FOR FOOTBALL GAMES** – Parking is \$5 for home games (away game fees for parking is on a case by case basis). If the Pope lot is full, shuttle buses will run from Hightower Trail Middle School and Shallowford Falls Elementary School to Pope.

SNACK SHACK IS OPEN!

The Snack Shack is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30–4 p.m. ahead of the 4:15 CMB rehearsals. We will be selling pizza (cheese or meat lovers) \$1/slice, Gatorade \$1/bottle and granola bars \$1/2 bars. Bring your money and grab a quick bite to eat and fuel your body ahead of practice. See you outside the band room!

SAY CHEESE!

On August 4th, group and individual pictures were taken of all marching band students (including color guard). Proof sheets will be distributed to everyone during band class or marching rehearsal as soon as they are available (in a week or so). You can place your order and Lifetouch will give a donation back to the band for every order! In the spring we will have Lifetouch take pictures of everyone in their concert attire. These pictures make great keepsakes and gifts for your family! Enjoy the memories!

50/50 RAFFLE

The band will be selling **50/50 cash raffle tickets as a fundraiser before & during the first half of the Walton game on Aug. 31st**. Look for the raffle table at the stone wall entering the stadium or buy your tickets in the stands. The winner will be announced after halftime. One lucky person will win 50% of the total collected!

TICKETS: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, or 15 for \$20

MISSED THE YEARBOOK?

If you missed out on the band yearbook from last year, we have a few left for an excellent deal! Yearbooks are \$20 each, checks payable to PBPA. Please email dunnhorn@gmail.com if you are interested in picking up one of these for a steal!

DEAD BAND RUNNING REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Dead Band Running II is only a little more than two months away! Registration is live, so please visit popeband.com/5k and sign up. It's going to be a great time; we'll have pre-race stretching with the color guard, our famous drumline start, and of course the best on-course music ever provided by some of your favorite musicians. Race shirts will again glow in the dark and be available in a variety of options. We will also have free food, cool raffle prizes, glow items, face painting, temporary tattoos and awesome balloon art! Don't miss out, sign up now! We are hoping to do lots of fundraising for Pope Band as well as provide a great community event. If you know of a company who might be willing to donate and receive cool sponsor perks in return, please contact Jody Neja at jodyneja@yahoo.com or [678 592-2625](tel:6785922625).

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PBPA MEETING SEPTEMBER 18TH @ 6:30 PM

What a great turnout we had at last month's kick off meeting! Let's keep it going! Join us for our next meeting and get all of your questions answered! We'll hear from the directors, share information about the upcoming competitions in October, and so much more! We'll meet on **Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 pm in the Pope cafeteria** and we'll finish up when marching band rehearsal ends at 7:15. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your PBPA Co-Presidents Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com), or anyone else on the PBPA Board. All contacts are on the band website at www.PopeBand.com under Resources — PBPA Info — PBPA Contacts. We hope to see you around the band room soon!

GET READY FOR SOME AWESOME APPLES

The "Apples for All" fundraiser is about to begin! Please consider ordering fresh, new-crop North Georgia apples straight from the orchard for your family to enjoy and spread the word to your friends, family, and co-workers. **Order forms and flyers will be available soon. Pick up date is Saturday, October 27.** If you have any questions, please contact Lynne Segars at lsegars2002@gmail.com.

PICTURE YOURSELF ON THE PHOTO TEAM!

The Photography Team is welcoming new photographers! If you like taking pictures and sharing memories, consider joining our parent team. Bonus: You'll have an excuse to hang out near your band kid! Contact Yvonne Matherne at ybmatherne@att.net.

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST—A HUGE SUCCESS

Special thanks to **Christina Hood and Julie Resh** for hosting an amazing breakfast for 175 teachers and staff at the end of July as they prepared for the new school year! The faculty and staff were overwhelmed by the incredible spread and presentation of tasty treats! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped and contributed food—egg casseroles, fruit salads, muffins, pastries, juices and so much more! It's no wonder the staff gets so excited when the band pulls together to host this event! You never disappoint!

AFFINITY PROGRAMS—URGENT PUBLIX UPDATE!

Good news! With just a few clicks, you can toss that Publix card you have so dutifully been carrying! **Effective October 1**, Publix cashiers will no longer ask for your school cards. Instead, you will be able to enter a phone number, and it will automatically give credit to your preferred school/organization—PBPA, of course!

Just follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.publix.com/myaccount>.
2. Log in or sign up for an account (make sure you have a phone number entered!).
3. Once signed in, under the My Settings tab, you will see two links in the **My Publix Partner** box (center column).
4. Click on **Select a School**.
5. In the search box that pops up, enter **PBPA**.
6. **Click** on Pope Band Parents Association – Marietta, GA and click **Select**.

In less time than it takes to even drive to the school, you help us raise several thousand dollars for the band each year. Don't forget to make sure your [Kroger](#) and [Amazon Smile](#) settings are current as well! Questions? Write to PBPAAffinityPrograms@gmail.com.

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