

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Congratulations to all of the Pope Ensembles and the Hightower Trail 8th Grade Band for outstanding holiday programs. The Annual Fine Arts Showcase was a huge success and the groups all performed magnificently! A highlight of the evening was the group of “guest conductors” from the audience during “Sleigh Ride”. Many thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

Our Winter Concert in the Performing Arts Center also produced fine performances from the 8th Grade Band, Brass Ensemble, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band. Thanks to the PBPA volunteers for setting up the reception following the concert.

WOW — We are so incredibly proud of ALL of the students who took an audition to participate in the District 12 Honor Band/Round-1 Auditions for the Georgia All-State Band! We are additionally proud of the SIXTY students who were selected as members of the District 12 Honor Band, the second highest number in Cobb County. This is a huge accomplishment — Bravo to All! Remember, if you qualified for Round-2 of All-State Band auditions, these auditions will take place on Saturday, January 5th (before we return to school), at Houston County High School in Macon, Georgia. Please begin preparing your etudes and mark this date in your calendars.

Now we look ahead to second semester and the start of the LGPE (Large Group Performance Evaluation) process. It is our state music association equivalent of an “end of course” test. This evaluation involves the most advanced music that we will learn and perform all year, and it does take some extra time to prepare. Look over the calendars for January through March and work out the potential conflicts with after school sectionals and Symphonic Band Camp now. Symphonic Band Camp is a mandatory event for Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony. We need all students in attendance at our scheduled rehearsals.

We are looking forward to an outstanding second semester with all three bands! Make sure to attend the Pre-LGPE Concert and go to the LGPE performances to support our groups.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph

DATES TO KNOW

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

DECEMBER

24–31: No School

JANUARY

1–4: No School

5: All-State Final Auditions

8: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

15: **PBPA General Meeting 7:30 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**

19: Symphonic Camp (Symphonic Band & Wind Symphony Sectionals and Concert Band)

21: No School

26: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Symphonic Camp (Wind Symphony)

FEBRUARY

2: Symphonic Camp (Symphonic Band)

8–10: District Honor Band

12: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

13: Swing & Sweets 7:30 p.m., Pope Cafeteria

18–22: No School

28: All-State Band

MARCH

1–2: All-State Band

2–3: WGI - Atlanta Regional

5: **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope PAC**

Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., Pope PAC

12: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

14–16: LGPE, McEachern HS

16–17: WGI, Charlotte Regional

23: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

31: SAPA WG Championships

APRIL

1–5: No School

2–7: WGI, Dayton, Ohio

9: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

15–18: Fall Color Guard Auditions

20: Mattress & Sheet Sale 10 a.m.–5 p.m.,
Pope Cafeteria
Percussion Camp 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

HOLIDAY SHEET SALE IS UNDERWAY!

Get a head start on your holiday shopping, fund your student account, and help the band! **Each sheet set and pillowcase set you sell earns money for your student's Charms account!**

Invite your friends and family through email and social media sending them your personal seller's link to order online so they can purchase directly from the vendor. Their order will ship directly to them within 3–5 business days. Earn money on every sheet set and pillowcase set sold using your personal link! Click [HERE](#) to set up your Seller's Account. Online sales continue through the end of December!

Questions? Contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER

Need some extra help with your holiday feasts? Looking for a gift that will actually get used? Then order HoneyBaked Ham Gift Cards! You can order plastic gift cards or send electronic credit as well. Plastic cards ship to your home for free! It's quick, EASY, and the best part—20% of your investment returns to the band! That is an awesome return. Just [click here](#) to get started!

Don't wait! Available now through December 31st. Order today! Questions? Write to pbpaaffinityprograms@gmail.com.

RECYCLING DAY IS COMING—JANUARY 26TH

Mark your calendars for the **Pope Band Recycling Day on January 26th**! This is the Band's biggest fundraising event and we need your help to make it a success. Here are three easy ways you can get involved: 1. Volunteer to help pick-up recycling items from area residents and businesses. 2. Help us get the word out - and volunteer to distribute promotional flyers in your neighborhood. 3. Volunteer to work a two-hour shift on Saturday, January 26th. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon. In the meantime, to learn more contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com, or [click here for complete details](#).

GENERAL PBPA MEETING JANUARY 15 AT 7:30 P.M.

We hope you will join us on **Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Pope cafeteria** to get caught up on the latest news with the band. A slate of the PBPA board for the 2019–20 year will be presented at this meeting and voted on at the next meeting (March 5th). If you are interested in serving on the board next year (the term is March 2019–May 2020), or trying to figure out how best to lend your time and talents, please reach out to either of the current Co-Presidents, Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com), or anyone on [the board](#). In particular, we will need to fill 2 treasurer positions (as well as others) so if you have a finance background, please consider joining the board! We always welcome your help, whether you have an hour, an evening or anything else available, we'd love to work with you! Please consider getting involved and being a part of a great team of parents!

BAND BUDDY PROGRAM IT'S NOT TOO LATE

It's not too late to make a donation to the Pope Band Program and become a Band Buddy! Your donations help continue the great work of the directors and booster club. Donors will be listed in the concert programs for the remainder of the year. To become a Band Buddy, simply fill out the form found [here](#) and send in your donation today! What a great way to invest your year-end tax deductible charitable contribution. A heartfelt thank you to those who have already donated in support of the program.



Holiday shopping here we come!! If you're busy on Amazon, don't forget to check out at <https://smile.amazon.com/> supporting PBPA. If you prefer to use your app, it only takes a minute to do all your shopping then toggle over to your web browser and check out there. It doesn't cost anything extra to you, and it earns great money for the band! Thanks in advance for your support!



Have you signed up for the new Publix benefits program? Effective October 1, now all you have to do is log in and attach PBPA to your phone number. Then just enter that number every time you check out at Publix, and a percentage of every purchase comes back to PBPA! For questions or instructions, write to pbpaaffinityprograms@gmail.com.

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