

# Pope Band Notes

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

It's honor band season and we are so proud of how well represented Pope is at these events. We had around 60 students accepted (out of the 400 who participated) to the GMEA District 12 Honor Band (the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest participation rate in the district) and 12 students accepted to the Georgia All-State Band — again one of the highest participation rates in Georgia. If you see any of these students, please make sure and congratulate them on a job well done.

Our philosophy has always been to build the band program around the concert bands. We consider the concert bands the “hub of the wheel” and all of our extra-curricular ensembles stem from the center of the program. Excellence in the concert bands affect everything else we do. LGPE is coming up in a few short weeks. We take LGPE very seriously as it is a chance for all of our concert bands to demonstrate the pinnacle of our musical achievement for the year in front of one of the most prestigious judging panels in the country. This year, our judges are coming in from Universities in Oregon, Illinois, Texas, Ohio, Florida, and Georgia. The judges will evaluate us and provide feedback in the areas of woodwind, brass, percussion, and full band and will issue a grade for us (we call it a rating) after the performance very much like a summative assessment. There is a series of criteria they look for and will use a specific rubric to evaluate how well our bands play. Additionally, one of the judges will spend about 20 minutes after the performance working with the students and we will finish the process by sight-reading a new composition (after having six minutes to silently study it). Parents are encouraged to accompany us into the clinic and sight-reading room.

Our students have worked hard since January 4 preparing this program and we would love a supportive audience when we perform. All of our bands will be performing this year on Saturday, so please find a way to come and hear the kids play and support the fantastic program we have. I'm sure we will see you at the Pre-LGPE performance in the beautiful new Pope PAC, but please make it a priority to be at Lassiter HS on Saturday, March 17. We're looking forward to seeing you all at our upcoming performances!

## DATES TO KNOW

*Check [PopeBand.com](http://PopeBand.com)  
for the full band calendar.*

### FEBRUARY

- 19–23: No School
- 23–25: Winter Guard, Pensacola Regional
- 28: Yearbook Early Bird Order Deadline

### MARCH

- 1–3: All-State Band, Athens
- 3–4: Winter Guard, McEachern–Atlanta Regional
- 6: Individual Portraits—Concert Attire 5 p.m., Band Room
- PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Performing Arts Center (PAC)**
- Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., PAC
- 10: Pope Foundation Gala 6:30–10 p.m., The Mill Kitchen & Bar, Roswell
- 13: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15: Senior Tribute & Business Ads Yearbook Deadline
- 15–17: LGPE, Lassiter Concert Hall
- 17: **LGPE at Lassiter Concert Hall**
- Concert Band 9:55 a.m.
- Symphonic Band 3:20 p.m.
- Wind Symphony 9:05 p.m.
- 18: Winter Guard, Flowery Branch Show
- 28–31: Wind Symphony, NYC Trip
- 30: Wind Symphony Performance, Carnegie Hall
- 31: Yearbook Final Order Deadline

### APRIL

- 2–6: No School
- 8: Winter Guard, SAPA Championships, Chattanooga
- 10: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11: Sheet Sale Community Orders Due
- 14: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 21: Mattress & Sheet Sale 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
- Lassiter Percussion Symposium
- 27: Jazz LGPE, Walton HS

## GENERAL PBPA MEETING—MARCH 6 AT 6:45 P.M.

Please join us in the new Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> for a brief meeting at 6:45 p.m., ahead of the Pre-LGPE concert which will kick off at 7 p.m. We will vote on the slate of nominees for next year's PBPA board and hear about our upcoming Mattress and Sheet Sale (which is a great way to earn money for your student account!). Save the date so you can be in the know on all things band related! If you have questions or want to learn how you can get more involved, please reach out to your PBPA Co-Presidents Karen Anderson ([kbanderson3@gmail.com](mailto:kbanderson3@gmail.com)) or Kathy Wood ([kwood.pbpa@gmail.com](mailto:kwood.pbpa@gmail.com)). See you then!

## POPE HOSTS LGPE WEEKEND AT LASSITER

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, March 15–Saturday, March 17**. It's LGPE weekend in Cobb County and Pope is the lead host for this important event which will see over 50 bands and more than 2,000 band students in our area. We will need parents and students to sign up for (approximately) 3 hour shifts during these 3 days. They are full days, running from 9 a.m.–11 p.m. so any time you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

**An electronic sign-up will be available just after the Winter break** and will be emailed out to everyone as soon as it is available. There will be over 200 shifts that need to be filled. Help is needed in a variety of areas such as band host (leading a band around through warm up to performance to clinic and sight reading), ushering at the door, backstage crew (similar to e-team), sight reading room (handing out/collecting music to the bands) and more. We will be working with booster clubs from Lassiter and Kell during this 3 day event. For questions, please contact Karen Anderson ([kbanderson3@gmail.com](mailto:kbanderson3@gmail.com)).

## SECTION SILENT AUCTION SUPPORT NEEDED

The Pope Foundation's Annual Gala & Auction is on Saturday, March 10 at The Mill in Roswell. This is their biggest fundraiser of the year and they rely on the Pope community to help. The Pope Band supports this event by providing section baskets for the silent auction.

Pope Band receives 90% of the funds raised and Pope Foundation receives 10%. Please contribute to this fundraiser and support the coordinators listed below who are putting it together on behalf of your section.

1. Bassoons/Flutes/Oboes — Cathy Buhmeyer & Grace Pichs
2. Clarinets — Lynda Gelarden & Aimee Whitaker
3. Horns/Saxophones — Julie Resh & Aurea Hahn
4. Trumpets — April Cardin & Cathy Meredith
5. Euphoniums/Trombones/Tubas — Pam Mitschke & Clo Despointes
6. Percussion — Paulette Church & Christina Hood
7. Guard — Shell Jones & Jenny Alexander

Please contact [paulahunt93@gmail.com](mailto:paulahunt93@gmail.com) with any questions.

## CONCERT PORTRAITS MARCH 6 AT 5 P.M.

Reminder: Please have your student at the band room, dressed in concert attire, with their concert instrument and ready for their portrait on 3/6 at 5 p.m.

Don't let this professional portrait opportunity pass you by! Preorder photos through this [link](#).

Picture Day ID: AG017509X0

## CONGRATULATIONS WINTER GUARD!

The Pope Winter Guard has performed in their first two competitions of the season and have performed exceptionally well. Their first competition was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> at Kennesaw Mountain HS where they earned first place in their division with the highest score of all 23 high school winter guards competing that evening!

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, they participated in the Harrison Arts in Motion Competition at Harrison HS and did it again taking first place in their division AND had the highest score of all 26 high school winter guards performing that afternoon. They have an amazing show this season!

Their next competition is in Pensacola, Florida on Saturday, February 24.

## JOIN THE YEARBOOK TEAM!

The yearbook team is looking for help to complete the band yearbook. If you are interested/willing to assist the yearbook team in formatting a couple of pages (for your kids section, for example) please email Leslie Ann Dunn at [dunnhorn@gmail.com](mailto:dunnhorn@gmail.com). Thanks!

## MATTRESS & SHEET SALE FUNDRAISER APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mattress & Sheet Sale Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** in the Pope Cafeteria. A representative from Custom Fundraising Solutions will attend the PBPA General Meeting on March 6 to talk about the mattress sale and let you know how you can **earn money for your student account!** There will be over 20 displays set up in the Pope Cafeteria. The sale will consist of all mattress sizes and types of mattresses including firm, pillow-top, orthopedic, latex and gel memory foam sets. There will also be adjustable beds, luxury pillows and mattress protectors available. All mattresses come with full factory warranties. Your friends and family have the opportunity to save up to 50% off retail prices!!

We will be selling sheet and pillowcase sets again this year. The sheets are luxurious brushed micro-fiber sets and are available in 16 colors. New this year, we will be sending home packets with the students to be able to take pre-orders for sheet and pillowcase sets as well as providing an [online ordering option](#) for friends and family who live out of town. Online sheet orders will be shipped directly to the customer! Sheet and pillowcase sets will also be available for purchase at the mattress/sheet sale. Online pricing is set by our vendor, Simply Sheets Fundraising. The local community prices will be \$40 per sheet set and \$15 per pillowcase set. **Pre-order forms and payments will be due by Wednesday, April 11** and will be available for pick-up at the mattress/sheet sale on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

We need your help to make this fundraiser successful by spreading the word and getting your student's flyers with their names on them to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers as well as taking pre-orders for the sheet sale. **Your student's account will be credited for each mattress set purchased using your student's flyer (\$25 per twin set/\$50 per larger set)!!** What a great and easy way to earn money for your student account—pay off the rest of any outstanding invoice you have for this year or get a jump start on next year's activity fees! For questions, please contact Aimee Worley at [aworley.pbpa@gmail.com](mailto:aworley.pbpa@gmail.com).

## POPE BAND YEARBOOK ORDERS AND SENIOR OR BUSINESS ADS

It's time to order the Pope Band Yearbook.... and this year we are taking orders online! Please go to [YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://YearbookOrderCenter.com) and enter school number 10584 or choose **"POPE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION."** *Please note: Do NOT choose Pope High School as this will order the Pope High School Yearbook and not the Pope Band Yearbook.* **Early bird yearbook pricing is \$40 until February 28 and after that yearbooks will be \$50. Final order deadline is March 31.** For the best deal, order early!!!

Have a senior that you would like to recognize or a business you would like to promote in our yearbook? Please go to [YearbookOrderCenter.com](http://YearbookOrderCenter.com) and follow the prompts to create an account and design the ad for your senior/business. Ads are \$40 for quarter page ad or \$60 for a half page ad and **must be finalized by March 15. No exceptions.** Any questions? Please email Leslie Ann Dunn [dunnhorn@gmail.com](mailto:dunnhorn@gmail.com)

## SENSATIONAL SECTION GATHERINGS

It is that time of year for Pope Band students to participate in section gatherings with rising 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a great opportunity for current Pope Band students to welcome rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders to the Pope band program. Gatherings are being coordinated as follows:

1. Bassoons/Flutes/Oboes  
Cathy Buhmeyer & Angela Clark
2. Clarinets  
Emily Walkenhorst &  
Carolyn Taylor-Nesbit
3. Horns/Saxophones  
Natalie Thomas & Kim Boyd
4. Trumpets  
Yvonne Matherne &  
Tauna Cooper
5. Euphoniums/Trombones/Tubas  
Paula Hunt
6. Percussion  
Julie Miller & Paulette Church

Thank you for supporting the coordinators by encouraging your band student's involvement.

Please contact [paulahunt93@gmail.com](mailto:paulahunt93@gmail.com) with any questions.

## RECYCLE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to the more than 75 volunteers who helped with the Band Recycling Fundraiser last month! It was our most successful January recycle event ever! We had over 500 cars, 186 TVs, 126 monitors and so much shredding that we needed a second truck! The event raised over **\$12,000** for the band! Save the date, our next recycle event is **Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>!** Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser!



# THE GIFT OF MUSIC HONORS

## Gribble honored with Crystal Baton Award

*Gala Event Saturday March 10th in Marietta*

Pope High School's Gary Gribble will be presented with a new award from The Gift of Music Foundation in a special ceremony this March. Gribble was chosen by the foundation because of his lifelong commitment to music and the power that it has to create positive effects on many people's lives. As a dedicated teacher at Pope High School, Gary's impact will be felt for generations, not only by the students he helped to shape and influence, but by the dozens of former students who are continuing his pathway and have become influential music teachers themselves. The Gift of Music Honors is scheduled for Saturday March 10, 2018, at The Mansour Center in Marietta. Tickets for the dinner event and award ceremony are on sale now.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT AT [WWW.GIFTOFMUSIC.ORG/HONORS](http://WWW.GIFTOFMUSIC.ORG/HONORS)**

### You are Invited!

Seating will be limited for **The Gift of Music Honors** event, so purchase yours today! Your \$75 ticket includes a seated dinner and proceeds from the event benefit **The Gift of Music Foundation**, helping to provide musical instruments and music classes to under-served communities and individuals of limited financial means.

**[www.giftofmusic.org/honors](http://www.giftofmusic.org/honors)**

Unable to attend? You can still show your appreciation and support by purchasing a personalized greeting advertisement in the event program to offer congratulations to our honorees. Event sponsorships are also available for businesses and organizations.



Gary Gribble has influenced thousands of people in his 34 years of teaching. Retiring from Pope HS at the end of the school year, Gribble has been named the recipient of the **Crystal Baton Award** in recognition of his extraordinary ability to impact people through teaching, mentoring, leading, and inspiring.

*The Crystal Baton*



The Gift of Music Foundation works to make sure that every child has the opportunity to learn and enjoy music, never allowing money to become a barrier.

Key programs involve finding unused musical instruments and providing them to kids who can't afford them, and offering after school music programs in schools where they have been eliminated by budget cuts. Learn more at [www.giftofmusic.org](http://www.giftofmusic.org)

\*This is not a PBPA sponsored event. The PBPA will be hosting a retirement party for Gary Gribble on Saturday, May 19th 6-9 p.m. Details to follow, but if you would like to contribute to this event, either with a monetary donation, pictures, videos and/or your time, please contact Karen Anderson ([kbanderson3@gmail.com](mailto:kbanderson3@gmail.com)).