

# Pope Band Notes

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## FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Here we go! Spring semester started off with an extra “ice-day” holiday, (minus the ice) and we are off and running toward the conclusion of yet another year. Upon our return, we are now divided into mostly ability-level bands (save some scheduling conflict placements), and are looking ahead to our annual “LGPE” assessment in March. We have some after school and weekend rehearsals scheduled during this process, so please check your calendars frequently. In the event of changes, as we will have this Thursday due to rescheduled exams and no AO period, we will update the calendar immediately. Remember... some of these changes are out of our control. Only specific groups rehearse on any given day, with the typical student involvement being no more than once or twice per week from now through March. Concert Band participants have almost no after school responsibility outside of the section rehearsal Saturday, the Pre-LGPE Concert, and LGPE itself. We can only be our best with everyone’s commitment to being present, prepared, and enthusiastic about making great music!

The Saturday after our return from break was the final round of the All State auditions, and we were thrilled to have TWELVE Pope students make a spot in one of the All State Bands or Orchestras! Congratulations to these students and we know that they will have an amazing experience. If your student is one of the participants, please remember that you are responsible for getting them to and from Athens for the event and for their housing, meals, etc.

In early February, we have our District 12 Honor Band. Pope has some of the highest participation of any high school in our district with 61 spots earned! This is truly amazing! Congratulations to these students and we look forward to hearing them perform as a part of the honor band experience. We are truly blessed to have such a strong commitment to quality music in our community!

Please come out and support our students as they perform in their Pope Ensembles, chamber groups, jazz bands, percussion ensembles, and honors organizations. They have worked hard and continue to deliver outstanding musical experiences. See you at the upcoming events.

## DATES TO KNOW

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

### JANUARY

- 20: Symphonic Camp Sectionals  
Symphonic Band 12–2 p.m.  
Concert Band 2–3 p.m.  
Wind Symphony 3–5 p.m.
- 23: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Cafeteria**
- 25–27: All-State Jazz
- 27: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Kennesaw Mountain Winter Guard (WG)  
Show

### FEBRUARY

- 3: Symphonic Camp (Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band only) 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 6: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9–11: District Honor Band, Hillgrove HS
- 10: Harrison WG Show
- 13: Swing-N-Sweets 7:30 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
- 19–23: No School
- 23–25: Pensacola WG Regional

### MARCH

- 1–3: All-State Band
- 3–4: Atlanta WG Regional, McEachern HS
- 6: **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Performing Arts Center (PAC)**  
Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., PAC
- 13: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 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: Flowery Branch WG Show
- 28–31: Wind Symphony, NYC Trip
- 30: Wind Symphony Performance, Carnegie Hall

### APRIL

- 2–6: No School
- 8: SAPA WG Championships, Chattanooga
- 10: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.

## GENERAL PBPA MEETING JANUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>

We hope you will attend the next General PBPA meeting on **Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Pope cafeteria**. We will talk about Sym Camp and LGPE, as well as upcoming fundraisers such as Recycling and Spirit Nights. There are also some GREAT concerts coming up in February and March, Swing-n-Sweets and the pre-LGPE concert. The nominating committee will present the slate of nominees for the 2018–19 PBPA board. There is always a lot going on with the band program, so please join us so you can stay informed and get involved. We look forward to seeing you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. As always, if you have any questions about the PBPA or are wondering how to lend your time and talents, please contact the booster Co-Presidents, Karen Anderson ([kbanderson3@gmail.com](mailto:kbanderson3@gmail.com)) or Kathy Wood ([kwood.pbpa@gmail.com](mailto:kwood.pbpa@gmail.com)).

## JOIN US FOR SPIRIT NIGHT—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Wanting to try the newest pub in East Cobb but don't have an excuse to go out? Well now you do! **The Black Swan Pub** is the newest place to be so bring a friend or two along on **Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> any time between 4–11 p.m.** Just mention that you are with the band and they will give 10% back to us. Check out their extensive menu at <https://www.dunwoodyrestaurantgroup.com/menu>.

The restaurant is located at 1401 Johnson Ferry Rd (in the strip mall with the Sprint store and Pier 1 in front of Target).

Thank you for supporting our band and our local community.

## SWING-N-SWEETS SET FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Join us on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Pope Cafeteria** for our annual **Swing-n-Sweets Jazz Concert**. Featured will be the Dodgen Jazz Band, Pope's TWO Jazz Bands, along with some additional special guests! Your \$5 admission will cover a night of amazing music, dessert and coffee. Kick off your Valentine's celebration a night early. We'll see you on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

## XPLOSION DVDs/CDs

XPLOSION DVD and/or CD orders will be available for collection at the PBPA General Meeting on Tuesday, January 23. We have ordered a few extra, and these will be available for purchase. DVDs are \$20, CDs are \$10, and the combo is \$25. Cash and check payment only. Please contact [paulahunt93@gmail.com](mailto:paulahunt93@gmail.com) with any questions.

## HONEYBAKED HAM

THANK YOU for your support of our pre-holiday HoneyBaked Ham gift card sales! We had a successful fundraiser and raised \$355. We will be holding another HoneyBaked Ham fundraiser starting in early March leading up to Easter.

## CONCERT PHOTOS MARCH 6

Thanks to all families for supporting our Lifetouch portrait fundraiser featuring our first individual portraits of the marching band. If you missed these pictures, we will be taking individual concert band portraits before our concert on Tuesday, March 6. Please mark your calendar and remind your student to make sure they are photographed!

## WINTER RECYCLING JANUARY 27

Clean out your garage and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Paint, TVs, computers, paper, metal, electronics and more! For complete details please click [here](#). To make this event a success **WE NEED YOUR HELP**; here are 3 easy ways you can help:

1. Volunteer to help pick-up recycling items from area customers and businesses. Just a few hours of your time (Tues–Thurs, 1/23–1/25) in the evening will be a huge help! Please contact us at [popebandrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:popebandrecycling@gmail.com) for more details.
2. Volunteer to distribute flyers. We still have 1500 flyers that need to be distributed in the next week. Can your student and a friend or sibling distribute them in your neighborhood? Students can earn community service hours. Please contact us at [popebandrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:popebandrecycling@gmail.com) if you are available to assist!
3. Volunteer to work on the recycling day, Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Two hour shifts are available for students, friends, mature siblings and parents between 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Students can earn community service hours. [Click here](#) to sign-up on Charms.

Questions? Contact Karen Miller or Miranda Austin at [popebandrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:popebandrecycling@gmail.com)

Winter Recycling—Saturday, January 27

## LGPE—SAVE THE DATE!

All three Pope bands will have their official LGPE performances on **Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at Lassiter's Performing Arts Center. Performance times are: **Concert Band 9:55 a.m., Symphonic Band 3:20 p.m., and Wind Symphony 9:05 p.m.** We hope you will come out and support the directors and students for their annual evaluation.

## POPE HOSTS LGPE AT LASSITER MARCH 15-17

Not only will Pope's three bands perform at LGPE on March 17<sup>th</sup>, but Pope is the ORGANIZER of the entire event, even though it is held at Lassiter HS. Together, with booster club parents/students from Lassiter and Kell, Pope will need to fill LOTS of shifts on these 3 days as we host 52 bands from 19 schools! The electronic sign-up will be available in February, just after winter break. Please plan to volunteer for at least one shift throughout the three days (parents and students!). Students can earn service hours. LGPE runs for approximately 12 hours each day! Shifts will generally be in 3 hour increments and can include helping with REGISTRATION, being an USHER or JUDGE RUNNER, E-TEAM needs, or helping pass out music in the SIGHT READING room. We will really need everyone's help, so please try to clear some time on your schedule and help make us all proud to represent Pope in our band community!

## POPE FOUNDATION GALA MARCH 10

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.

1. The Pope Band supports this event by providing section baskets for the silent auction according to the following sections:

Flutes/Oboes/Bassoons	Trombones/Euphoniums/Tubas
Clarinets	Percussion
Saxophones/Horns	Winter/Color Guard
Trumpets	

Pope Band section parent liaisons will receive an email with more details this weekend, and the section liaisons will be contacting their section parents with more detailed information about basket theme and contribution requirements for the applicable basket. If you are interested in helping put together a basket for one of the sections listed above, please contact [paulahunt93@gmail.com](mailto:paulahunt93@gmail.com).

2. There is also a live auction that takes place at the gala. This is for large ticket items, so if you have a business, vacation home, season tickets to sporting events or anything else you would like to donate, please contact [paulahunt93@gmail.com](mailto:paulahunt93@gmail.com).

90% of the proceeds from the band baskets and live auction items go back to the band (the Pope Foundation retains 10%). All are encouraged and welcome to attend this special evening. Information on how to buy tickets will be available soon from the Pope Foundation.

## YEARBOOK VOLUNTEERS AND SENIOR ADS

YEARBOOK is coming! If you are interested in helping on the yearbook team, please email Leslie Ann Dunn at [dunnhorn@gmail.com](mailto:dunnhorn@gmail.com). We welcome all helpers!

**It's time to order your tribute ad for the band yearbook!** This is a great way to honor your senior, advertise your business or honor your student!!! Please go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter order number 10584. Click "continue" and then "Buy a Yearbook Ad" and search for your student or add your student's name to the database. Then, log in or create a new account. You will be designing and uploading pictures for the ad and paying for the ad through this website. Half page ads are \$60 and quarter page ads are \$40. **Please start working on the ad soon, and make sure to finalize and purchase your tribute ad by March 15, 2018.** Contact Leslie Ann Dunn at [dunnhorn@gmail.com](mailto:dunnhorn@gmail.com) with questions.

## SAVE THE DATE BAND BANQUET—MAY 12

Don't forget to save the date for our annual Band Banquet—**Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. The banquet will be held at Pope High School cafeteria this year and afterwards we will enjoy the acknowledgements and awards in the new Performing Arts Center. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate the accomplishments we've achieved as a band this year, the friendships that have been created and enjoy some time with your band family!!! We would love to see all band members, their families and siblings for a night of fun, food and laughter. See you all there!!

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