

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Greetings Pope Band Parents! We hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing summer break! As we gear towards the 2018–2019 school year we invite all of our parent base to be active in our band booster organization — it truly takes a village! We hope you will volunteer at many of our band functions and have an active role in the Pope Band program.

The Pope Marching Band has been busy this summer preparing for our 2018 show '10.31'. This year's production will explore the excitement and nostalgia of Halloween! Selections include "Come Little Children" from Hocus Pocus, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Paul Dukas, "This is Halloween" from The Nightmare Before Christmas, "Once Upon a December" from Anastasia, and "Night on Bald Mountain" by Modest Mussorgsky. The Friday Night Band has been busy preparing for a fun halftime production of "Havana" by pop star Camila Cabello.

The marching band will take on a busy fall schedule with performances at all football games, the Cobb County Marching Band Exhibition, Vahalla Classic in Newnan, Georgia, Georgia State University 'Marching Band Championships', and travel to the McGavock High School Marching Band Competition in Nashville, Tennessee! We hope to see you at many of our performances cheering on the Greyhounds!

Join Us for the Kick Off General PBPA Meeting/Band Show/ Ice Cream Social on Friday, July 20th at 7 PM

Please join us on Friday, July 20th at 7 p.m. in the new Pope Theater (PAC - Performing Arts Center) for our first General PBPA meeting of the new school year! You won't want to miss this one! We will kick off the season together and hear about the new school year for the band, the competition show, and how we can help make this an amazing year for the Pope Band Program! Spirit wear will be for sale; we will have spirit shirts, hats, string bags, car magnets, Chaperone, E-Team, and Photography Team shirts and more for sale! Please bring a credit card/check/cash with you for payment! Around 8 p.m., we'll head outside to the stadium to hear and see what the band learned at Band Camp! The camp show will feature BOTH the Competition Marching Band performing "10.31" and the Friday Night Band. Afterwards, we hope you will join us back in the lobby of the PAC for a brief ice cream social to meet some new band families and celebrate the start of a new band season. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this informative and fun evening!

DATES TO KNOW

Check PopeBand.com
for the full band calendar.

JULY

- 16–20: Band Camp 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Friday Night Band 6–7 p.m.
- 17 & 19: Mandatory Fun Night 9–10 p.m.
- 20: **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m., Pope Performing Arts Center (PAC), Band Camp show 8 p.m., Pope Stadium**
- 23: CMB Practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
- 24 & 26: CMB practice 4:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
- 30: CMB Practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m.
- 31: CMB practice 4:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1: First Day of School
- 2: CMB practice 4:15 p.m.–7:15 p.m.
- 8: Righteous Que Spirit Day, 3-8 p.m.
- 10: FNB practice (*includes CMB*) 4–5 p.m.
Scrimmage vs. Wheeler*
- 14: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 24: @ Lassiter HS
- 25: CMB practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- 31: vs. Walton HS*, Spin & Drum

SEPTEMBER

- 3: No School
- 7: @ Centennial HS
- 11: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 13: CMB practice 6 p.m.–9 p.m., 8th Grade Rehearsal
- 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.**
- 21: @ Chattahoochee HS
- 28: CMB Practice 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
FNB Practice 4 p.m.–5 p.m.
vs. Dunwoody (Hope Wall)*
- 29: CMB Practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

*FNB practices 4–5 p.m. before
every home game (*includes CMB*)

WELCOME TO THE 2018–19 SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE PBPA!

School may be starting in a little under 2 weeks, but the Marching Band has already logged lots of hours together at band camp and over the summer! We are excited to start a new year and look forward to seeing you around Pope this fall, whether at a football game, a marching competition, a band concert or in the band room. Just as the students are happy to be back with each other, the parents are too! The more involved your students are, the more they will get out of the program. The same holds true for the parents! Being a part of the booster club (PBPA), whether chaperoning, working on the E-Team, helping out with Uniforms, Recycling or anything in between, getting involved means making connections and friendships which will only enhance your journey through high school along with your band student. We appreciate any time and talents you have and can give! You'll see we have LOTS of committees but as the saying goes, many hands make light work. Take a look at our [brochure](#) for committee contact information. You never have to go it alone, so why not jump in and join the fun!? Feel free to reach out to any of the board members for questions. We're here to help and we have lots of fun along the way! Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) and Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com), PBPA Co-Presidents.

SPRING RECYCLING FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Clean out the clutter and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot on Saturday, August 25th. Paint, TVs, computers, paper, metal, electronics and more! [Click here for complete details](#). 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 residents and businesses. Each pick-up earns the band at least \$60! Just a few hours of your time in the evenings of Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday (8/21–8/23) or during the event on Saturday, August 25th will be a huge help! We especially need DRIVERS for the band truck, DRIVERS with their own trucks, and STRONG volunteers. Sign-ups will be available in Charms by August 1st. Contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com with questions.
2. Volunteer to distribute flyers. We have 2000 flyers that need to be distributed in the next weeks. 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 if you are available to assist!
3. Volunteer to work on the recycling day, Saturday, August 25th. 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. Sign-ups will be available in Charms by August 1st.

JOIN E-TEAM!

Pope E-Team is a fantastic way to volunteer your time in the Pope Band Program. We help the directors and instructors with odd jobs as well as move and repair equipment on and off the field for our kids. You get a great glimpse at how this fantastic program works. Most tasks are easy and fun. If you are interested in joining the E-Team and haven't already joined our email distribution list, feel free to contact us at popeeteam@gmail.com.

RESTAURANT NIGHT AUGUST 8TH 3–8 P.M.



"soul-saving barbecue"

The band will have its first restaurant night of the 2018–19 school year on Wednesday, August 8 at Righteous BBQ. With the busy start of the year, take a night off from cooking and swing by to dine in or take out. There is no band practice that evening! The restaurant is located at [1050 E Piedmont Road](#), at the intersection of Roswell Road, in the Piedmont Commons shopping center behind Dunkin' Donuts.

Righteous Quee believes in giving back to the community and will donate 10% of ALL proceeds back to the band between 3–8 p.m. No need to tell them you are there for the band. Tell your friends and family! And don't forget the homemade oatmeal cream pie or banana pudding for dessert.

DEAD BAND RUNNING 5K IS BACK!

Save the date and join your favorite band on Saturday, November 3rd at 7 p.m. at the Mountain View Aquatic Center for our second annual race/fun run/walk fundraiser! We need runners, walkers, volunteers and sponsors. If you know a company who might like some awesome advertising on our race shirts in exchange for a donation to the band please contact Jody Neja at jodyneja@yahoo.com. More info to follow!



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DCI TICKETS

Like Marching band? Just WAIT until you experience a Drum Corps show! Drum Corps International is having its South-eastern Championship at the Atlanta Mercedes Benz Stadium on Saturday, July 28. The Pope Band has a few more tickets left in our block of tickets in one section. If you missed out on the DCI ticket preorder, please contact Leslie Ann Dunn at dunnhorn@gmail.com to check availability! Tickets are \$31.50 each. This will be a great show, and we have about 70 band kids going - don't miss it!



Support the band by swiping your Publix Partners card at checkout! Cards are available in the band room and are also at Publix. Make sure your card is for PBPA. This is an easy way to help the band earn money every day!

Help support the Pope Band by linking PBPA to your Kroger Plus card and swiping your card each time you shop at Kroger! This is an easy way to help the band earn money every day! Please, check with friends and family to see if they would be willing to link their Kroger Plus card so the band can earn money with each grocery visit or fill up at the pump!

Here is how you can connect your Kroger card with PBPA so that we can start earning funds:

1. Get a Kroger Plus card from the customer service desk or register at Kroger.
2. With card in hand, register online at kroger.com (If you are new to online, you must click "Create an Account" on the right. Check your email and click on the link to activate your account.)
3. Click on "Community" then go to "Kroger Community Rewards." Look over the information, including contact information and favorite store. On the bottom under "Community Rewards" click on ENROLL NOW.
4. Enter 66474 or search "Pope" to find POPE BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION.



Enroll, and you are done! Please tell friends and family!

Please contact Susannah MacKay at pbpaaffinityprograms@gmail.com with any questions.

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POPE BAND COMMUNICATION—HOW DO I KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON?

There are a few ways that the Pope Band will communicate information to you.

Pope Band Emails—We periodically email you and/or your student important information, as well as the monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving emails from us or you want to add or change your email address, log onto CHARMS and update your contact information. Do this by going to www.PopeBand.com then Click on the “Resources” tab, then go to CHARMS (in the dropdown menu), “school code”= popehsband, “student area password” = your password.

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

Check the band calendar on the band website! Go to www.PopeBand.com—click on the “Big Dates” tab and go to “Band Calendar”

This calendar can be automatically added to your device or Google calendar or Outlook calendar as a “feed.” Click on the “+GoogleCalendar” button on the bottom right side of the calendar OR click on this [link](#) from your applications/device.

We highly recommend adding the band calendar to your personal calendar!

At the Pope Band Parents Association (PBPA) General Meetings we give a lot of information. Meetings are generally on Tuesdays, every other month in the Pope Cafeteria — but our 1st PBPA General Meeting of this year will be on Friday, July 20th at 7 PM, followed by the band camp show and ice cream social. **All are welcome to attend!**

The remaining PBPA General Meetings of the year will be on 9/18 at 6:30PM, 11/27 at 7PM, 1/15 at 7PM, 3/5 before the concert and 4/30 before the concert. They will be listed on the band calendar, listed in the emailed monthly newsletter and you will also receive an email telling you about the upcoming meeting.

It is very important that parents attend the PBPA General Meetings so that you know what is going on with your child’s band program!

Remind Texts—Receive texts from Mr. Rudolph with IMPORTANT last minute INFORMATION!

- **Competition Marching Band:** Parents text the message: @mrrudo to 81010
- **Friday Night Band Only:** Parents text the message: @fnb to 81010
- **Band Class Only:** Parents text the message: @coparents to 81010
- **Students:** Text the message: @popeband to 81010. Parents do not need to sign up for the student list!
- If you cannot text to 81010, then text the same text message to the number: [\(678\) 335-5211](tel:6783355211)
- ONLY sign up for ONE of the text groups, otherwise you will get duplicate messages!

Also, please take note of how to properly unsubscribe. If you only reply the word “unsubscribe” to the message it comes back to Mr. Rudolph as a response, but does not unsubscribe you from the list. **Unsubscribe** by texting the message: unsubscribe @mrrudo [for competition band] or unsubscribe @fnb [for Friday night band] or unsubscribe @coparents [for concert band class] or unsubscribe @popeband [for students] to 81010.

And another way to know what’s going on with band — Ask your student! Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph will announce EVERYTHING during band class and quite often there will be a flyer for the student to pick up and bring home.

Feel free to get involved and communicate with us too!

We are always available to answer your questions! Most band emails will be sent from me, Anne Jeffres, at bbpasecretary@gmail.com. If you reply to an email from me, I will either answer it or forward it on to the correct person who can answer it. The contact information for each of the PBPA board members is listed on the band website under the “Resources” tab, then “PBPA Info”, then “PBPA Contacts.”

We will periodically send out emails asking for adult and student volunteers throughout the year to keep everything running smoothly. I look forward to volunteering with you!

FOR ALL THINGS BAND, GO TO:
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