

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Thank you all for a wonderful experience at LGPE this past weekend. All three bands performed up to their capabilities and we were extremely pleased with the resulting concert. I hope you were able to make it to Lassiter to hear the kids play. We asked the students in Symphonic and Concert Bands to return Saturday night for Wind Symphony's performance and Mr. Gribble's final LGPE. Both Mr. Gribble and the band director from Walton HS are retiring at the end of the year after parallel 34 year careers and they performed back-to-back Saturday night. Both men received a standing ovation when they were introduced prior to their performances and both bands played extraordinarily artistically. What a great way to cap off successful careers.

Now we start to look forward to next year. We received our enrollment numbers for the 2018–2019 school year and our numbers are unusually low. I am writing to ask for your help to recruit more students into the band for next year. We have found word of mouth and personal contact to be the most effective recruiting tools we have. Every chance you get, please tell people about the benefits of music and the ways the Pope Band has positively impacted your child. Of course, it is our desire to continue offering the same high-quality program that we have had for decades and we are more than a little concerned that the enrollment is as low as it is. Any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated, particularly with communication to the potential future band students at the middle schools. Thank you all in advance for any help you can provide.

We'll see you all in a few weeks at the spring concert and the band banquet!

WINTER GUARD COMMUNITY SHOW

We hope you will join us on **Monday, March 26th at 8:45 p.m.** at the Sandy Plains Baptist Church gym ([2807 Sandy Plains Rd](#)) for a Winter Guard Community Show! If you haven't been able to go to one of their competitions this season, this is a perfect opportunity to come see first hand what judges have been raving about! We look forward to seeing you Monday night!

DATES TO KNOW

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

MARCH

- 26:** Winter Guard Community Show 8:45 p.m.,
Sandy Plains Baptist Church Gym
- 28–31:** Wind Symphony, NYC Trip
- 30:** Wind Symphony Performance 11:30 a.m.,
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
- 28:** Leadership Training 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 30:** Color Guard Auditions 5:30–8:30 p.m.,
Pope Band Room

MAY

- 1:** **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Performing Arts Center (PAC)**
Spring Concert 7 p.m., PAC
- 2:** Percussion Ensemble Concert & Recital,
7 p.m.
- 4:** Drum Major Auditions
- 8:** **PBPA Registration Meeting**
- 12:** Band Banquet 6:15 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
Acknowledgements & Awards, PAC
- 19:** Mr. G's Retirement Party 6–9 p.m., Catholic Church of St. Ann, Nolan Hall
- 23:** Last Day of School

JUNE

- 5, 12, 19, 26:** Color Guard 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
Competition Marching Band
(winds/perc) 5:30–8:30 p.m.

ORDER YOUR BAND YEARBOOK BY MARCH 31

It's time to order the Pope Band Yearbook.... and this year we are taking orders online! Please go to 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. Yearbooks are \$50. Final order deadline is March 31.

Any questions? Please email Leslie Ann Dunn dunnhorn@gmail.com

HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER

Whether you are celebrating the Easter holiday or just having a wonderful family dinner, please consider purchasing a HoneyBaked Ham gift card that will benefit the Pope Band. HoneyBaked Ham will generously donate 20% of all physical and electronic gifts cards purchased through this [link](#) to the band. It's a great way to support the kids and have an amazing home cooked meal with little meal planning. **The fundraiser is open until Easter Sunday, April 1st.** Thank you all for your continued support.

SHEET SALE ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 11

Help your family and friends get a better night's sleep by letting them know about our sheet sale and upcoming [mattress sale](#). The sheets are made from high-strength poly-microfiber yarns which have a soft feel and lustrous finish with a lasting color vibrancy. There are 2 ways to order.

Online Shopping

- Invite your friends and family to support our sale through email and social media. Send them the link (<https://shop.simplysheetsfundraising.com/campaign/5a7b04163e8a670024521b62>) to order online and they can purchase directly from the vendor. Orders ship directly to the customer within 3–5 business days making this a great way to support the band with little effort!!

Local Community Order

- Community pricing is \$40 per sheet set (any size) and \$15 per extra pillowcase set.
- Take orders and collect payments (cash or check payable to PBPA) at the time of the order. Legibly fill in the forms and include your name and phone number or complete the fillable PDF form available [HERE](#). Make a copy of your order forms to keep for delivery of the orders.
- **Place your order forms and money in a sealed envelope and drop the envelope in the white box located in the band room NO LATER than Wednesday, April 11th.** Sellers must pick-up the orders at the Mattress Sale on April 21st and then deliver them as soon as possible.

For questions, please contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

WINTER GUARD 1ST PLACE FINISH!

Pope Winter Guard had their last local competition, before Championship Finals, this past weekend. Pope Guard came in 1st place, with the highest score in their division over a two day competition! And achieved their highest score to date for the season!

Best Wishes to Guard for Championship Finals!!

PINE STRAW FOR SALE

Spring is here, and it's time to clean up those flower beds! The PBPA is selling great quality pine straw with 3 delivery dates on April 20, April 27 and May 4th. Orders are due one week before delivery. For all the details, click on this link: <http://www.popeband.com/pine-straw.html>. Ask your East Cobb friends and neighbors, and maybe even your HOA, business, or church for their support! And buy some for your own yard while you're at it! Questions? Contact Cori Hembree at pbpa.pinestraw@gmail.com.

MAY 1—GENERAL PBPA MEETING

May 1st is not only the band's spring concert, but it also marks our next General PBPA meeting. We will gather at 6:45 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for a brief but important meeting to review and vote on the 2018–19 budget. We hope to see you there!

SPRING RECYCLING FUNDRAISER—APRIL 14TH

Clean out the clutter and bring your recyclable materials to the Pope parking lot on April 14th. 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 (4/10–4/12) or during the event on Saturday, April 14th will be a huge help! We especially need DRIVERS for the band truck, DRIVERS with their own trucks, and STRONG volunteers. Click [here](#) to sign-up on Charms. 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, April 14th. 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.

MATTRESS & SHEET SALE FUNDRAISER APRIL 21ST 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

The 3rd Annual Mattress & Sheet Sale Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** in the Pope Cafeteria. Buy the new mattress you've been waiting to purchase, **save 30–50%** of average cost, and money raised will support the band program as well as an opportunity to raise money for individual student accounts! There will be a complete mattress showroom featuring name brand options in different sizes and costs. If a customer buys a mattress and has an advertising flyer with your child's name on it, fundraising money will go directly to your child's student account. [Sheet sets](#) will also be available for sale.

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. **Your student's account will be credited for each mattress set purchased using your student's flyer (\$50 per set/\$25 per twin 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!

Visit the [website](#) to download a digital referral flyer to distribute to your family and friends through email and social media.

For questions or additional referral flyers to distribute, please contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE BAND/COLOR GUARD REGISTRATION MAY 8TH

Information regarding our online registration for band/color guard for the new school year will come out after spring break in the middle of April. Whether your student is planning to pursue **Competition Marching Band, Friday Night Band, Color Guard or Band Class** in the 2018–2019 school year, we will need you to register your student by completing the online google form which takes less than 15 minutes to do. Then, on **Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 p.m.**, we will hold a meeting at Pope for new band families. We will tell you a bit about the program, answer your questions, hear from our directors, chaperone lead and equipment team (e-team). Beginning at **7 p.m.** we will be open to accept payment for your child's activity fees. Cash, check, and credit cards will all be accepted! Look for more details in the April newsletter.

LGPE — THANK YOU!

An enormous thanks to all of the students and parents who volunteered during the 3 day LGPE event at Lassiter last week! It was a great collaboration with Lassiter and Kell! Directors and judges were extremely complimentary. Events like these are an incredible way to demonstrate the support for band programs in Cobb County and we appreciate all of the time you gave to seamlessly host 53 bands and 3,000 students over the course of 3 days. Hopefully you had some fun along the way and enjoyed meeting some of our counterparts at these neighboring schools.

BAND BANQUET — SATURDAY, MAY 12TH AT POPE HIGH SCHOOL

Who doesn't love a good party? The band banquet is a celebration of the accomplishments we've had over the past year, of the friendships and family ties of this band community and a nod to the upcoming year!

Please join us for our annual band banquet which will be held **Saturday, May 12th in the Pope High School cafeteria. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.** After dinner, we will move to the **Performing Arts Center** for the acknowledgements and awards, which always include a few laughs and a few tears, followed by the announcement of the 2018–19 leadership team and drum majors.

The tickets will be \$20 per person and will go on sale shortly after spring break. All families will receive order forms via email and they will also be available in the band room and on PopeBand.com. We would love to see all band members (concert, marching and guard) and their families to celebrate the wonderful year we've had.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Kathy Wood at kwood.pbpa@gmail.com

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with the banquet decorations, including set up and take down. If you are interested please let Kathy know!!!

POPE BAND GALA BASKET SUCCESS

Thank you to those who assisted with the success of the Pope Gala Fundraiser through provision of items or cash donations for the section baskets. Pope Band was well represented and the Pope Foundation is extremely appreciative of our support. Below is a summary of the final bids on each basket. As mentioned previously, Pope Band will earn 90% which equates to \$1,246.50.

HUGE THANKS to our sensational section coordinators for their persistence in emailing, gathering, collecting, shopping, and wrapping. We greatly appreciate each of you for your dedication and hope that you are willing to help with this fundraiser again next year.

- \$375 – Clarinet “Zen Spa Basket” – Lynda Gelarden & Aimee Whitaker
- \$140 – Euphonium/Trombone/Tuba “BBQ Basket” – Clo Despointes, Pam Lackey & Ronnie Wilmlink
- \$ 75 – Flute/Oboe/Bassoon “Coffee Lovers Dream” – Dawn Krivutzka & Grace Pichs
- \$ 80 – Guard “Andretti Fast and Furious Fun Basket” – Shell Jones
- \$205 – Percussion “Fire Pit Extravaganza” – Paula Hunt & Julie Miller
- \$150 – Sax/Horn “DIY Toolkit” – Aurea Hahn
- \$340 – Trumpet “Beach Bundle/Yeti Cooler” – April Cardin & Cathy Meredith

Special shout out to our wrapping rescuer, Julie Resh!

COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS MONDAY, APRIL 30 5:30–8:30 p.m. Pope Band Room

Open to any student attending Pope High School for the 2018–19 school year. No experience necessary. All you need is a great attitude and the willingness to try something new. We hope to see you there!

SENSATIONAL SECTION GATHERINGS

Every year the band section parent liaisons are encouraged by the PBPA and directors to organize section gatherings in order for current Pope band students to meet the rising 9th grade band students. This is an opportunity to rouse up some excitement with the incoming freshmen about joining the band program at Pope. It is also an opportunity for rising 9th grade band parents to discuss questions and concerns with current band parents.

Many thanks to the following sensational section liaisons for organizing the following gatherings:

Carolyn Nesbit & Emily Walkenhorst
(Clarinets–March 4)

Angela Clark & Cathy Buhmeyer
(Flutes, Oboes & Bassoons–March 11)

Paula Hunt
(Euphoniums, Trombones, & Tubas–March 18)

Julie Miller & Paulette Church
(Percussion–March 18)

Natalie Thomas
(Saxophones & Horns–March 25)

Yvonne Matherne
(Trumpets–End of Year)