

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

We've had an incredible fall, chalked full of memorable performances! We couldn't be more proud of the Pope Band students and their efforts!

The **Fall Band Concert** was a great start to the year, showcasing all the Pope Bands and the Hightower Trail Middle School 8th Grade Band. The future is bright for our program!

10.31 wrapped up with a spectacular performance at the "Georgia State Championship" and our "Community Show". Thank you to everyone whom supported the marching band this season, it was truly a fun show to watch evolve throughout the season. We could not have been successful without the army of parents that volunteered in many capacities throughout the season – THANK YOU!

X-Plosion created a community buzz! Thank you to all the students that shared your talents with us at the X-Plosion performances. The Pope community is still talking about how enjoyable it is to watch our students showcase their musical talents in such an entertaining setting. Bravo Team!

We hope to see you in the near future at **Showcase** and our **Holiday Band Concert** as we 'put a bow' on our first semester. Showcase has turned into one of the premier events for the school and this year's show will be one to remember. The students have worked hard and it's difficult to not be impressed by the professionalism and musicianship on display.

The Pope Percussion just returned from an incredible trip to **PASIC** (Percussion Arts Society International Convention) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The students spent four days in master classes, informative sessions, and inspiring concerts.

District Band and **All-State** (first round) auditions are around the corner. Remember that an audition is a snapshot of your performance, but it does not define you as a person or a musician. Prepare to the best of your abilities and work hard at your craft, as there's only one person's preparation you can control – yours. Here's hoping you all have a spectacular audition!

DATES TO KNOW

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for the full band calendar.*

NOVEMBER

- 27: **PBPA General Meeting 7:30 p.m., Pope Cafeteria**
- 29: Local Community Sheet Sale orders due

DECEMBER

- 4: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 5: Showcase Rehearsal 3:30–6 p.m.
- 8: Honor Band Auditions
SWAG 1–5:30 p.m.
- 11: Winter Band Concert (Brass Methods, Concert & Symphonic Bands, HTMS 8th Grade Band) 7 p.m., Pope PAC
- 12: Showcase Rehearsal 2:10–5 p.m.
- 13: Showcase Rehearsal 3:30–6 p.m.
- 14: Showcase Preview Concert
- 15: Showcase 2 p.m. & 8 p.m., Pope PAC
- 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.
- 18–22: No School
- 28: All-State Band

MARCH

- 1–2: All-State Band
- 5: **PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope PAC**
- Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., Pope PAC

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!** Take advantage of the vendor incentive this season—sell 11 sheet sets in the local sale and receive a sheet set of your size/color choice for *free* to make it a “perfect dozen”! (One promotion per seller/Local Community Orders only.)

THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO ORDER

OPTION 1: LOCAL COMMUNITY ORDER

- Community pricing is \$45 per sheet set (any size) and \$15 per pillowcase set.
- Take orders and collect payments (**checks only please, payable to PBPA**) at the time of the order. Fill in the forms and include your name and phone number.
- Make a copy of your order forms to keep for delivery of the sheet sets.
- Place your order forms and payments in a sealed envelope marked “**Sheet Sale**” and drop it in the white box located in the band room no later than **Thursday, November 29th**.

OPTION 2: ONLINE SHOPPING

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 the year!

Packets including order form, customer receipts, fabric swatch and full color brochure are available. Visit the band website for [additional information](#). 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! Order today! Questions? Write to pbpaaffinityprograms@gmail.com.

SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS IS BACK!

Please join us for the annual **Showcase of the Arts on Saturday, December 15th**, which will feature the Fine Arts Department of Pope. The Wind Symphony, Mastery Orchestra, Chorus, and Drama Department will all perform. **New this year! We will have 2 performances (2 p.m. and 8 p.m.) and the concerts will be in the Pope Performing Arts Center (PAC).** This is a wonderful way to get in the holiday spirit! GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE [HERE](#) for \$10 each. This is also your last chance to purchase a SHOUT-OUT for your favorite band, chorus, orchestra, or drama student. Complete the [ORDER FORM](#), send in your \$10 check (made out to the PBPA) and your shout-out will appear in the Showcase program. Orders are due by Friday, November 30th. We hope to see you at one of these special events!

PINE STRAW RESULTS

A big thank you to all that supported the Pine Straw Fundraiser! With your help we sold 608 bales of pine straw to local residents in our community, raising around \$900 for the band! We'll do it again next spring, so be on the lookout for dates in late April and early May.

“APPLES FOR ALL” THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who ordered apples and pies, and to the volunteers who made it all possible! The apple sale brought in \$1500 including \$220 for student accounts. Special thanks to Chris Jones for driving to the orchard and back so early on a Saturday morning!

50/50 RAFFLE WINNER

Thanks to all that participated in our raffle at XPLOSION! Our lucky winner for the 50/50 cash raffle was Angie Meeks (former band parent) winning \$275 and donating back \$100 to the band. We had three successful 50/50 fundraising efforts this year raising over \$800 for the band. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to help sell tickets. See you all next year.

DEAD BAND RUNNING II THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who made Dead Band Running II a great success! Thanks also to our sponsors: [Marco's Pizza](#), [Chick-fil-A Sprayberry/Lassiter](#), [Stevi B's](#), [Charter Bank](#), [Ed Voyles](#), [Guitar Center](#), [Music & Arts](#), and [Whole Foods Market](#).

We still have a few run shirts left for sale. If you are interested, please email Jody Neja at jodyneja@yahoo.com. Here's to a bigger and better next year!

GENERAL PBPA MEETING – NOVEMBER 27

The next general meeting is **Tuesday, November 27th at 7:30 pm in the Pope cafeteria**. Even though the marching season has wrapped up, there’s still plenty to learn and hear about the band program and upcoming events! It’s also time to start thinking about committee/board positions for next year. If you are interested in learning more, please join us on Tuesday night. If you can’t make it to the meeting, but are looking for more ways to get involved, please reach out to **Karen (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Aimee (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com)**, your PBPA Co-Presidents. Volunteering is an incredible way to give back to this amazing program. These four years go by so quickly, and volunteering is a great and fun way to meet new friends and have a lot of laughs along the way!

COMMUNITY SHOW—UNPRECEDENTED ATTENDANCE!

The AWARD-WINNING competition show, **10.31**, and the halftime show (featuring **Havana**) have been performed for the last time this season. A record crowd turned out and joined the band for a wonderful night of music and food! Thank you to our food trucks—**Boss Lady’s Grillers**, **Peace of Pita**, **Tex’s Tacos**, and **Little Blue Ice Cream Truck**—for sharing their profits with the band and helping us raise over \$2,600 for the night. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped advertise the show and to those who helped out during the evening’s event. It was an incredible night!

X-PLOSION CONCERT—ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations to the many talented musicians and staff for putting on another incredible edition of X-Plosion! This show never disappoints! Thank you to the many PBPA volunteers who helped with tickets, programs, DVD sales, concessions, publicity, and the 50/50! If you would like to order a DVD of the show and didn’t have a chance to yet, please click **HERE** to print out an order form and send in with your \$10 check (made out to the PBPA). Orders can be mailed to school or sent in via your student and placed in the white lock box in the band room. Previous year shows are also available for sale!



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.

*Thank You!
We love our
volunteers!*

E-Team

A big thank you to all of the E-Team members who stepped up to help this season. We are truly grateful to our E-Team community of parents for taking time out of their schedule to help whenever the band needed them. A special shout out to Jeremy Simpson, Eric Stippich, Tim Resh and Sean Ruth who worked tirelessly to make sure all equipment was built, maintained and taken to every practice, game, and competition—we appreciate your dedication. We had a lot of laughs and so much fun getting to know all of our E-Teamers while carting around “Space Mountain”. We hope to see you all again next season.—Chris and Shell Jones

Chaperones

Thank you to everyone who chaperoned this marching season! From summer rehearsals and band camp to practices, games, parades and competitions you filled many, many hours caring for our kids. Whether you chaperoned one hour or a hundred, you are appreciated!

Uniform Parents

We wanted to take a minute to say THANK YOU to all the parents who helped this season with uniforms. It takes many busy hands to keep the band looking good and we appreciate every one of you! Thank you all!!