

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

Many thanks to all the folks who made our 8th Grade Night visitation and “Spin and Drum with the Greyhounds” such a success! It is a huge undertaking welcoming over 180 new faces to the Pope Band program within a two-week period, but thanks to so many parent volunteers, we were able to give a positive glimpse into the totality of the Pope Band program. We hope you’ll continue to stay in contact with the students and families whom participated and invite them to future Pope Band functions and performances!

October becomes an incredibly busy month for marching band participants! Please be proactive in your academic classes preparing all homework and upcoming projects ahead of time. Our first marching band competition is Saturday, October 6, 2018 at the “Valhalla Classic”. We sincerely hope you will make plans to join us at 8:10 p.m. in Newnan, Georgia to cheer on the Greyhounds!

The Cobb County Marching Band Exhibition is quickly approaching on Monday, October 8, 2018. This is an incredible evening where we will be able to watch and support our neighboring CCSD marching bands. The shows will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Cantrell Stadium on the campus of McEachern High School. Tickets prices are \$5.00 for adults/\$3.00 for children.

On Saturday, October 13–Sunday, October 14, the Pope Band will travel to Nashville, TN for the “Music City Invitational”. Our preliminary performance time is 2:45 p.m. at McGavock High School. An itinerary will be released with additional details outlining our weekend travels this week.

Finally, please be sure to mark your calendars on Saturday, October 20 to travel to the “Georgia State Stadium” at Georgia State University. Our performance time is 6:45 p.m. This will be a great evening as we salute our seniors at their final competition!

Our community show is on October 23, 2018 at Pope High School. This is a great opportunity to eat a dinner at the plethora of food trucks and see the final run-through of our show “10.31”. We hope to see you and your families at this annual event!

Good. Better. Best! We’ll see you at the shows!

DATES TO KNOW

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

SEPTEMBER

- 28: CMB Practice 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
No FNB practice
vs. Dunwoody (Hope Wall) (CMB & FNB)
- 29: CMB Practice 9 a.m.–9 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 2: No CMB Practice
- 3: Fall Concert with HTMS 7 p.m., New Gym
- 5: @ John’s Creek HS
- 6: Valhalla Classic Band Festival (CMB),
Northgate HS, Newnan, GA
- 8: Cobb Exhibition (CMB), McEachern HS
- 9: PBPA Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 12: vs. N. Atlanta HS (Homecoming), 50/50
Raffle (No FNB practice)
- 13: Music City Invitational (CMB), McGavock
HS, Nashville, TN
- 18: Apple Fundraiser orders due
- 19: @ Cambridge HS
- 20: Georgia State Marching Band Champion-
ship, GSU Stadium
- 23: Community Show
- 26: vs. Northview HS (Senior Night)
No FNB practice
- 27: Apples Pick-up Day 12–3 p.m., Tritt ES

NOVEMBER

- 3: Dead Band Running 5K 7 p.m., Mountain
View Aquatic Center
- 6: No School
- 7 & 8: X-Plosion Dress Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
- 9 & 10: X-Plosion Show 7 p.m.
- 13: PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 19–23: Thanksgiving Break
- 27: **PBPA General Meeting 7:30 p.m., Pope
Cafeteria**

DECEMBER

- 4: PBPA Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 8: Honor Band Auditions
- 11: Winter Band Concert (Brass Methods,
Concert Band & Symphonic Band)

DEAD BAND RUNNING REGISTRATION IS OPEN!



It's time to register for Dead Band Running III! Our annual Day of the Dead themed 5k glow run/walk will be on **Saturday, November 3 at 7 p.m. at the Mountain View Aquatic Center**. We'll have loads of fun and medals for the fastest overall as well as the fastest in age groups. We'll also have a costume contest and other great activities. Register at: www.popeband.com/5k.

Can't wait to see the 2018 shirts? Pre-race pick-up will be Friday, 11/2 from 3–7 p.m. at Road Runner on Johnson Ferry (near Kohl's and Ulta). Road Runner is generously donating \$1 per bag picked up, so if you can't go pick up your bag, have someone who can go grab yours, too!

We are working hard to find sponsors and we need your help! If there is a business you frequent, please consider asking them to donate to Pope Band. We have lots of great perks! Sponsorship info is available at: www.popeband.com/5k.

HELP US WITH POPE BAND FLAGS THE AMERICAN FLAG FUNDRAISER



Our American Flag fundraiser has been going strong with 4 patriotic holidays completed so far and one remaining for 2018! Thank you to those who have volunteered and participated! We are always looking to expand into more subdivisions and even to area businesses. If you feel your neighborhood would embrace the flag program please contact Anne Jeffres and Julie Miller at PopeBandFlags@gmail.com. We can give you

more information and a PDF copy of the flyer to distribute to your subdivision.

More information about our American Flags program is on the Pope Band website, but as a reminder we sell annual flag placement subscriptions for \$40.00 each. The flags are then set up in the customers' yards during the 5 patriotic holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, September 11th, and Veteran's Day. The flags are 3'x5' and on a 10' pole.

If you are interested in having a flag in your own yard, **sign up online at** <http://bit.ly/BandFlag>.

If you want to help with this great fundraiser without representing your own neighborhood, we always need additional volunteers to help with flag placement, flag removal, pre-install readiness and marketing to area businesses. Parents and kids can help! Contact us at PopeBandFlags@gmail.com to get started!

APPLES FOR ALL

The "Apples for All" fundraiser has begun! **The order deadline is Thursday, Oct. 18th!**

Pick up your apples on Saturday, Oct. 27th at Tritt Elementary from noon until 3 p.m.

Check the band website under Support Us for order forms. Order forms are also available in the band room.

Don't miss this opportunity to earn **money** for your student account and for the band! Visit the [band website](http://www.popeband.com) for information on how you can earn money supporting this fundraiser.

Volunteers are needed on Oct. 27th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. If you are able to spare a few hours helping to bag apples and sort orders, please email Lynne Segars at lsegars2002@gmail.com.

PINE STRAW FOR SALE

Fall is here (well, kind of!), and it's time to clean up those flower beds! The PBPA is selling great quality pine straw with **3 delivery dates on October 19, October 26, and November 2**. Orders are due one week before delivery. For details, click on this [link](#). 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.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES

Reminder: You should have received your proof for the Marching Band portraits. Please be sure to place an order for pictures. The band will receive a percentage of all photo orders! Any questions, please email Leslie Ann Dunn dunnhorn@gmail.com.

APPLE ORDERS DUE — THURSDAY, OCT. 18

CONCERT UNIFORM ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We are still in need of several moms to work with this year's concert chair through the year and then to take the lead next year. Handling concert attire is a multi-person job that can be shared amongst several people. Here's what the position entails:

- Schedule fittings for tuxedos (from band inventory) and for new dresses (for new women)
- Record sizes and numbers for tux inventory tracking
- Compose e-mails (and send to PBPA secretary for distribution)
- Order new dresses / tuxedo pieces from distributor as needed
- Coordinate w/marching uniform team to ensure that concert fittings do not conflict with marching band uniform needs
- Attend concert events to ensure that students have necessary concert attire
- Track tuxedo collection in the spring

We've had a couple of fantastic senior moms step in to help this year, but we need to "pass this baton" to a new crew next year – and it's always better if the crew has participated in some of the routine.

Please consider supporting the kids in this way. For more information, contact Julianne Reeves, Concert Uniform Coordinator, at reeves.julianne.s@gmail.com.

THE FOOTBALL SEASON CONTINUES!

Hopefully you're in the swing of football season now, but here are a few reminders, just in case!

1. **TICKETS** – Football games are free to marching band students and adults who are working (and signed up on Charms) as chaperones, e-team and photographers. Parents, siblings and other students are encouraged to buy tickets ONLINE (\$8 each) ahead of the game to avoid long lines. To purchase tickets for any game (home or away), click [here](#).
2. **WHICH WICH** – Order a sandwich for your student by Thursday at 8:45 pm each week throughout the football season, and their dinner will be waiting for them outside the band room by 5 pm on Friday! Details on how to order can be found on the band website at: <http://www.popeband.com/friday-night-dinners.html>.
NOTE* Do not order WW for Friday, September 28th as we will host a tail gate for the band students ahead of the game!
3. **PARKING FOR FOOTBALL GAMES** – Parking is \$5 for home games (away game fees for parking is on a case by case basis). If the Pope lot is full, shuttle buses will run from Hightower Trail Middle School and Shallowford Falls Elementary School to Pope.



RECYCLING FUNDRAISER

The August 25 Recycling Fundraiser was a HUGE success with 457 cars recycling 1658 containers of paint, 134 TVs and 120 monitors, and more than a truck full of shredded paper resulting in \$12,000 for the band. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make it a success whether it was by doing pick-ups, distributing flyers, placing signs, greeting customers and calculating fees, unloading cars, tallying receipts or counting money. YOU made a difference and we could not have done it without you. Our next recycling event will be January 26 and we are especially looking for help with flyers and sign placement, either in your yard or neighborhood and around the community. Contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com to find out more or volunteer.

SNACK SHACK IS OPEN!

The Snack Shack is **open every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30–4 p.m. ahead of the 4:15 CMB rehearsals**. We are selling pizza (cheese or meat lovers) \$1/slice, Gatorade \$1/bottle and granola bars \$1/2 bars. Bring your money and grab a quick bite to eat and fuel your body ahead of practice. See you outside the band room!

YEARBOOK STAFF

Yearbook volunteers needed! No experience necessary—we will train you. We are looking for volunteers to help design 1 or more pages in the annual band yearbook. All work can be done virtually. If you are interested and willing to help on the yearbook team, please email Leslie Ann Dunn at dunnhorn@gmail.com. Thank you!

DEAD BAND RUNNING — SATURDAY, NOV. 3

COMMUNITY SHOW AND FOOD TRUCKS... COME JOIN US!



Save the date! **Tuesday, October 23rd** is our Community Show where the band will perform both their competition show **10.31**, as well as their rockin' halftime show featuring **Havana** by **Camila Cabello**.

Close up your kitchens and join us for dinner beforehand with **Food Trucks** beginning at 5 p.m. [Tex's Tacos](#), [Boss Lady's Grillers](#), [Mac the Cheese Truck](#),

and [Little Blue Ice Cream Truck](#) will be the featured food for the evening.

The show will start at 7 p.m. in Pope's football stadium. It is a wonderful evening to celebrate the band and all they have accomplished this season and to enjoy some time with our band family.

Please invite your friends, family and neighbors and spread the word to our eager middle school musicians and families as well. General admission is \$5. Please note that food trucks will open at 4:30 p.m. for the band students!

MARCHING COMPETITIONS ARE COMING!

Pope Marching Band has 3 competitions in October, and parents, friends, and family are encouraged to attend. Please join in the fun and show your enthusiastic support of our sensational students. They have worked hard and always perform better for a loud and supportive crowd!

Saturday, October 6
Valhalla Classic Band
Festival

Performance time: 8:10 p.m.
Northgate High School
3220 Fischer Rd
Nevan, GA

Saturday, October 13
Music City Invitational
Preliminary performance
time: 2:45 p.m.
McGavock High School
3150 McGavock Pike
Nashville, TN

Saturday, October 20
GSU Marching Band Cham-
pionship
Performance time: 6:45 p.m.
Georgia State Stadium
(formerly Turner Field)

CONGRATS to our own Greg Whitfield — 50/50 raffle winner at the Walton Game!



The band will be selling 50/50 cash raffle tickets as a fundraiser before & during the first half of the North Atlanta game on Oct. 12th. Look for the raffle table at the stone wall entering the stadium or buy your tickets in the stands. The winner will be announced after halftime. One lucky person will win 50% of the total amount collected! Greg Whitfield won \$231 at the Walton game!

TICKETS: 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, 7 for \$10, or 15 for \$20

AFFINITY PROGRAMS—URGENT PUBLIX UPDATE!

Effective October 1, Publix cashiers will no longer ask for your school cards. Instead, you will be able to enter a phone number, and it will automatically give credit to your preferred school/organization—PBPA, of course! All it takes is a few clicks to set it up.

Just follow these steps:

1. Go to <http://www.publix.com/myaccount>.
2. Log in or sign up for an account (make sure you have a phone number entered!).
3. Once signed in, under the My Settings tab, you will see two links in the **My Publix Partner** box (center column).
4. Click on **Select a School**.
5. In the search box that pops up, enter **PBPA**.
6. **Click** on Pope Band Parents Association – Marietta, GA and click **Select**.

In less time than it takes to even drive to the school, you help us raise several thousand dollars for the band each year. Don't forget to make sure your [Kroger](#) and [Amazon Smile](#) settings are current as well! Questions? Write to PBPAAffinityPrograms@gmail.com.

FOR ALL THINGS BAND, GO TO:
www.PopeBand.com