

# Pope Band Notes



## FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM

Pope Students and Parents -

The new school year is underway! We are incredibly excited and honored to have each of you involved in the Pope High School Band program. Please be sure to mark your calendars for upcoming rehearsals, performances, and booster club events. Communication is essential, so please be sure to read all emails and visit the band website on a regular basis.

We would love to see you at the PBPA meetings and events throughout the year, as our organization truly takes a village to operate successfully. Being active and engaged is the best way to see how our program operates and to know first-hand what is happening. "The more you put into it, the more you get out of it."

This is a prime time to sign up for private lessons and establish a regular home practice schedule. Students who excel are those who get the one-on-one coaching from a professional on their instrument and are guided through the developmental process as they approach auditions for District Honor Band and All-State Band. Students can get a list of private lesson instructors through Mr. Sodders or Mr. Rudolph.

To be 'good' at something, you must 'work' at your craft, and then that activity becomes 'fun.' This can be applied to any aspect of our lives, but especially in our classroom. Encourage your students to 'work' at the craft of music. Though the pay-off is never immediate, the work put forth will create a culture of hard work – and dedication towards the relentless pursuit of excellence. We are excited for an incredible year and hope to see you at our upcoming events!

### Important Dates

Check [www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com) for the full band calendar.

#### August

- 24** CMB Rehearsal, 9am-9pm
- 29** Spin & Drum Rehearsal, 4:15-7:15pm (FNSB & CMB)
- 30** vs. Lassiter, Spin and Drum, 50/50 Raffle (FNSB & CMB)

#### September

- 6** @ Walton HS (FNSB & CMB)
- 10** Fall Concert with HTMS, 7pm, New Gym
- 13** vs. Centennial HS, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night, Matt Hobby Night (FNSB & CMB)
- 14** East Cobber Parade (FNSB & CMB), CMB Rehearsal 5-9pm
- 17** **General PBPA Meeting, 6:30pm**  
**Pope Cafeteria**
- 20** @ Alpharetta HS (FNSB & CMB)
- 23-27** Fall Break
- 27** CMB Rehearsal, 9am-5pm vs. Chattahoochee HS (FNSB & CMB)
- 28** CMB Rehearsal, 9am-9pm

#### October

- 2** All-State Jazz Auditions, Walton HS
- 4** @ Dunwoody HS (FNSB & CMB)
- 5** Kennesaw Mountain Marching Invitational (CMB) Kennesaw Mountain HS, Kennesaw, GA
- 11** vs. Johns Creek HS, Homecoming (FNSB & CMB)
- 12** Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Festival (CMB) Fannin County HS, Blue Ridge, GA
- 14** Cobb Exhibition (CMB), McEachern HS
- 16** Community Show (CMB&FNSB)
- 18** @ North Atlanta HS (FNSB & CMB)
- 19** Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival, Tarpon Springs HS, Tarpon Springs, FL (CMB)

## JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PBPA MEETING!

**SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30PM**

What a great turnout we had at last month's kick off meeting! Please join us for our next meeting and get all of your questions answered! We'll hear from the directors, share information about the upcoming competitions in October, and so much more! Come **Tuesday, September 17th at 6:30 pm in the Pope cafeteria.**

We will finish up when marching band rehearsal ends at 7:15.

**Questions?** Please don't hesitate to reach out to your PBPA Co-Presidents Aimee Worley

([aworley.pbpa@gmail.com](mailto:aworley.pbpa@gmail.com)) or Vanessa Lilly ([avnlilly@ymail.com](mailto:avnlilly@ymail.com)), or anyone else on the PBPA Board.

All contacts are on the band website at [www.PopeBand.com](http://www.PopeBand.com) under Resources — PBPA Info — PBPA Contacts.

## FOOTBALL GAMES: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

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 can either buy an **ALL SPORTS PASS** (\$55 for students, \$75 for adults) or **buy tickets for each football game (home or away)**. The All Sports Pass is good for ALL Pope regular season HOME sporting events, not just football. A free Bleed Blue t-shirt is included with your purchase. Individual football tickets cost \$8 each and can be purchased online before the game. Save time and don't wait in line! Information on purchasing the All Sports Pass can be found in your [mypaymentsplus](#) account. Digital football tickets for home or away games can be found [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 [Friday Night Dinners](#) page on the band website.
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.

### 50/50 RAFFLE!

The band will be selling 50/50 cash raffle tickets as a fundraiser before and during the first half of the Lassiter game on August 30.

Look for the raffle table near the ticket booth as you enter 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 collected!

#### TICKETS:

**1 for \$2, 3 for \$5,  
7 for \$10, or 15 for \$20.**

Sign up in [Charms](#) if you want to help sell tickets and raise some money for the band.

Thank you!



## Spin & Drum with the GREYHOUNDS

Do you or your friends have a student in grades K–8th who would love the opportunity to get on the field with the marching band during a halftime show? The band is inviting students in K–8th grade to join our drumline and color guard for a halftime performance at the August 30th home football game! Students will have the opportunity to practice with the marching band, then drum, dance, and spin in front of hundreds of spectators during Friday night halftime!

For more information please visit the [Spin and Drum page](#) on the band website.

**Online registrations and payments are due by this Friday, August 23.** Share our [Facebook event](#) with your friends so they can take part in this unique and fun opportunity!

## DEAD BAND RUNNING 5K UPDATE!

It's time to sign up for Dead Band Running, our 5k fun-raiser!

Come on out and join us for some great fellowship and community fun.

Don't run? No problem! Walkers are welcome.

This year's course is new, and it's right at home at Pope.

Register at [www.popeband.com/5k](http://www.popeband.com/5k) or [active.com](http://active.com).

We also need sponsors! We have lots of perks for interested businesses (parents too – every sponsorship over \$250 earns credit in your student's account to pay for band dues and trip expenses). Sponsorship info is on the website as well. See you at 5 pm on Saturday, November 9!



## COMING SOON! POPE BAND ALUMNI RELATIONS

We are happy to announce the development of the Pope Band Alumni Relations Program. Our goal is to engage every former member of the band since inception back in 1987. That's more than 1,500 members in total! The goal is for all alumni to learn about recent outstanding accomplishments, reconnect with their former band colleagues, and

find opportunities to support the Pope Band, wherever they live. We are now collecting information and hope to publish the first newsletter before the end of the year. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Consider volunteering to help us promote and find alumni and/or develop ideas for the program. Or if you know of any former band members, including how we can contact them, please contact us at [popehsbandalumni@gmail.com](mailto:popehsbandalumni@gmail.com). You can also like and follow the [Alan C. Pope High School Band Alumni](#) page on Facebook! MORE TO COME!

## TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST – A HUGE SUCCESS

Special thanks to Christina Hood and Julie Resh for hosting an amazing breakfast for Pope teachers and staff at the end of July as they prepared for the new school year! The faculty and staff were delighted by the incredible spread and presentation of tasty treats. Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed food!

## GOT BAND PICS?

Share them with the  
Pope Band!!

# #PopeBand

[PopeBandPictures@gmail.com](mailto:PopeBandPictures@gmail.com)



## SNACK SHACK IS OPEN!

The Snack Shack is open every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 3:30 ahead of the 4:15 CMB rehearsals. We will be selling pizza (cheese or pepperoni) \$1/slice, Gatorade \$1/bottle and snacks \$1/2. Bring your money and grab a quick bite to eat and fuel your body ahead of practice. See you outside the band room!

## CLASS OF 2020: SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS in the BAND YEARBOOK

Commemorate your senior's band experience with a senior tribute ad in the 2019-2020 Pope Band Yearbook!

Create a half-page (\$60) or quarter-page (\$40) ad celebrating your senior and capturing their fun, musical, inspiring band memories. Their pictures, your words! So start locating your favorite photos and watch for more details to be announced later this fall. For more information, contact Yvonne Matherne at [PopeBandPictures@gmail.com](mailto:PopeBandPictures@gmail.com).



### LIFETOUCH PHOTOS

On August 3rd, group and individual pictures were taken of all marching band students. Proof sheets will be distributed to everyone during band class or marching rehearsal as soon as they are available (in a week or so). You can place your order and Lifetouch will give a donation back to the band for every order! In the spring we will have Lifetouch take pictures of everyone in their concert attire. These pictures make great keepsakes and gifts for your family! Enjoy the memories!

### AFFINITY PROGRAMS

Earn money for the band program without spending an extra penny! In fewer minutes than it takes to drive to Pope, you can link your accounts to PBPA and earn money for our program. Visit these partners to get set up, or check out the band website links below for specific how-to instructions. Thanks for your support!



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