

Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

We hope you had a wonderful and relaxing winter break! We are gearing up towards another 'busy' time of the year in the band world, filled with many performances and events. Please pay special attention to the band calendar for rehearsals, performances, and upcoming meetings.

It's honor band season and we are so proud of how well represented Pope is at these events. We had 60+ students accepted (out of the 400 who participated) to the GMEA District 12 Honor Band (the 2nd highest participation rate in the district) and 21 students accepted to the Georgia All-State Band — the second highest participation rate in Georgia. If you see any of these students, please make sure and congratulate them on a job well done.

Large Group Performance Evaluations

The Pope Band philosophy has always been to build the band program around the concert bands. We consider the concert bands the "hub of the wheel" and all of our extra-curricular ensembles stem from the center of the program. Excellence in the concert bands affect everything else we do. LGPE is coming up in a few short weeks which is taken very seriously as it is a chance for all of our concert bands to demonstrate the pinnacle of our musical achievement for the year in front of one of the most prestigious judging panels in the country. This year, our judges are coming in from Universities in Illinois, Minnesota, Texas, Mississippi, Michigan, South Carolina, and Georgia. The judges will evaluate us and provide feedback in the areas of woodwind, brass, percussion, and full band and will issue a grade for us (we call it a rating) after the performance very much like a summative assessment. There is a series of criteria they look for and will use a specific rubric to evaluate how well our bands play. Additionally, one of the judges will spend about 20 minutes after the performance working with the students and we will finish the process by sight-reading a new composition (after having six minutes to silently study it). Parents are encouraged to accompany us into the clinic and sight-reading room. Our students have worked hard since January 7 preparing this program and we would love a supportive audience when we perform. An itinerary will be posted on the website, outlining each band's specific schedule for their LGPE performance. All performances are located at McEachern High School on the following dates:

Wind Symphony: Friday, March 15 – 7:40 p.m.

Symphonic Band: Saturday, March 16 – 2:35 p.m.

Concert Band: Saturday, March 16 —10:55 a.m.

Pope Band 2019-2020 News!

Please come to an informational meeting about the 2019–2020 Pope Band on Tuesday, February 26th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the band hall! We will discuss the elective registration process for class band (which is happening in school now!) and preliminary information regarding the marching band this fall. If you know any students from HTMS or DMS that are currently in band, please share this information and bring them along! One of our big goals next year is to build the numbers in our band program and our biggest recruiter is YOU! Incoming parents and students will take your word and information to heart — so please be a continual advocate for the program to our incoming Class of 2023!

DATES TO KNOW

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

FEBRUARY

- 26:** Pope Band Registration/Marching Band Informative Meeting 7 p.m., Band Room
- 27:** Restaurant Night at Taqueria Tsunami, 6–9 p.m.
- 28:** All-State Band

MARCH

- 1–2:** All-State Band
- 2–3:** WGI – Atlanta Regional
- 5:** Snack Shack 3:30 p.m., Band Hall
Lifetouch & Yearbook Photos 5 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
- PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope PAC**
- Pre-LGPE Concert 7 p.m., Pope PAC
- 12:** PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15:** Senior Yearbook Ads Due
Early Bird Yearbook Orders Due
LGPE, McEachern HS
Wind Symphony 7:40 p.m.
- 16:** LGPE, McEachern HS
Concert Band 10:55 a.m.
Symphonic Band 2:35 p.m.
- 16–17:** WGI, Charlotte Regional
- 23:** Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Winter Guard @ Mill Creek HS
- 29:** Yearbook Orders Due
- 31:** SAPA WG Championships

APRIL

- 1–5:** No School
- 2–7:** WGI, Dayton, Ohio
- 9:** PBPA Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10:** Community Sheet Sale orders due
- 15–18:** Fall Color Guard Auditions
- 20:** Mattress & Sheet Sale 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
Percussion Camp 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- 25:** Percussion Ensemble Concert 7 p.m.
- 26:** Jazz LGPE, Walton HS
- 26–27:** Percussion Symposium, Lassiter HS

GENERAL PBPA MEETING—MARCH 5TH AT 6:45 P.M.

Please join us in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Tuesday, March 5th for a brief meeting at 6:45 p.m., ahead of the Pre-LGPE concert which will kick off at 7 p.m. We will vote on the slate of nominees for next year's PBPA board and hear about our upcoming Mattress and Sheet Sale (which is a great way to earn money for your student account!). Save the date so you can be in the know on all things band related! If you have questions or want to learn how you can get more involved, please reach out to your PBPA Co-Presidents Karen Anderson (kbanderson3@gmail.com) or Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com). See you then!

ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER

The Pope Foundation's Annual Gala & Auction is on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at The Mill in Roswell. The Pope Band supports this event by providing section baskets for the silent auction. As a result, the band receives 85% of the funds raised for each basket, and Pope Foundation receives 15%.

Please support the coordinators listed below when they contact you for your assistance.

Bassoons / Flutes / Oboes—Grace Pichs	Trombones — Amy O'Dell
Clarinets— Emily Walkenhorst	Euphoniums / Tubas — Gypsy Mims
Horns — Nickey Ice	Percussion — Sheri Morgan
Trumpets — Cathy Meredith	Guard — Holly Maddox

Please contact paulahunt93@gmail.com with any questions.

SPRING RECYCLING EVENT—MARCH 23RD

Mark your calendars for the last Pope Band Recycling Day of the year on March 23rd! This is the band's biggest fundraising event and we need your help to make it a success. Here are three easy ways you can get involved: 1. Volunteer to help pick-up recycling items from area residents and businesses. 2. Help us get the word out - and volunteer to distribute promotional flyers in your neighborhood. 3. Volunteer to work a two hour shift on Saturday, March 23rd. Look for sign up information coming soon via Charms.

For questions or to learn more contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com, or www.popeband.com/recycle for complete details.

LIFETOUCH PICTURES AND YEARBOOK PHOTOS BEFORE MARCH 5TH CONCERT

We will have concert formal pictures taken by Lifetouch before the 3/5 concert. Please have your student at the band room, dressed in their concert tuxedo/black dress no later than 4:45 p.m., as the photographers will start taking pictures in the cafeteria at 5:00 p.m. If your student would like to stay after school and not go home, please send them with their formal attire in a garment bag. We will have the Snack Shack open at 3:30 p.m. that day. Please **PREORDER** portraits at <https://order.lifetouchsports.com/index.cfm?event=OrderHome&ContractID=163542>. The prices are lower on preordering than they will be after the photo shoot.

Concert season photos for the yearbook will also be taken while Lifetouch photos are taken. This will include concert band sectionals, District and All-State Honor Bands, outside honor ensembles and seniors. These will all be taken in concert attire and with instruments. Please tell your student to remain in the cafeteria area until all of their photos (individual and groups) have been taken.

DEAD BAND RUNNING HELP NEEDED

Believe it or not, planning is underway for Dead Band Running III! Right now, we need folks willing to reach out and secure sponsorships. Although the 5k is not until next fall, we run the best chance of getting big sponsorship bucks if we ask early, before companies are approached by other groups. Print material will be all ready, we just need folks to talk it up to businesses they frequent. Interested in helping? Please email Jody at jodyneja@yahoo.com.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

Our next Restaurant Spirit Night is **Wednesday, February 27th at Taqueria Tsunami—1275 Johnson Ferry Road** (Merchant's Walk East Cobb). Show the flyer and tell them you're with the band and 10% goes back to the program. Join us between 6 and 9 p.m. on Wednesday!

THANK YOU!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped to make the January 26th recycling day a success. We served 500 cars, collected over 1000 gallons of paint and 250 screens and TVs. Whether you helped get the word out or worked at recycle day, we appreciate your help. A special shout out to the Key Club who provided many student volunteers since band students were having all day rehearsal.

POPE BAND YEARBOOK ORDERS

It's time to order the Pope Band Yearbook for 2018–2019! 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.

All areas of the Pope Band will have pages in the yearbook. We will have pages devoted to Competition Marching Band, Friday Night Band, Color Guard, Winter Guard, and Concert Band/Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble. If your student is in one of these, they will be in the yearbook!

Early bird pricing is \$40 until 3/15, after that yearbooks are \$50. Order deadline is 5:00 P.M., FRIDAY 3/29/19. Don't wait—order early! The book is going to be a fantastic keepsake for your student's year in the band!

MATTRESS & SHEET SALE FUNDRAISER APRIL 20TH 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

The Pope Band Annual Mattress & Sheet Sale Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, April 20 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.** in the Pope Cafeteria. A representative from Custom Fundraising Solutions will attend the PBPA General Meeting on March 5 to talk about the mattress sale and let you know how you can **earn money for your student account!** There will be over 20 displays set up in the Pope Cafeteria. The sale will consist of all mattress sizes and types of mattresses including firm, pillow-top, orthopedic, latex and gel memory foam sets. Adjustable beds, luxury pillows, mattress protectors and massage chairs will also be available. All mattresses come with full factory warranties. Your friends and family have the opportunity to save up to 50% off retail prices!!

We will be selling sheet and pillowcase sets again this year. **New this year, you can earn money for your student account on sheet sales!** The sheets are luxurious brushed micro-fiber sets and are available in 16 colors. We will be sending home packets with the students after the concert on March 5, to be able to take preorders for sheet and pillowcase sets as well as information to create a personalized seller's link for friends and family who live out of town. Online sheet orders will be shipped directly to the customer! Sheet and pillowcase sets will be available for purchase at the mattress/sheet sale. Online pricing is set by our vendor, Simply Sheets Fundraising. The local community prices will be \$45 per sheet set and \$15 per pillowcase set. **Preorder forms and payments will be due by Wednesday, April 10** and will be available for pick-up at the mattress/sheet sale on April 20th.

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 as well as taking preorders for the sheet sale. **Your student's account will be credited for each mattress set purchased using your student's flyer (\$25 per twin set/\$50 per larger set)!! You will also earn \$5/sheet set and \$2 per pillowcase set sold using your personal online link or in the community sale.** 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! For questions, please contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

SNACK SHACK—MARCH 5TH

The Snack Shack will be open at 3:30 p.m. on March 5th ahead of the Lifetouch Pictures. We are selling pizza (cheese or meat lovers) \$1/slice and drinks \$1/bottle. Bring your money and grab a bite to eat ahead of the photos and concert. See you outside the band room!

POPE BAND YEARBOOK SENIOR ADS OR BUSINESS ADS

Have a senior that you would like to recognize in the Pope Band yearbook? Or have a business you would like to promote? Build them a quarter or half page ad with your favorite pictures to create a memory! Please go to YearbookOrderCenter.com and follow the prompts to create an account and design the ad for your senior/business. Ads are \$40 for a quarter page ad or \$60 for a half page ad and **must be finalized by FRIDAY 3/15/19 AT 5:00 P.M. THIS IS A FIRM DEADLINE—ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS.** PURCHASE YOUR SENIOR AD AND DESIGN EARLY!

Any questions? Want to help format a couple pages in the band yearbook? Please email Leslie Ann Dunn at dunnhorn@gmail.com.

BAND BANQUET SET

The annual Pope Band Banquet will be held on Saturday, May 11th in the Pope High School cafeteria this year and afterwards we will enjoy the acknowledgements and awards in the Performing Arts Center. We hope to see everyone there to celebrate the accomplishments we've achieved as a band this year, the friendships that have been created and enjoy some time with your band family!!! We would love to see all band members, their families and siblings for a night of fun, food and laughter. See you all there!!