

Pope Band Notes



FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM

Greetings Pope Band Parents!

We hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing summer break! As we gear up for the 2019–2020 school year, we invite all of our parent base to be active in our band booster organization — it truly takes a village! We hope you will volunteer at many of our band functions and have an active role in the Pope Band program.

Exciting News! The Pope Wind Symphony was invited to perform at the 2020 Georgia Music Educators In-Service Conference in Athens, Georgia in January 2020. We are incredibly honored and excited to represent Pope High School and the Marietta community on this stage. Only four bands in the State of Georgia are selected annually to perform at “GMEA,” thus we are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to an exciting performance season ahead!

The Pope Marching Band has been busy this summer preparing for our 2019 show ‘9 $\frac{3}{4}$.’ This year’s production will explore the excitement and whimsical world of Harry Potter! Selections will include “Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini” by Sergei Rachmaninoff and “Hedwig’s Theme” by John Williams. The marching band will take on a busy fall schedule with performances at all



football games, the Cobb County Marching Band Exhibition, Kennesaw Mountain Invitational, the Blue Ridge Mountain Marching Invitational, and the Tarpon Springs Outdoor Music Festival in Tarpon Springs, Florida.

We hope to see you at many of our performances cheering on the Greyhounds!

Important Dates

Check www.popeband.com for the full band calendar.

July

- 15-19 CMB Camp, 9am-9pm
- 18-19 FNSB Practice, 5-6pm
- 19 **PBPA General Meeting 7 p.m.**, Pope Performing Arts Center (PAC); Band Camp show 8 p.m., Pope Stadium; immediately followed by Ice Cream Social (PAC)
- 22-25 CMB Practice 5-9pm
- 29 CMB Rehearsal, 5-9pm
- 30 CMB Rehearsal, 4:15-7:15pm

August

- 1 First Day of School
- 3 Band Pictures (FNSB & CMB)
- 7 Spirit Night at Righteous Que, 3-8pm
- 9 Spirit Wear orders due
- 10 Recycling Day, 9am-4pm
- 16 Scrimmage Game (FNSB & CMB)
- 24 CMB Rehearsal, 9am-9pm
- 29 Spin & Drum Rehearsal, 4:15-7:15pm (FNSB & CMB)
- 30 vs. Lassiter, Spin and Drum

September

- 6 @ Walton HS (FNSB & CMB)
- 10 Fall Concert with HTMS, 7pm, New Gym
- 13 vs. Centennial HS, 8th Grade Night Matt Hobby Night (FNSB & CMB)
- 14 East Cobber Parade (FNSB & CMB), CMB Rehearsal 2-9pm
- 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

WELCOME TO THE 2019–20 SCHOOL YEAR FROM THE PBPA!

We are excited to start a new year and look forward to seeing you around Pope this fall, whether at a football game, a marching competition, a band concert or in the band room. Just as the students are happy to be back with each other, the parents are too! The more involved your students are, the more they will get out of the program. The same holds true for the parents! Getting involved with the PBPA means making connections and friendships which will only enhance your journey through high school along with your band student. We appreciate any time and talents you have and can give! You’ll see we have LOTS of committees but as the saying goes, many hands make light work. Take a look at our [brochure](#) for committee contact information. You never have to go it alone, so why not jump in and join the fun!? Feel free to reach out to any of the board members for questions. We’re here to help and we have lots of fun along the way!

Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com) and Vanessa Lilly (avnlilly@ymail.com), PBPA Co-Presidents.

KICKOFF GENERAL PBPA MEETING ... plus SHOW and ICE CREAM SOCIAL! Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m.

Please join us on **Friday, July 19th at 7 p.m.** in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for our first General PBPA meeting of the new school year! You won't want to miss this one! We will kick off the season together and hear about the new school year for the band, the competition show, and how we can help make this an amazing year for the Pope Band Program! Spirit wear will be available for order, including shirts, hats, string bags, car magnets, and more! Also check for Chaperone, E-Team, and Photography Team shirts! Please bring check or cash with you for payment. Around 8 p.m., we'll head outside to the stadium to hear and see what the band learned at Band Camp! The camp show will feature BOTH the Competition Marching Band performing '9 ¾' and the Friday Night Spirit Band. Afterwards, we hope you will join us back in the lobby of the PAC for a brief ice cream social to meet some new band families and celebrate the start of a new band season. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this informative and fun evening!

JOIN THE E-TEAM!!

Pope E-Team is a fantastic way to volunteer your time in the Pope Band Program. We help the directors and instructors with odd jobs, as well as move and repair equipment on and off the field for our kids. You get a great glimpse at how this fantastic program works. Most tasks are easy and fun. If you are interested in joining the E-Team and haven't already joined our email distribution list, feel free to contact us at PopeEteam@gmail.com.



JOIN THE CANDID CREW!

If you get some awesome candid photos of our band family, please share them with the band. We might use them on the band's website, social media, and/or yearbook. Just submit your photos to the Candid Crew with one of the following options:

- Tag posted photos with #PopeBand;
- "Share" photos with PopeCandidCrew@gmail.com;
- or
- Email photos to PopeCandidCrew@gmail.com.



HELP WITH RECYCLING DAY!!!

Mark your calendars for the first Pope Band Recycling Day of the year on August 10! This is the band's biggest fundraiser 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 by distributing promotional flyers (available at the parents meeting) in your neighborhood.
3. Volunteer to work a two-hour shift on Saturday, August 10.

Look for sign up information coming soon via Charms. For questions or to help distribute flyers, contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com. For complete details on the event, see www.popeband.com/recycle.

SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS!

You can now place your spirit wear orders online by visiting the [Pope Band Spirit Shop](#) on the band website! In addition to general and volunteer spirit items, you can order parent/spirit shirts for this year's competition show, 9 ¾! **Please note:** Competition Marching Band students will receive their show shirts during band camp and they are not part of the order form, as they differ slightly from the spirit shirts. **Please order and pay by August 9th** for this first order of the year. (Payments accepted by cash or check to Gaby McDonald and placed in white box in band room.) See the online form for details.



Go Pope Band!

DEAD BAND RUNNING 5K UPDATE

Don't forget DBR is coming up November 9th! This year we will be at home at Pope, and it's going to be a blast! It seems far off, but the season will fly by.

We need your help in finding sponsors in order for this to be a successful fundraiser. All the sponsor info you need is on www.popeband.com/5k and event registration is live on the [Active site](#) and www.popeband.com/5k, so let's get out there, register for the race, and earn some funds for your student's account and for our band!

Questions?

Reach out to Jody Neja at jodyneja@yahoo.com or [678-592-2625](tel:678-592-2625).



SPIRIT NIGHT!

The band will have its first restaurant night of the 2019-2020 school year on **Wednesday, August 7** at...

Righteous Que!

With the busy start of the year, take a night off from cooking and swing by to dine in or take out. There is no band practice that evening! The restaurant is located at 1050 E. Piedmont Road, at the intersection of Roswell Road, in the Piedmont Commons shopping center behind Dunkin' Donuts. Righteous Que believes in giving back to the community and will donate 10% of ALL proceeds back to the band between 3-8 p.m. No need to tell them you are there for the band. Tell your friends and family! And don't forget the homemade oatmeal cream pie or banana pudding for dessert.

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!



[Set up Amazon Smile](#)



[Set up your Publix account](#)



[Set up your Kroger account](#)



[Shop with Scrip](#)

POPE BAND COMMUNICATION—HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON?

There are a few ways that the Pope Band will communicate information to you.

Pope Band Emails—We periodically email you and/or your student important information, as well as the monthly newsletter. If you are not receiving emails from us or you want to add or change your email address, log onto CHARMS and update your contact information. Do this by going to www.PopeBand.com then Click on the “Resources” tab, then go to CHARMS (in the dropdown menu), “school code”= popehsband, “student area password” = your password.

Questions about using CHARMS? Contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

Check the band calendar on the band website! Go to www.PopeBand.com—click on the “Big Dates” tab and go to “Band Calendar”

This calendar can be automatically added to your device or Google calendar or Outlook calendar as a “feed.” Click on the “+GoogleCalendar” button on the bottom right side of the calendar OR click on this [link](#) from your applications/device.

We highly recommend adding the band calendar to your personal calendar!

At the Pope Band Parents Association (PBPA) General Meetings we give a lot of information. Meetings are generally on Tuesdays, every other month in the Pope Cafeteria — but our 1st PBPA General Meeting of this year will be on Friday, July 19th at 7 PM, followed by the band camp show and ice cream social. **All are welcome to attend!**

The remaining PBPA General Meetings will be listed on the band calendar, listed in the emailed monthly newsletter and you will also receive an email telling you about the upcoming meeting.

It is very important that parents attend the PBPA General Meetings so that you know what is going on with your child's band program!

Remind Texts—Receive texts from Mr. Rudolph with IMPORTANT last minute INFORMATION!

- **Competition Marching Band:** Parents text the message: @mrrudo to 81010
- **Friday Night Band Only:** Parents text the message: @fnb to 81010
- **Band Class Only:** Parents text the message: @coparents to 81010
- **Students:** Text the message: @popeband to 81010. Parents do not need to sign up for the student list!
- If you cannot text to 81010, then text the same text message to the number: [\(678\) 335-5211](tel:6783355211)
- ONLY sign up for ONE of the text groups, otherwise you will get duplicate messages!

Also, please take note of how to properly unsubscribe. If you only reply the word “unsubscribe” to the message it comes back to Mr. Rudolph as a response but does not unsubscribe you from the list. **Unsubscribe** by texting the message: unsubscribe @mrrudo [for competition band] or unsubscribe @fnb [for Friday night band] or unsubscribe @coparents [for concert band class] or unsubscribe @popeband [for students] to 81010.

And another way to know what's going on with band — Ask your student! Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph will announce EVERYTHING during band class and quite often there will be a flyer for the student to pick up and bring home.

Feel free to get involved and communicate with us too!

We are always available to answer your questions! Most band emails will be sent from the communications secretary, at pbpasecretary@gmail.com. If you reply to an email, your question will be answered or forwarded on to the correct person who can answer it. The contact information for each of the PBPA board members is listed on the band website under the “Resources” tab, then “PBPA Info”, then “PBPA Contacts.”

We will periodically send out emails asking for adult and student volunteers throughout the year to keep everything running smoothly. We look forward to volunteering with you!