Pope Band Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTORS PODIUM

LGPE is a wrap! Thank you to all of the students in Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Symphony for incredible performances at McEachern High School this weekend. It was an inspiring weekend to be a Greyhound! Bravo All!

Now we start to look forward to wrapping up our 2019 school year and looking into the future! One of our current goals is to build the numbers of the Pope Band through recruitment and retention. Our biggest recruiters of the Pope Band is YOU — students and parents in the Pope Band program. We have found word of mouth and personal contact to be the most effective recruiting tools we have. Every chance you get, please tell people about the benefits of music and the ways the Pope Band has positively impacted your child. Of course, it is our desire to continue offering the same high-quality program to every student in the Pope Band. Any assistance you can offer would be greatly appreciated, particularly with communication to the potential future band students at the middle schools. Thank you all in advance for any help you can provide.

Thank you for all of your support!

Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph



DATES TO KNOW

Check PopeBand.com for the full band calendar.

MARCH

- 23: Recycling Day 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Winter Guard @ Mill Creek HS
- 27: Percussion Solo Recital, 6:30 p.m.
- 29: Yearbook Orders Due by 5 p.m.
- 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
- 13: Percussion Camp 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **15–16:** Fall Color Guard Auditions 4:45–6 p.m. Covered Play Areas at Dodgen & Hightower Trail Middle Schools
- **17–18:** Fall Color Guard Auditions 5–7 p.m. Pope Band Room
- **20:** Mattress & Sheet Sale 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Pope Cafeteria
- 25: Percussion Ensemble Concert 7 p.m.
- 26: Jazz LGPE, Walton HS
- 26–27: Percussion Symposium, Lassiter HS
- 30: PBPA General Meeting 6:45 p.m., Pope PAC

Spring Band Concert 7 p.m. Pope PAC

MAY

- 1: Wind Symphony, HTMS 6th & 7th Grade Bands 7 p.m., New Gym
- 3: Drum Major Auditions
- 7: PBPA Registration Meeting, Pope Media Center—6:30 p.m. New band families, 7 p.m. All families
- **11:** Band Banquet 6:15 p.m., Pope Cafeteria Acknowledgements & Awards, PAC
- 13: Rookie Camp & Full Percussion 5-8 p.m.
- 16 & 17: Mini-Camp 5-8 p.m.
- 22: Last Day of School
- 28: CMB Rehearsal 5:30-8:30 p.m.

JUNE

4, 11 & 18: CMB Rehearsal 5:30–8:30 p.m.

SPRING RECYCLING EVENT—MARCH 23RD

Set your reminders 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 work a two hour shift on Saturday, March 23rd. We still have 50 more volunteer slots to fill. Click here to sign up. 2. Help us get the word out and share the link (www.popeband.com/recycle) on your social media accounts or on your neighborhood Facebook page. 3. Volunteer to help with large item pick up on Tuesday or Wednesday evening. For fee and details visit the website and for questions contact popebandrecycling@gmail.com.

BAND YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE 3/29 AT 5 PM

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 HS BAND PARENTS ASSOC." Please note: Do NOT choose Pope High School as this will order the Pope High School yearbook and not the Pope Band yearbook. Yearbooks are \$50. All bands will be in the yearbook (marching band, color guard, winter guard, concert bands, jazz bands). Order deadline is \$5:00 P.M., FRIDAY 3/29/19.

SHEET SALE ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 10

Help your family and friends get a better night's sleep by letting them know about our sheet sale and upcoming <u>mattress sale</u>. Each purchase using your name or your personal seller's link will benefit your student account. **Earn \$5/sheet set and \$2/pillow-case set!** The sheets are made from high-strength poly-microfiber yarns which have a soft feel and lustrous finish with a lasting color vibrancy. There are 2 ways to order.

Online Shopping

Invite your friends and family to support our sale through email and social media. Send them your personal seller's link to order online and they can purchase directly from the vendor. Orders ship directly to the customer within 3–5 business days making this a great way to support the band with little effort!!

Local Community Order

Community pricing is \$45 per sheet set (any size) and \$15 per extra pillowcase set.

Take orders and collect payments (cash or check payable to PBPA) at the time of the order. Fill in the forms and include your name and phone number or complete the fillable PDF form available <u>HERE</u>. Make a copy of your order forms to keep for delivery of the orders.

Place your order forms and money in a sealed envelope and drop the envelope in the white box located in the band room NO LATER than Wednesday, April 10th. Sellers must pick-up the orders at the Mattress Sale on April 20th and then deliver them as soon as possible.

For questions or a sheet sale packet, please contact Aimee Worley at aworley.pbpa@gmail.com.

COLOR GUARD AUDITIONS

APRIL 15–16: DMS & HTMS APRIL 17–18: POPE BAND ROOM

Auditions will be held under the covered play areas at Dodgen and Hightower Trail Middle Schools on April 15 & 16 from 4:45–6 p.m. and in the Pope Band Room on April 17 & 18 from 5–7 p.m. The auditions are open to any student attending Pope High School for the 2019–20 school year. No experience necessary—all you need is a great attitude and the willingness to try something new. We hope to see you there!

PINE STRAW FOR SALE

Spring is here, and it's time to clean up those flower beds! The PBPA is selling great quality pine straw with 3 delivery dates on April 19, April 26 and May 3rd. Orders are due one week before delivery. For all the details, click here. 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.

HONEYBAKED HAM FUNDRAISER

Help support the Pope Band by purchasing gifts cards from HoneyBaked Ham! The PBPA will receive a **20%** donation for EVERY dollar spent. Hosting friends for a special dinner? Planning a picnic? Want to try a new place for lunch? HoneyBaked Ham gift cards are your answer! It's quick, EASY, and a perfect way to support your favorite band program! Thanks in advance for the support. Just click here to get started. **The fundraiser is open until May 3rd**.

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. The money raised will support the band program as well as provide an opportunity to raise money for individual student band accounts! There will be a complete mattress showroom featuring name brand options in different sizes and costs, including Firm, Pillow-top, Orthopedic, Latex & Gel Memory Foam Sets. Other items will be available, such as adjustable beds, luxury pillows, and mattress protectors. Buy the new mattress you've been waiting to purchase and **save up to 50% off retail pricing!** If a customer buys a mattress and has an advertising flyer with your child's name on it, fundraising money will go directly to your child's student account. Sheet sets will also be available for sale and money can be earned for you student account!

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. Your student's account will be credited for each mattress set purchased using your student's flyer (*50 per set/*25 per twin set)!! 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!

Visit the <u>website</u> to download a digital referral flyer to distribute to your family and friends through email and social media.

For a sheet sale packet and/or mattress referral flyers, please contact Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com).

POPE BAND GALA BASKET SUCCESS

Thank you to those who assisted with the success of the Pope Gala Fundraiser through provision of items or cash donations for the section baskets. Pope Band was well represented and the Pope Foundation is extremely appreciative of our support. Pope Band will earn 85% which equates to \$1,883.50.

HUGE THANKS to our sensational section coordinators — Nickey Ice, Holly Maddox, Cathy Meredith, Gypsy Mims, Sheri Morgan, Amy O'Dell, Grace Pichs, Emily Walkenhorst and Erica Werts — for their persistence in emailing, gathering, collecting, shopping, and wrapping. We greatly appreciate each of you for your dedication and hope that you are willing to help with this fundraiser again next year.

SAVE THE DATE BAND/COLOR GUARD REGISTRATION MAY 7TH

Information regarding our online registration for band/color guard for the new school year will come out after spring break in the middle of April. Whether your student is planning to pursue Competition Marching Band, Friday Night Band, Color Guard or Band Class in the 2019–2020 school year, we will need you to register your student by completing the online google form which takes less than 15 minutes to do. Then, on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30 p.m., we will hold a meeting at Pope for new band families. We will tell you a bit about the program, answer your questions, hear from our directors, chaperone lead and equipment team (e-team). Beginning at **7 p.m.** we will be open to accept payment for your child's activity fees. Cash, check, and credit cards will all be accepted! Look for more details in the April newsletter.

BAND BANQUET SATURDAY, MAY 11TH

Come join us for the party! Please join us for our annual band banquet which will be held **Saturday**, **May 11**th in the **Pope High School Cafeteria**. **Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.** After dinner, we will move to the **Performing Arts Center** for the acknowledgements and awards, which always include a few laughs and a few tears. Band yearbooks will be distributed at the end of the banquet to students who placed an order.

More information will be available in the upcoming weeks!