

Pope Band Notes



FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM

Pope Band Students and Parents -

Things can change in the blink of an eye!

In this unprecedented time of COVID-19, we have moved all of our band classes to a virtual format. Your students have been instructed to stay up-to-date in Google Classroom where there will be assignments posted throughout our hiatus. All students should already be enrolled in the Google Classroom platform, as we have used this site to upload videos throughout the school year. If you need a new code, please email your band director for your class specific codes.

2020-2021 Class Auditions

We have moved our Class Auditions online for the 2020-2021 school year. Again, students can find these requirements, music, and links to upload their prerecorded videos in the Google Classroom platform.

Winter Guard

Congratulations to our Winter Guard on an incredible season! Due to COVID-19, their season was cut short, but this team was FANTASTIC. We hope you will be able to watch a video of their performance (on the Pope Band Facebook Page). Bravo Guard!

As we maneuver these uncharted waters, we will be making decisions daily to the calendar, events, etc. Our goal will be to keep you up to date with any decisions or date changes we encounter as we begin restructuring the conclusion of our school year.

Please stay safe, and we look forward to returning to school in the near future!

Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph

Save These Dates

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

We know things are uncertain right now, but please protect these dates and times!

- April 25** Recycle Day, 9am-4pm
Percussion Ensemble at Lassiter
Percussion Symposium, 5:50 pm
- May 1** Jazz Band LGPE, Walton HS
- May 4** PBPA Registration Meeting, Media Center, 6:30 pm New band families, 7pm All families
- May 5** Spring Band Concert
- May 9** Band Banquet
- May 13** HTMS Spring Concert with WS
- May 11, 14, 15** Mini Band Camp, 5:30-7:30pm

SAVE the DATE! BAND and COLOR GUARD REGISTRATION! MAY 4th

Information regarding our online registration for band/color guard for the new school year will come out in the middle of April. Whether your student is planning to pursue **Competition Marching Band, Friday Night Spirit Band, Color Guard, or Band Class** in the 2020–2021 school year, we will need you to register your student by completing the online registration form. This takes less than 15 minutes to complete!

Then, on **Monday, May 4th at 6:30 pm**, we will hold a meeting in the Pope Media Center for new band families. We will tell you a bit about the program, answer your questions, and hear from our directors, chaperone lead, and equipment team (E-team). Beginning at **7 pm**, 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 April!

BAND YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE MARCH 29!

Be sure to order your Band Yearbook chock full of unforgettable memories from throughout the year. From band camp and marching season to concert season and Winter Guard (LGPE will be the only event missing in this year's book), you don't want to miss it! Yearbooks are \$40. To order, go to YearbookOrderCenter.com and enter school order number **10584** (Pope HS Band Parents Association). *Do NOT choose Pope High School as this will order the Pope High School Yearbook and NOT the Pope Band yearbook.* Deadline to order is THIS **Sunday 3/29**.

If you are unsure if you ordered a book, simply visit the site and follow the "Find Existing Order" link.

Each book order includes printing of the student's name on the cover. Orders will be distributed at the first available opportunity. Don't worry – students will get their Band Yearbooks!

If you have any questions, contact Yvonne Matherne at PopeBandPictures@gmail.com.

BAND BANQUET MAY 9

Planning is still underway for the annual Band Banquet on May 9th.

This year's theme will be
A Seaside Picnic Under the Stars.

We will be needing some help with decorating the cafeteria beginning at noon. We will also need lots of help cleaning up immediately following the meal so we all can head to the PAC for the awards and a review of the year. For any questions please contact Julie Resh at julieresh@me.com.



FJM SHOUT OUT!

Well done to our uniform company, Fred J. Miller, Inc.! In light of recent events, they have retooled their factories in order to make face masks for those in need. We are proud to support a company that cares about the people it serves.
Good work, FJM!

PINE STRAW FOR SALE!

Spring is here (it really is!), and it's time to clean up those flower beds and your yard! The PBPA is selling great quality pine straw with 3 delivery dates on **April 17, April 24** and **May 1**. This is a perfect excuse to get you and the family outdoors. Orders are due one week before delivery. **There are two ways to order – online or via mail.** For details, click on this [link](#). Delivery WILL be made respecting social distance, so get your yard looking great for spring!

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.



FOUNDATION GALA BASKETS – THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who assisted with the success of the Pope Gala Fundraiser through item or cash donations for the section baskets. Pope Band was well represented, and the Pope Foundation extremely appreciated our support. Pope Band earned \$1984.75 and \$350.25 went to Pope Foundation.

HUGE THANKS to our section coordinators: Grace Pichs, Lisa Hunt, Susannah MacKay, Karen Andersen, Erica Werts, Amy O'Dell, Gypsy Mims, and Sheri Morgan! Their efforts were tremendous in soliciting donations, collecting, shopping, and wrapping. All the baskets really looked fantastic. We greatly appreciate your dedication to the highest-grossing foundation fundraiser yet!