Pope Band Notes



FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM

Pope Students and Parents -

WOW - What an unbelievable month of January for the Greyhounds!

The Pope Wind Symphony had an incredible performance at the GMEA In-Service Conference in Athens, GA. They represented our program, our school, our community, and our state, with the highest level of musicianship I have witnessed from a high school band. Thank you to the students for their countless hours of preparation for this once-in-a-lifetime performance. Bravo!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the GMEA District 12 Honor Band this past weekend! The Pope Band had over 70 students in the Honor Band this year. (The highest in Cobb County!) We are so proud of our students and their magnificent performances on Sunday. It was truly an outstanding (snowy) weekend working with our guest conductors and fellow musicians from all the Cobb County Schools.

We are proud of the 17 students who were selected to be a part of the 2020 All-State Band and Orchestra! Congratulations to the following students: Patrick Daw, Reeve Coble, Gavin Whitaker, Sabrina Gelarden

(11-12 Symphonic Band – Dr. Nix)

Cade Fowler, Ethan Ranasinghe, Rachel Worley, Charles Dunn, Ian Taylor, Luka Wilmink (11-12 Symphonic Band – Dr. Talley)

Trent Ice (11-12 All-State Orchestra)

Bailey Matherne, Lane Mims, Jack Neja (9-10 Concert Band – Dr. Hanna)

Vera Volin (9-10 Concert Band – Dr. Tobias)

Take note of our upcoming concerts listed to the right!

Thank you for your continued support of the Pope Band program. We hope you have a wonderful and safe February break!

Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph

Important Dates

Check <u>www.popeband.com</u> for the full band calendar.

February

12 Sheet Sale Orders Due

13 Swing-N-Sweets, 7:30pm,

Pope Cafeteria (Pope Swingphonic & Jazz Bands, Dodgen Jazz Ensemble)

14 Yearbook Senior Ads Due

15 WGI Knoxville Regional

17-21 Mid-Winter Break

29 Mattress Sale, 10am-5pm WGI Atlanta Regional

March

1 WGI Atlanta Regional

5 Symphonic Band at KSU

5-7 All-State Band in Athens, GA

9 Drum Major Auditions

10 General PBPA Meeting, 6:45pm AND Pre-LGPE Concert, 7pm, PAC

14-15 WGI Charlotte Power Regional

19-21 LGPE at Lassiter

21 Pope Band Performances at LGPE
Concert Band 10:25am
Symphonic Band 4:45pm
Wind Symphony 9:00pm

Winter Guard @ Etowah HS

28 SAPA Championships

29 Yearbook Order Deadline

<u>April</u>

6-10 Spring Break

17-18 XPlosion Show, 7pm, PAC

25 Recycle Day, 9am-4pm Percussion Ensemble at Lassiter Percussion Symposium, 5:50 pm

May

1 Jazz Band LGPE, Walton HS

PBPA Registration Meeting, Media
Center, 6:30 pm New band families,
7pm All families

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PBPA GENERAL MEETING! MARCH 10TH @ 6:45PM

Please join us in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on **Tuesday, March 10th** for a brief meeting at **6:45 pm** ahead of the Pre-LGPE concert which will kick off at 7 pm. We will vote on the slate of nominees for next year's PBPA board.

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 Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com) or Vanessa Lilly (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com) or Vanessa Lilly (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com). See you then!

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POPE HOSTS LGPE WEEKEND AT LASSITER MARCH 19-21

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 19-Saturday, March 21! It's LGPE weekend in Cobb County! Pope is the lead for this important event which will host over 50 bands and more than 2,000 band students in our area! **We will need parents and students to sign up for (approximately) 3 hour shifts during these 3 days.** Students are eligible for service hours! They are full days, running from approximately 9 am - 11 pm, so any time you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

An electronic sign up will be available just after the winter break and will be emailed out to everyone as soon as it is available. There will be over 200 shifts that need to be filled! Help is needed in a variety of areas such as ushering at the door, backstage crew (similar to our e-team), and working in the sightreading room (handing out/collecting music to the bands). We will be working with booster clubs from Lassiter and Kell during the 3 days. Thanks in advance for lending some time to this important event and for representing Pope in our community!

SENIOR TRIBUTE ADS DUE TODAY!!

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize your senior with a tribute ad in the Pope Band yearbook! Include photos, memories, well-wishes, and whatever else you choose to highlight their special band memories.

A 1/4-page ad is \$40 and a 1/2-page ad is \$60.
Create your ad at

YearbookOrderCenter.com Order #10584 Pope HS Band Parents Association

The deadline to submit is **TODAY**, **Friday 2/14**.

Yearbooks can also be ordered at this site.

SNACK SHACK OPEN on PICTURE DAY!

The Snack Shack will be open at 3:30 pm on March 10th ahead of the Lifetouch Pictures. We are selling pizza (cheese or pepperoni) for \$1/slice and Gatorade for \$1/bottle. Bring your money and grab a bite to eat ahead of the photos and concert. See you outside the band room!



RECYCLING DAY REPORT



Thank you to everyone who worked to make the January recycling fundraiser a huge success. We serviced 343 cars, filled 3 dumpsters with recyclable metal and electronics, and collected over 500 gallons of paint. Despite the bad weather and the decision to close an hour early, we made over ten thousand dollars for the band. Save the date of April 25 and plan to volunteer when we do it again!

PLEASE NOTE:

We are also looking for some parents to start learning the ropes so they can take over the organization of this event.

(The current parents will have graduating seniors next year.)
Email popebandrecycling@gmail.com to get involved!



LIFETOUCH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PHOTOS

There will be a photo shoot before the Pre-LGPE Concert on March 10. ALL STUDENTS should report to the band room, dressed in their concert tuxedo/black dress no later than 4:40 pm. The photographers will start taking pictures at 4:45 pm.

Individual pictures will be taken, and there will also be group photos of each full band ensemble, Seniors, Honor Band, All-State Band, and other honor ensembles for the band yearbook.

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 pm that day (see left!). Please contact Angela Zito (angela zito@icloud.com or 470-514-7547) with questions.

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MATTRESS AND SHEET SALE FUNDRAISER FEBRUARY 29th 10AM-5PM

The Pope Band Annual Mattress & Sheet Sale Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, February 29th from 10 am – 5 pm in the Pope Cafeteria**. There will be a complete mattress showroom featuring name brand options in different sizes and costs! Other items will be available such as adjustable beds, luxury pillows, and mattress protectors. **Save up to 50% off retail pricing!** Financing will be available.

Any customer that buys a mattress with a sale flyer with your child's name on it will earn credit for your student account (\$25 for all economy mattresses and twin sets, \$50 for all other full/queen/king sets and adjustable bed systems). Sheet sets will also be available for sale and will also earn credit for your student account (\$5 per sheet set, \$2 per pillowcase set).

We need your help! Spread the word and give flyers with your student's name on it to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Visit the band website to download a digital referral flyer to distribute to your family and friends through email and social media. Students can also pick up flyers in the band room.

STUDENTS - <u>Sign up on Charms</u> for one (or more!) 2-hour volunteer shifts between 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Help the band, have fun, AND receive community service hours!

For questions, please email Beth Hartt at popebandmattress@gmail.com.



Planning is already 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.









ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER

The Pope Foundation's Annual Gala & Auction is on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at The Mill Kitchen & Bar 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%.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers below who helped put together these baskets! They are sure to do well at auction!



BASKET COORDINATORS

1. Bassoons / Flutes / Oboes Grace Pichs
2. Clarinets Lisa Hunt
3. Horns Susannah MacKay
4. Saxophones Karen Anderson
5. Trumpets Erica Werts

6. Trombones Amy O'Dell
7. Euphoniums/Tubas Gypsy Mims
8. Percussion Sheri Morgan

9. Guard Sue Sengpiel