Pope Band Notes

FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM

Greetings Pope Band Parents and Students!

We are so excited for the month of January and our performance at the Georgia Music Educators In-Service Conference! This performance is the pinnacle of any band program experience and one that will be treasured by all who attend. We hope you will join us at Lassiter and in Athens for this performance! (Warning: This program contains flashing lights - you have to see it to believe it!)

Guest Conductor: Mr. Gary Gribble Guest Artists: 'Misnomer' (Jazz/Funk Fusion Band!)

<u>Preview Concert</u> Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: Lassiter HS Performing Arts Center

<u>GMEA Performance</u> Thursday, January 23, 2020 Time: 8:15 p.m. Location: The Classic Center; Athens, GA

In other good news, the Pope Band is represented incredibly well in the Georgia All-State Band. We have 16 students who were selected as members and alternates in the bands, which will rehearse and perform in Athens, GA on March 5-7, 2020. This number is the highest number of students in Cobb County, and the third highest number in the State of Georgia. Our kids continue to amaze us - Bravo Team!

We will see you at our performances this week!

Mr. Sodders and Mr. Rudolph

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PBPA GENERAL MEETING! JANUARY 14TH @ 7:30PM

Don't miss the next General PBPA meeting on **Tuesday, January 14th at 7:30 pm in the Pope cafeteria**. The nominating committee will present the slate of nominees for the 2020–21 PBPA board, and we will talk about a LOT of important events coming up! You'll also get great information regarding fundraisers like Recycling, the Mattress/Sheet Sale (earn credit for your student account!), and Spirit Nights. There is always a lot going on with the band program, so please join us so you can stay informed and get involved. We look forward to seeing you on the 14th! As always, if you have any questions about the PBPA or are wondering how to lend your time and talents, please contact the booster Co-Presidents, Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com) or Vanessa Lilly (avnlilly@ymail.com).



Important Dates

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	Check <u>www.popeband.com</u> for the full		
	band calendar.		
	January		
	14	 PBPA General Meeting, 7:30pm,	
		Pope Cafeteria	
	15	GMEA Preview Concert (Wind	
		Symphony), 7pm,	
		Lassiter Concert Hall	
	18	Recycle Day, 9am-4pm	
	10	Winter Guard @ Mill Creek HS	
	20		
		Wind Symphony Rehearsal, 9am-12pm	
	23-24	GMEA In-Service Conference	
		(Wind Symphony)	
	23	Wind Symphony GMEA Performance,	
		8:15pm, The Classic Center in Athens	
	31	Symphonic Camp (Symphonic and	
		Concert Bands), 4-7pm	
	<u>February</u>		
	1	Symphonic Camp (Symphonic Band),	
		9am-5pm	
		Winter Guard @ East Coweta HS	
	7-9	District Honor Band, North Cobb HS	
	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	
	5-7	All-State Band in Athens, GA	
	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	

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- 29 Yearbook Order Deadline



DON'T MISS the

GMEA Preview Concert and In-Service Conference Performances!

Please join us on Wednesday, January 15th at 7 pm at the Lassiter Concert Hall as the Wind Symphony presents their program for the GMEA In-Service Conference! The Mabry Middle School Symphonic Band will also be performing at the preview concert on Wednesday. Then come on January 23rd at 8:15 pm to 'The Classic Center' in Athens, GA for their official performance!

Both of these events are FREE so come enjoy these amazing performances and support all of the hard work our students have put into this incredible experience!

Don't miss it!

SWING-N-SWEETS COMING SOON

Join us on **Thursday, February 13th at 7:30 pm in the Pope Cafeteria** for our annual **Swing-n-Sweets Jazz Concert.** Featured will be the Dodgen Jazz Band and Pope's Swingphonic and Jazz Bands! Your \$5 admission will cover a night of amazing music, dessert and coffee. Kick off your Valentine's celebration a night early. We'll see you on the 13th!



LGPE... SAVE THE DATE

All three Pope bands will have their official LGPE performances on Saturday, March 21st at the Lassiter Concert Hall. Performance times are as follows: Concert Band 10:25 am Symphonic Band 4:45 pm Wind Symphony 9:00 pm

We hope you will come out and support the directors and students for their annual evaluation.

URGENT NEED!!! RECYCLING DAY, JANUARY 18

Recycling Day is near, and we need YOUR help! This major fundraiser brings in thousands of dollars, but we need to fill <u>30 more parent</u> <u>volunteer slots and 19 more student volunteer slots</u> to make it run smoothly. No prior experience is needed!

- Parents are needed to help with greeting customers, calculating fees, directing cars and overseeing that things are done safely and correctly.
- Students are needed to unload items from cars (and they can get service hours!).
- Shifts are two-hours, but please consider volunteering for two shifts.
- This event is outside in the bus parking lot, so dress for the weather and be sure to wear CLOSED-TOE shoes.

Help is also needed with large item pick ups from homes in the area on the evening of Thursday, January 16. We need a driver for the band truck and several strong adult helpers.

> We can't do this without you!! Please sign up on Charms to <u>volunteer for a shift</u> OR to help with truck pick-ups on <u>Thursday</u> or <u>Saturday</u>.

Email <u>popebandrecycling@gmail.com</u> with any questions.





SHEET SALE IS UNDERWAY! ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 12

Get a better night's sleep on new sheets by Simply Sheets, and earn credit for your student account! Every purchase using your student's name or your personal seller's link will **earn \$5 per sheet set and \$2 per pillowcase set**. The sheets are made from high-strength poly-microfiber yarns which have a soft feel and lustrous finish with a lasting color vibrancy.

TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

<u>Online Shopping</u> – 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. Online pricing is \$49 per sheet set (any size) and \$18 per extra pillow case set (price includes shipping and handling). Orders ship directly to the customer within 3–5 business days - a great way to support the band with little effort!

<u>Seller Packet</u> – Pick up a seller packet in the band room for Local Community Orders. 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 PDF form available <u>HERE</u>. Make a copy of your order form for delivery of your orders. Then 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, February 12th**.

Sellers must pick up the orders at the Mattress Sale on February 29th and deliver them to their customers.

For questions or a sheet sale packet, please contact Beth Hartt at popebandmattress@gmail.com.

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 website to <u>download a digital referral flyer</u> to distribute to your family and friends through email and social media. Students can also pick up a sheet sale packet and mattress sale referral flyers in the band room.

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



POPE HOSTS LGPE @ LASSITER, March 19-21

Not only will Pope's three bands perform at LGPE on March 21st, but Pope is the organizer of the entire event, even though it is held at Lassiter HS. Together, with booster club parents/students from Lassiter and Kell, Pope will need to fill LOTS of shifts on these 3 days as we host 54 bands from 18 schools! The electronic sign-up will be available later in February. Please plan to volunteer for at least one shift throughout the three days (parents and students). Students can earn service hours. LGPE runs for approximately 12 hours each day! Shifts will generally be



in 3-hour increments and can include helping with registration, being an usher or judge runner, E-Team needs, or helping pass out music in the sightreading room. We will really need everyone's help, so please try to clear some time on your schedule and help make us all proud to represent Pope in our band community!

SEEKING HONOR MUSICIANS

The Pope Band Yearbook will include recognition of Pope students who have participated in honor ensembles and/or events that require auditions outside of Pope and CCSD. These include ASYO, GYSO Jazz Ensemble, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, Drum Corps, etc., for anything between June 2019 and May 2020. To ensure inclusion of your child's accomplishments, please email your child's name, instrument(s) and name of organization(s)/event(s) to <u>PopeBandPictures@gmail.com</u> no later than Friday 1/31.





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%.

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

If you are interested in coordinating any of the open sections, please contact Sue Sengpiel at susan.sengpiel@cpkelco.com. Thanks in advance!

1. Bassoons / Flutes / Oboes Grace Pichs			
2. Clarinets	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		
3. Horns	Susannah MacKay		
4. Saxophones	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		
5. Trumpets	Erica Werts		
6. Trombones	Amy O'Dell		
7. Euphoniums / T	ubas Gypsy Mims		
8. Percussion	Sheri Morgan		
9. Guard	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		