

Pope Band Notes



FROM THE DIRECTORS' PODIUM

Pope Students and Parents,

The Pope Band has been preparing for an incredible Showcase and Holiday Band Concert in December. Showcase has turned into one of the premier events for the school, and this year's show will be one to remember. The students have worked hard, and it's difficult to not be impressed by the professionalism and musicianship on display. We hope to see you at our December concerts!

Showcase: December 6 & 7 at 7:30 p.m. – Pope PAC – Tickets on sale on Pope Band Website

Holiday Concert: December 11 at 7:00 p.m. – Pope PAC

District Band and All-State (first round) auditions are around the corner. Auditions are December 14 at Marietta High School. Remember that an audition is a snapshot of your performance, but it does not define you as a person or a musician. Prepare to the best of your abilities and work hard at your craft. There's only one person's preparation you can control – yours. Here's hoping you all have a spectacular audition!

The Wind Symphony was selected to perform at the Georgia Music Educators In-Service Conference in Athens, Georgia. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share our gift of music with the music educators in our state. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our concert in Athens, Georgia. These students have been working so hard at our program and are truly remarkable musicians.

GMEA Preview Concert

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

7:00 p.m. - Lassiter Concert Hall

This concert is in collaboration with the Mabry Middle School Band (also selected to play at GMEA)

GMEA Performance

Thursday, January 23, 2020

8:15 p.m. - The Classic Center - Athens, GA

Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving Break!



Important Dates

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

December

- 6–7** **Winter Showcase** (Wind Sym & Fine Arts Department), 7:30 pm, PAC
- 10** Spirit Night at California Pizza Kitchen
- 11** **Holiday Concert** (Brass Ensemble, Concert & Symphonic Bands, and HTMS 8th Grade Band) 7pm, PAC
- 14** District Band/All-State Auditions, Marietta HS
- 23–31** Winter Break

January

- 1–3** Winter Break
- 11** All-State Second Round Auditions, Houston County HS
- 14** PBPA General Meeting, 7:30pm, Pope Cafeteria
- 15** **GMEA Preview Concert** (Wind Symphony), 7pm, Lassiter Concert Hall
- 18** Recycle Day, 9am-4pm
- 20** Wind Symphony Rehearsal, 10am-5pm
- 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

February

- 1** Symphonic Camp (Symphonic Band), 9am-5pm
- 7-9** District Honor Band
- 13** Swing-N-Sweets (Swingphonic and Jazz Bands)
- 17-21** Mid-Winter Break
- 29** Mattress Sale, 10am-5pm

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE PBPA GENERAL MEETING! NOVEMBER 19TH @ 7:30PM

Thank you to so many who came out to attend our PBPA General Meeting on November 19th! Although marching season may be over, there is always so much to learn and hear about the band program and upcoming events.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to reach out to your PBPA Co-Presidents Aimee Worley (aworley.pbpa@gmail.com) or Vanessa Lilly (avnlilly@gmail.com), or anyone else on the PBPA Board.

All contacts are on the band website at www.PopeBand.com under Resources — PBPA Info — PBPA Contacts.

GET INVOLVED!

It's hard to believe, but it's already time to begin thinking about next year's board!

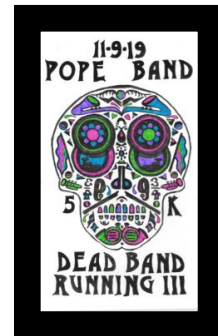
If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out to the PBPA Co-Presidents (Aimee Worley aworley.pbpa@gmail.com or Vanessa Lilly avnlilly@ymail.com). Serving on the board is an incredible way to give back to this amazing program. Whether you are interested in serving on the board or joining or leading any one of our many committees, we hope you will get involved! These four years go by very quickly and volunteering is a great and fun way to meet new friends and have a lot of laughs along the way!



DON'T MISS THE SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS!

Please join us for the annual Showcase of the Arts featuring the Fine Arts Department of Pope. Performances will be on Friday, December 6th or Saturday, December 7th at 7:30 pm in the Pope Performing Arts Center. The Wind Symphony, Mastery Orchestra, Chorus, and Drama Department will all perform. This is a wonderful way to get in the holiday spirit!

General Admission tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#) for \$10 each. If tickets are still available after online ticket sales are closed, tickets will be sold at the door for \$15.



DEAD BAND RUNNING 5K SUCCESS!

Thank you to all of our amazing students, parents, and staff for making Dead Band Running III the biggest and best yet! THANK YOU to everyone who registered to participate as well! It was a huge success, and planning for DBR IV will begin soon. Thank you for your support!

We also want to especially thank our wonderful sponsors! See page 3 for a complete list!

COMMUNITY SHOW - UNRIVALED ATTENDANCE!

The AWARD-WINNING competition show, 9 ¾, and the halftime show (featuring Guns N' Roses' *Sweet Child o' Mine*) have been performed for the last time this season. A record crowd turned out and joined the band for a wonderful night of music and food! Thank you to our food trucks—Boss Lady's Grillers, Peace of Pita, Tom + Chee, and Kona Ice — for sharing their profits with the band and helping us raise over \$2,700 for the night. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped advertise the show and to those who helped out during the evening's event.

It was a spectacular night!

DEAD BAND RUNNING SPONSORS

Dead Band Running is an amazing, fun event, and we couldn't do it without our fabulous sponsors!

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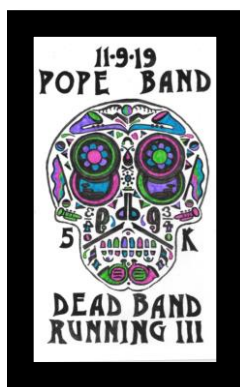
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INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY

Congratulations and thank you to the families who took advantage of the Braves opportunity we offered this season with Sprayberry High School Band. Most families were able to pay for this year's band fees, the trip to Florida, and some have even paid off their fees for next year!!

This is an amazing opportunity that can bring in credits into your student's account while enjoying the atmosphere at SunTrust park – and camaraderie between band parents!

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up for training next year, please contact Vanessa Lilly at avnlilly@gmail.com



BAND BUDDY PROGRAM ... IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

It's not too late to make a donation to the Pope Band Program and become a Band Buddy! Your donations help support the amazing work done by our directors, musicians, and booster club. Donors will be listed in the concert programs for the remainder of the year.

To become a Band Buddy, simply visit the band website (<http://www.popeband.com/band-buddydonations.html>), complete the form and send in your donation today! What a wonderful way to invest your year-end tax deductible charitable contribution.

A heartfelt thank you to those who have already donated in support of the program.

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PINE STRAW SALE!

We did it! We supplied 402 bales of pine straw to local residents in our community, and we raised \$600 for our band! A big thank you to all that supported the Pine Straw Fundraiser! We'll do it again next spring, so be on the lookout for dates in late April and early May.

POPE BAND ALUMNI RELATIONS

Help us connect to Pope Band Alumni! Spread the word or like and follow the [Alan C. Pope High School Band Alumni](#) page on Facebook! We need everyone's help to find ALL band alumni. THANK YOU in advance!

THANK YOU to our VOLUNTEERS!

It takes an army to run a program of this size and skill, and we couldn't do it without YOU!

Thank you to our AMAZING chaperone team for the countless hours spent caring for our kids. Hot weather to cold, morning to night, you were there to provide first aid and TLC and we appreciate you! We can't wait to do it all again next marching season!

THANK YOU to all the parents who helped this season with uniforms. It takes many busy hands to keep the band looking good and we appreciate every one of you! Thank you all!!

A big thank you to all of the E-Team members who stepped up to help this season. We are truly grateful to our E-Team community of parents for taking time out of their schedule to help whenever the band needed them. A special shout out to Jeremy Simpson, Tim Resh, and Sean Ruth who worked and drove tirelessly to make sure all equipment was built, maintained and taken to every game and competition- we appreciate your dedication. We had a lot of laughs and so much fun getting to know all the great parents we have in the Pope Band. We have truly loved these last four years with you—
Chris and Shell Jones

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET??

Don't waste another day! Holiday shopping is about to kick into high gear! Make those dollars count and earn money for the band program without spending an extra penny! In just a few minutes, 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!



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