Dear Band Members and Parents,

**Welcome to the Pope Band Program!**

As we begin marching season, you will become part of the largest, most visible activity at Pope High School. Through hard work and continued refinement, you will be a part of a performing organization unlike any other. You will make new friends, strengthen old friendships, learn to work with others, learn to set higher standards for yourself, and be a part of some memorable activities and events.

Following some fundamental music and movement training sessions over the spring, we begin the actual show at Band Camp, where the mood and pace for the entire season is established. We think that this year's show offers the opportunity to rise to new levels of achievement. We encourage each family to make the commitment to have a great year, to work together to support the band program, and, above all, to have fun!

The Directors and instructional staff are dedicated to providing the best opportunities possible for the students. The band program has established itself on a national level and is recognized everywhere we go for creating outstanding performances. In addition, the students are recognized for their dedication to excellence and their positive attitudes.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at future events.

Gary Gribble
Director of Bands

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