

Pope Band Notes

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8th GRADE NIGHT – OCTOBER 25TH

We Can't Wait !!

Thursday Meet N Greet and Field Rehearsal

On Thursday, October 24th from 6pm to 7pm, The Pope Band encourages all 8th graders attending 8th Grade Night to come and meet their sections in an informal gathering and join in a brief run through of the halftime performance. Our chaperones will be in attendance to provide assistance as is needed.

This evening is structured to allow students to become familiar with the school, the folks they'll be spending time with on Friday night and how the performance will run and what they are going to be doing. We know their directors have been working with them on the music that they will be playing on Friday, but on Thursday, Mr. Gribble will run them through the how's and when's of the evening. The goal is to make them as comfortable as possible so that they can have as much fun as possible.

Attire is comfortable, but appropriate, with closed toed shoes. Please no sandals, flip-flops or fashion shoes. Sneakers, "Runners", "Kicks", (whatever the kids call them) are suggested.

"Try and Top This" Tailgate Event

8th Grade Night and the Pope band tailgate dinner is planned for October 25th before the football game. 8th graders and the middle school chaperones should report to Pope HS by 5pm. Band members will be out in front of the school to meet and escort students back to the band room beginning at 4:45 pm. Dinner will be served in the field behind the band room beginning at 5pm.

A "Try and Top This" create-your-own baked potato and salad topping bar is sure to be a great hit with everyone. You are welcome to BYOM if you choose, drinks will be provided.

We really are looking forward to sharing a meal and getting to know you better. Band is about being together and making things happen together. No matter what you find yourself doing during your years with the Pope band, rehearsing, traveling, performing.... it's the time spent together that is most important. That's what makes it fun and memorable..

8th Grade Night Agenda

**Thursday, Oct 24th:
Meet N Greet and
Rehearsal @ Pope HS:**
6PM – 7PM

**Friday, Oct 25TH:
8th Grade Night @ PHS**

4:45pm
Drop-Off @ PHS front entrance

5:00pm
Tailgate dinner.

6:00pm
Unpack Instruments and warm-up with band.

7:00pm
March into Stadium

7:20pm
Perform with band in the stands.

Halftime
Perform on field with band in standing performance of Journey tunes

End of Game
March back to band room with the band.

Pick-Up
In the band room.

Have Questions ??

We have answers on the band website (www.popeband.com) . Go to "Resources" -> "Grade 8 Info." . On the main 8th Grade page you'll find summaries, announcements, pictures and videos. You will also be able to access pull down menus with archived newsletters, information about Italy and videos from 8th Grade Nights from prior years. If you don't find what you're looking for there contact your liaison:

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7TH and 8TH GRADE DRUMLINE

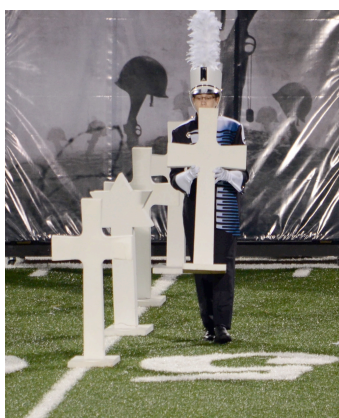
We have enjoyed watching the 7th and 8th grade percussionists from Hightower Trail and Dodgen Middle Schools work with Pope percussionists to create a JV Drumline that will perform on 8th Grade Night in the Pope Stadium. These middle school percussionists have been hard at work for the last month in preparation for this performance and are looking and sounding great! With three more rehearsals before their October 25th "debut" there is no telling how awesome they will be. Make sure that you're there to see and hear it first hand.



MARCHING SHOW DEBUTS WITH THE HELP OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

On October 1st the Pope High School marching band debuted the 2013 competitive marching show to the public at McEachern High School for the Cobb County Exhibition.

The show this year "Lest We Forget" is designed to be a tribute to those who have served their country in order to ensure our freedoms. The show represents the pride of service to our country, battles we have fought, the loss of those who made the ultimate sacrifice; and a solemn tribute to the



fallen. An honoring of those who are giving (or have already given) all for our freedom.

At the Exhibition show middle school students suited up and participated as members of our "Honor Guard" creating the "monument" to our fallen that is featured during the final movement of the show.

The show received a standing ovation and was a great success, getting our competitive season off to a stellar start.

SAVE THE DATE: NOV. 7TH "LEST WE FORGET" COMMUNITY SHOW

All are invited to attend the community showing of our competitive marching production in the Pope Stadium on Thursday, November 7th at 7pm. We will be performing without any of the pre or post football distraction, and with all the pomp and circumstance a show honoring our military service men and women deserves.

ALL military personnel will be admitted FREE of charge with military I.D. General public admission is \$5.00, middle school students and younger will be admitted without charge.

HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

At the community performance Pope HS band will be displaying a banner honoring the men and women connected to the Pope community who have served, or are serving, our country proudly in the military, past or present.

If you have a friend or family member who has served in the military and you would like to honor them, ***we encourage you to complete the order form before October 18th***. Go to the website (www.popeband.com) "Big Dates" > "Events" > "Community Show" > "Banner of Honor". For details and the order form.

All profits will be donated to local military organizations.

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