

# POPE Band Notes

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## BIG DATES FOR AUGUST

- CMB REHEARSAL: AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>, 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> - 6P/9P
- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>
- CMB REHEARSAL: AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> - 6P/9P
- POSSIBLE SECTIONALS: AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> - TIME TBA
- CMB REHEARSALS: AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup> - 6P/9P
- POSSIBLE SECTIONALS: AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> - TIME TBA
- CMB REHEARSALS: AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> - 6P/9P
- POSSIBLE SECTIONALS: AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup> - TIME TBA
- CMB REHEARSALS: AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup> - 6P/9P
- FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL: AUGUST 30TH

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## ITALY IN 2014 - ACT NOW

In 16 months the Pope HS Marching Band will be packing and finalizing details in preparation to fly to Italy and perform, tour and experience a beautiful rich culture. Any of our veteran members will tell you what a life changing event these trips are for our band students. Putting aside \$200 a month beginning now (August) will put you in a comfortable position when the time rolls around and payments are due. Take advantage now of the many fundraising opportunities available to help you get to Italy. Sign on to be part of the Dome and/or Verizon teams and start building an Italy trip fund in your student account this weekend.

**DID YOU KNOW:** The language of music is Italian. The word "scale" comes from *scala*, meaning "step." And *andante*, *allegro*, *presto*, and *vivace* are just a few of the many Italian musical notations.

**LANGUAGE LESSON:** Excuse me, do you speak English?  
Mi scusi, parli inglese?

## THANK YOU SO MUCH !!!

If you were one of the many parents who gave of their time, energy and support over the past 90 hours that was the 2013 Pope Band Camp, we can't tell you how much you are appreciated. Not just by the directors and staff but by all the kids; for being there when they needed sunscreen, bug spray, band aids, WATER, WATER and more WATER, for listening to their excitement and for encouraging them to keep it up when they were working hard but wanting to rest. You are appreciated by every parent who each night welcomed home their slightly toasted, very tired, but incredibly happy band kid. They had a great week and you were part of making that happen. THANK YOU!

For the parents who haven't had the chance to help out.. keep an eye on the "Volunteer Calendar" ([popeband.com](http://popeband.com)>"Volunteer">"Volunteer Calendar") for future opportunities. Scan through the calendar for days that you are available, look for the colorful "Helping Hand" icon and then click on that date to see the opportunities associated with that day. The rest is easy, just sign-up and join the fun.

Chaperone opportunities are listed and open for sign up through the end of August, additional dates will be opening shortly. Game day chaperone spots are a **hot ticket!** We are limited to the number of chaperones we can take to away games and the slots fill-up fast. Check your schedule now and get on-line to grab your spot.

Parents interested in working official events like games or parades will need to order the chaperone polo shirt from the website ([popeband.com](http://popeband.com)>"Volunteer">"Spirit/Volunteer Gear Shop"). No uniforms are needed for practices.

If you have any questions please feel free to email the Chaperone Coordinator, Jody Neja at [jodyneja@yahoo.com](mailto:jodyneja@yahoo.com).

Again, you have our sincere appreciation for all you've done or will be doing for our kids throughout the season and school year.

**REMIND101** : Is a communications tool for the band directors to pass along details and updates of any changes to the band schedule or activities. It's a free text service and is very easy to sign up for. Parents and students should both register with REMIND101. Directions and codes are on the website at:

[popeband.com](http://popeband.com)>"Resources">"Remind101 Info".

## LOCAL HONOR ENSEMBLES AUDITIONING INFORMATION

A great way to improve your musical skills and have some fun experiences is to join extra performing groups outside of school.

One of the unique opportunities that we enjoy in the metro-Atlanta area is a variety of honors ensembles. These groups are wonderful opportunities for our advanced students to rehearse and perform in different settings, meet students from other schools, and work with new conductors. They also are valuable additions to a college resume. WE have both band and orchestra options within easy driving distance.

Audition requirements vary, so check the websites of the organization(s) that you are interested in and make sure that you understand the application process and deadlines. **Check the rehearsal and performance calendar against ours so that you do NOT create unnecessary conflicts.** Good luck!

### LOCAL ENSEMBLES

*Metropolitan Youth Symphony Orchestra of Atlanta* (MYSO)

*Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra* (GYSO)

*Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra* (ASYO)

*Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony* (AYWS)

*Youth Bands of Atlanta* (YBA)

See website : ([popeband.com](http://popeband.com) > 'Resources' > 'Honor Ensembles') for additional information.

## WELCOME BACK GREYHOUNDS!

School begins with a full day on Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Band kids new to Pope are in a wonderfully unique position on what is usually an awkward first few days of school. **They have friends** and lots of them!! In addition to the kids they have gone to middle school with, now they also have their band family. People they have been marching with throughout the summer and have created bonds with. Familiar faces to wave at while walking through the hallways, people to look for and to sit with in the lunchroom, folks to help them with the ins and outs of the whats and wheres. The support they get from each other continues throughout the school year, but is especially helpful in these first days and is a critical part in successfully settling in at Pope.

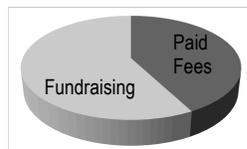
A few things that your band kids need to know for the start of school:

- **Students should bring their instruments (both marching AND concert instruments) to school on the FIRST day.** (Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>)
- All students will be issued a band locker for instrument storage. It is the students' responsibility to keep the locker secured at all times. Please use locker for band related material only.
- The band room is open at approximately 7:45 each morning for instrument drop-off or extra practice.
- Students who come to the band room during any period other than their band class must have a pass from the band directors.
- Students are not allowed to eat lunch in the band hallway. Eat in the cafeteria first, then come to the band room if you intend to practice during your lunch period.

It's been a great start to the new season with an awesome band camp in the bag. With all that momentum already going strong this has all the markings of being an impressive year on every level.

## HOW DOES THE MUSIC PROGRAM GET FUNDED?

That's a great question, glad you asked! To begin with, keep in mind that every year our music and arts programs are in danger of losing funding from our school districts; some of it or all of it, the threat is always looming. The most consistent way we can ensure the health of our program is by what we bring to it. The funding sources never fall out the same way

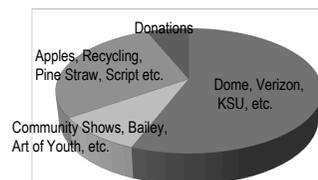


twice. Last year it looked like this; Paid Fees (CMB, FNB, concert band) accounted for approximately 42% of funds raised to run the program while Community Fundraising efforts and Donations amounted to about 58% of the total. If that 58% of funding was not brought in through efforts like Script,

Verizon, Apple Sales, the list goes on, *it would have to be folded into the fees charged to the students* and, of course, would raise the individual costs significantly. Quite possibly even pricing our selves right out of a music program all together. Then the question becomes, how can we ensure the continued health of our program?

That's kind of an easy question to answer in theory. In actuality ... well that's up to each one of us and the effort we're willing to make on an individual basis. There is no argument that we all can't do every fundraising opportunity presented, but what is irrefutable is that every effort matters to the big picture and we all need to do what we can to contribute to the stability and future well being of our music program. We all make the difference. We all impact the bottom line.

When it comes to our fundraising opportunities we have something for everyone. If you're a baker, we've got the apple sale coming up. If you shop for anything, we'll have details on the website soon for our Script program, which is a sit on your couch, shop on you computer and earn easy money for Pope program. The bottom line, we need you to be involved. There's a lot of fun to be had with these programs too, so come on let's join forces and gettardone!



### MARCHING

Everyone in Competition Marching Band and Friday Night Band should have been measured and assigned their marching uniform by this time. The biggest need at this time of the season are usually:

- New Marching Shoes (PLEASE make sure yours fit NOW)
- White Gloves

Maybe you didn't realize how quickly our marchers can wear down a set of shoes or thought you could get those gloves white again.... Not a problem, just contact Maria Staggs, Marching Uniform Coordinator extraordinaire, at [mariastaggs@bellsouth.net](mailto:mariastaggs@bellsouth.net) to find out how you can get whatever marching uniform situation you may have squared away.

### - UNIFORMS -

- Concert attire takes a little more time to get measured up, ordered and squared away. Thanks to the expert organizational skills of our Concert Uniform Coordinator, Ms. Brewer, we're always ready for that first concert of the season and looking sharp.
- The process will begin the second week of school with the girls getting measured first. Their dresses need to be ordered, so consequently take longer. After the girls have been measured the boys will be assigned a tuxedo complete with a jacket and pants. Male students will need to provide a tux shirt, cummerbund, bow tie, cuff links and studs. All students will need black shoes.
- Additional details and associated costs are on the website at: ([popeband.com](http://popeband.com)>"News">"General News")

### CONCERT

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** We have so many great events coming up in the months ahead. Be on the lookout for details on these two seasonal favorites:

**APPLE SALES:** If you love baking or just love apples, this one is for you. Multiple varieties of locally grown apples are available for purchase.

**PINE STRAW:** Every homeowner's fall favorite. Order it and have it delivered right to your drive. Doesn't get much better than that!

**ALL PROFITS FROM THESE SALES GO TO SUPPORT OUR BAND.** If you are interested in lending a hand for any event contact Jill Warbington at [dannyjill@bellsouth.net](mailto:dannyjill@bellsouth.net)