

Pope Band Notes

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Marching Band Summer

As we enter summer break, we do have some marching band activities to keep us in shape and get us ready for the Fall season. Depending on your level of participation, you will be asked to attend at different times.

Tuesday nights starting in June, we have rehearsals for conditioning, playing endurance, and preliminary work on show music. These are open to any members of the Competition Band AND/OR the Friday Night Band. We know some people will be on vacation during specific weeks. This is no problem, but we do expect attendance if you are in town. These rehearsals will help build the skills necessary for stronger performances in the Fall. They will also allow you to meet and better get to know the members of your section and the band as a whole. Check the calendar at www.popeband.com for any updates (we have cancelled one of the Tuesday rehearsals due to a school building shutdown day).

Pre Band Camp is for Competition Band members only. We will do work on music memorization and set some preliminary drill spots.

Band Camp week is for both Competition Band AND Friday Night Band members. Competition members are there for the full day, while Friday Night members only rehearse from 6-7 p.m. each day. We will set the formations for the halftime show during those 6-7p.m. blocks of time.

Following Band Camp, Rehearsals on Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday are for Competition members only.

Fridays from 4-5 p.m. are rehearsals for the Friday Night Band members/halftime show.

Make sure you get outside during summer and acclimate to working in the heat. We have a big season planned and we need members functioning rather than sitting out during rehearsals. Get outside, move around, and get ready for an amazing marching season!



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FUNDRAISING UPDATE

RECYCLING

A huge THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who made this past year's recycling fundraiser such a successful event. We raised over \$30,000 for the 2014-2015 school year. We could not have done this without the help of each and every one of you. These funds will go a long way towards enrichment for our students in the band program. Please save the dates for the next recycling days on August 22, 2015 and January 9, 2016. We will also have a recycling date in April or May. With your help, we hope to once again have a successful 2015-2016 recycling fundraiser. Have a great summer!

PINESTRAW

PBPA's Spring Pine Straw Fundraiser recently wrapped up. We wanted to thank our band families for buying the pine straw and helping us spread the word about the sale. Through the Fall and Spring Sale we were able to meet our budgeted fundraising goal. The Pine Straw sale has the potential of being an important part of PBPA's efforts to raise funds to support our band program. Please look for information on the Fall Pine Straw after the new school year begins.

BAND CAMP SUMMER 2015

What to expect when you're expecting...your kid to survive band camp!!

1. Hydration and breakfast! Your kids will likely be working harder physically than they have ever worked before (at least full time for 5 days straight!). They need to start the day with food and water or Gatorade in their belly. Caffeinated beverages are tempting when folks are exhausted, but they are also diuretics, not a band kid friend. We will keep them hydrated once they are at school, but they feel so much better if they start the day that way!
2. Fun! Ask your kids about theme day, their section leader, what they did at mandatory fun night. This is a unique experience in their lives and it is hard but FUN! It is ok to stop by and just watch once and awhile even if you can't stay to chaperone, even if they say they don't want you to. You will be amazed at how much these kids will learn in one fast week!
3. Exhaustion and crankiness! They will be tired and sore, and maybe a little grumpy, but by the end of the week they will also be proud of what they have accomplished.
4. Punctuality, please! Please be on time for pick up, about 15-20 minutes later than the end of practice. Since chaperones often put in a long day and have to stay until all kids are picked up, we get cranky too if we have to sit outside for too long after practice! ☺
5. Early is on time...on time is late! This is the ultimate in good advice! Students need time to unpack their stuff, socialize, etc. so that they can be ready to start when the directors need them. Every minute is important during band week!

Band Camp Facts: Band camp is a huge part of marching band, and we need your help in several ways:

Paperwork: Please, please, please turn in your paperwork! If your child does not have his/her General Consent, Medical Consent, and Medical Information forms filled out and turned in PRIOR to band camp he/she will be required to call you, then sit out on the sidelines until you bring the completed forms to camp.

Supplies: You will receive an email soon regarding donations each member is required to bring at the start of band camp. This generally includes cups, Gatorade powder, soda, bottled water, or sidewalk chalk, depending on what we need. We need everyone to bring supplies!

Chaperoning: We need about 280 chaperone hours filled during camp! If the kids are at school, so are chaperones. We arrive before they do, and stay until they are all picked up. You can sign up on CHARMS, each day is divided into shifts of about 3 to 4 hours, and we need at least 4 chaperones per shift. To sign up go to the date on the calendar you wish to work and click on the colorful hand. You can work as little or much as you wish!

Hospitality: The hospitality committee will need help serving students and staff dinner each day. Please watch for communication from them.

Staff/Volunteer Luncheon: Each day of band camp lunch is provided for the staff and volunteer staff with funds from the band camp budget. This includes about 20-25 people. We need a person or group of parents to plan and serve lunches. We could even team up in sections, and have parents in one or two sections each take one day to lighten the load. Please let me know if you are willing to help!

If you have any questions about staff lunches, band camp, chaperoning, or band in general, please don't hesitate to email Jody Neja at jodyneja@yahoo.com, or stop by summer practices.

CONGRATULATIONS ON XPLOSION

Congratulations to the band, winter/color guard and directors on 3 amazing shows of Xplosion!! As if May wasn't busy enough, our talented students took on 3 nights of Xplosion this year entertaining crowds with big marching band numbers, jazz, small group ensembles, percussion antics, winter/color guard, singing, and an iPad extravaganza. This show is unlike any other in the area and always a crowd pleaser. Thanks to the students and directors for the phenomenal entertainment, and thanks to the many volunteers who helped behind the scenes with food trucks, publicity, concessions, recordings and ticket sales. We couldn't have done it without your support! We are already looking forward to what's in store for next year's Xplosive show! If you are interested in purchasing a DVD to remember Xplosion 2015, please follow the link on the Pope Band website under News - Xplosion DVD sale.

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