

# Pope Band Notes

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night in Pope Stadium Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>



For the first time in Pope Band history, we will invite 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members to **join the Pope Band on the Stadium Field to perform at half time**. During this *standing performance* (No Marching – Just LOTS of FUN) we will be performing our Friday Night Band show comprised of JOURNEY tunes featuring “Don’t Stop Believin” and “Any Way You Want It”.

Mr. Gribble, Director of Bands, will be holding a rehearsal on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6-7 pm, to allow our visitors the opportunity to run through the tunes, meet current band members, and get familiar with the surroundings here at Pope. 8<sup>th</sup> graders should wear closed toe (and heel) shoes and appropriate, but comfortable, clothing to the rehearsal. Middle school directors have already been given the Journey music and will be working with their respective 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands on the music prior to the October 24<sup>th</sup> rehearsal.

Details for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night event are still in development, but the broad strokes for the evening are as follows:

- At 5 pm students will be our guest at a tailgate supper with the Pope Band.
- After dinner, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be teamed up with Pope band members who will escort students into the band room for full band warm-ups with their sections.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders will then march into the Pope Stadium in line with the Pope band.
- Immediately following the game, 8<sup>th</sup> graders will march with the band back to the band room to await pickup by their parents.

Please know that all 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be closely supervised by band parents and middle school chaperones the entire evening. As additional details develop, we will send them to your middle school directors as well as post them to the band website ([www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com) > Resources > Grade 8 Info). Please don't hesitate to contact your middle school liaison if you have any questions or concerns.



## CONTACTS:

### Middle School Liaisons

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### Band Website:

[www.PopeBand.com](http://www.PopeBand.com)  
Resources>Grade 8 Info.

## New Concert Season Begins in September

Come join us to kick the concert season off on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Pope Theater. All three of our concert bands will perform. Additional details listed on the band website ([www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com) > Big Dates).

# POPE PERCUSSION TO HAVE JV DRUMLINE

**Hightower Trail and Dodgen percussionists in grades 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> are invited to join the JV Drumline. Students districted for either Pope or Walton are eligible to be members.** This program is free of charge and only requires that JV Drumline members attend five (5) of the (6) scheduled rehearsal dates in order to perform at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night event on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

JV Drumline members will work with current members of the Pope Drumline as well as Pope Percussion Director, Paula Williams, in development of their talents, basic drumline techniques, formations, and cadences.

Students should wear closed toe (and heel) shoes, preferably sneakers with good arch support. Clothing should be comfortable while being of appropriate length and coverage. A brimmed cap and sunglasses are advisable, as is sunscreen.

Any questions should be directed to Paula Williams, Percussion Director, at [kindred65@mac.com](mailto:kindred65@mac.com)



Following is the full rehearsal schedule:

- September 12<sup>th</sup> – 5p/6p
- September 19<sup>th</sup> – 5p/6p
- September 26<sup>th</sup> – 5p/6p
- October 10<sup>th</sup> – 5p/6p
- October 17<sup>th</sup> – 5p/6p
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – 5p/6p

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## Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Big Dates

- September 12<sup>th</sup> – JV Drumline Begins, 5p in Pope Band room
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Symphonic and Concert Season Kick-Off, Pope Theater
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night Rehearsal, 6p meet in Band Room
- October 25<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night Event
  - 5p for tailgate dinner, Pope HS
  - JV Drumline Performance



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