

Pope Band

Notes and Chatter

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8th GRADE NIGHT EVENTS UPDATE

8th Grade Night is a night that the Pope Band members really look forward to. Freshmen are excited to visit with old school mates and welcome them to a program that they have come to really enjoy being a part of. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors love the excitement of the night and acting as mentors for the evening. Our Music Directors have chosen a Bruno Mars medley as the Friday Night half-time show, which is a whole lot of fun for all to perform and our Percussion Directors and Color Guard Directors have been working with their respective JV programs in anticipation of their 8th Grade Night performance!! To top it all off Pope is playing Roswell High School, always a great game AND it's Matt Hobby Night. The party doesn't get much better than that.

On **Thursday, October 9th** students will meet at Hightower Trail Middle School for rehearsal and pizza dinner. Dodgen Middle School students will take a bus from Dodgen to Hightower Trail for the rehearsal. After the rehearsal at Hightower Trail all the 8th grade students will eat pizza together before boarding the bus for transport to Pope High School. Once at Pope, 8th graders will watch the Pope band rehearse and then mix and mingle with current band members and section leaders. Parents should pick their students up at 7:00pm in the driveway adjacent to the school building. Students should wear comfortable clothes and closed toe shoes.

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN! (10/10) Don't forget your instrument !!! Any instrument questions should be directed to your band directors. Students should arrive at Pope HS at 5:15pm. Pope Band students will be on hand to direct MS students where to store their instruments and items. Please dress weather appropriate, but in general students should wear long pants such as jeans, and closed toe shoes such as sneakers. Students will be given a Pope band t-shirt to wear that evening.

Middle school students will join the Pope band students for a pasta dinner provided by our Pope band parents. After dinner all students will warm-up in the band room and then march out to the field together with the Pope band. The whole band, including 8th graders, will perform on the field for the half-time show and after the game has concluded 8th graders will watch the Pope Competition Band perform their show "RELIC" on the field. Once the performance has concluded, 8th graders will march with the Pope Band back into the band room where they will be dismissed to their parents. For safety reasons, we are not able to send students out into the parking lot to search for their parents. Please come to the band room to check out your student with your band directors.

We encourage you to visit the Pope Band website at www.PopeBand.com >"MS & Alumni" > "Middle School Info." for additional information and a downloadable itinerary.

SPIN CLUB (JV Color Guard)

Pope Color Guard Director, Alexis Velez and her coaching team have started a "Spin Club" for the middle school students interested. They began meeting on Mondays after fall break and have been working toward the performance that we will see on 8th Grade Night!!

Break a leg Spinners, we can't wait to see what you have in store for us!

JV DRUMLINE

For the second year in a row, Percussion Director, Paula Williams and current Pope percussionists have been working with 7th and 8th grade percussionists who attend both Dodgen and Hightower Trail Middle Schools in preparation for a joint performance on the track for 8th grade night.

If last year was any indication of the exceptional performance that returning JV members will be building on We are really looking forward to what they have in store.



8TH GRADE ITINERARIES**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
REHEARSAL**

4p	Dodgen takes bus to HTTMS
4:15-5:15p	Rehearse at HTTMS
5:15p	Pizza @ HTTMS then Bus to Pope HS
6 – 7p	Rehearse w/ Pope
7p	Dismissed to MS directors

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
8TH GRADE NIGHT**

5-5:15P	Arrive at Pope HS w instruments
5:15-6:15p	Pasta Dinner w Pope band
6:15p	Warm-up in Band Room
6:50p	Line-up & March to Stadium
7:10p	Seated in Stands
7:30p	Game kicks off
Halftime	Friday Night band performs w/ MS students
Post game	Pope Competition band performs

Following the competition band performance, all students (including MS) will march back to the band room and will be dismissed from the band room.

**8th GRADE NIGHT
DINNER MENU**

- Pasta with your choice of meat sauce, marinara sauce or Alfredo sauce,
- Caesar salad,
- Bread,
- Dessert and
- Drink.

**FOOTBALL GAME PRICING:**

- Ticket for Game: \$7.00 each
No children's pricing.
- Parking: \$5.00

**POPE CONCERT & RECEPTION
OCTOBER 1ST – POPE GYM**

All three Pope bands will be playing at the concert season opening performance on Wednesday, October 1st. The concert will be held in the Pope Main Gymnasium and is scheduled to begin at 7pm. As a special treat the entire 8th grade concert band from Hightower Trail Middle School will be joining in and playing WITH the Pope band in the closing number of the night.

In celebration of this momentous evening the PBPA will be hosting a reception immediately after the concert in the Pope Cafeteria. We hope that you will come enjoy the concert and mix and mingle with our Pope family afterwards at the reception.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
AT POPE HIGH SCHOOL**

APPLE SALE: October brings cool weather, cozy sweaters and the Pope Band Apple Sale!! Watch our website at www.PopeBand.com "Support Us" webpage for order forms, and details. These apples are picked from an apple farm in North Georgia. It doesn't get much fresher than that!!

COMMUNITY SHOW: On October 30th the Pope Competition Band will perform their show "RELIC" without all the distraction of that noisy football game! The performance will be held in the Pope Stadium. Details to follow as they are finalized. Watch our website for start time and ticket prices.

Check our website at: www.PopeBand.com
For additional information on these items and much more.