

# Pope Band Notes

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- The Middle School Edition -

## Hawaii/Pearl Harbor Memorial in November 2016

We know it's only December of 2015 but, in November 2016, the Marching Band is going to Hawaii to join the Waikiki Holiday Parade for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor. We would love for your child to join us!

The trip will be six days, leaving Wednesday, November 23, 2016. The cost will be approximately \$2,700–\$3,300, which covers airfare, hotel, attraction fees, and most of the meals. We will be sending more information, including narrowing down the price range, as soon as our travel agency has more details. We'll also provide information about how to sign up for the travel service that will help schedule our plans so you can start saving for this once-in-a-lifetime trip! We know everyone is excited to get started and so are we...please be patient and we'll be in touch soon with more. GO POPE!

## How to Pay for It All

The Pope Band has a reputation for planning incredible trips for its students. Visiting Hawaii with a Pearl Harbor survivor is one of those experiences that will leave a lasting impression on your child...but many of us parents are wondering how in the world to pay for it all?!?...Luckily, the Dome and Scrip are two ways you can support the band and earn money to pay for your child's expenses. Read about both below.

## "Working the Dome"

The Georgia Dome has contracted with us for many years to work as suite attendants and runners for all Falcon home games and other select events.

- Establish your Student Account through Charms. See the next page for details.
- Adults and students 18 or older can work. Double dipping is allowed—when you and your student work, you both get an equal share of that day's earnings.
- You have to complete an online alcohol training course before you can work.
- It's a long day with lots of standing and walking (no sitting disease here!). As an example, for a 1 pm game, we carpool from Pope at 6:30 am, spend the morning preparing suites, serve the parties in each one, and clean up afterwards, usually getting back to Pope around 7 pm.
- There's a \$50 buy-in per family the first time you work. Remember, this is one of our major fundraisers. The \$50 funds our many band programs.
- 70% of what you earn goes into your Student Account; the remaining 30% goes to the band. These are some examples of last year's earnings. You can see how quickly the funds add up to pay for all your student's band expenses!

Event Date	Total/Person	70% Student Account	30% Band
09/18/2014	\$416.76	\$291.73	\$125.03
11/23/2014	\$208.76	\$146.13	\$ 62.63
12/06/2014	\$297.32	\$208.12	\$ 89.20

Can you still participate this year (even as an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent)? Yes! We have Dome events to staff on December 5, 27, and 31 and January 3.

Learn more about this fundraiser by visiting [www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com) then Support Us>Georgia Dome or contact our team leader, Daina Kramer, at [dainakramer@yahoo.com](mailto:dainakramer@yahoo.com).

## You're Invited to the Showcase of the Arts

December 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30 pm

Lassiter Concert Hall

The annual Fine Arts Showcase features members of the Pope Wind Symphony, Chorus, and Orchestra. The Art Department will display work by their students in the lobby and the Drama students will present scenes between musical selections. Tickets are available by clicking on the link from the home page at [www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com). No tickets will be sold at the door. This evening of holiday music is typically sold out so order your tickets early!

## Come to the Winter Concert and Reception

December 8<sup>th</sup>

7 pm

Hightower Trail

The Hightower Trail 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band will perform with the Pope Symphonic Band, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, and 7<sup>th</sup> Period Percussion Ensemble for our annual Winter Concert. Admission is free and so are the desserts afterward! Come to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Commons to meet Pope Band families, enjoy some holiday treats, and learn how your child can continue his or her band experience in high school.

Visit us at: [www.PopeBand.com](http://www.PopeBand.com)

## ***“Shop With Scrip” (aka Free Money)***

We get asked to participate in lots of fundraisers through school and other organizations. What if there was a fundraiser where someone else supported our kids instead of us? That's exactly what ShopWithScrip is all about. It's fundraising while you do your normal shopping... and the retailers contribute to our band program!

ShopWithScrip offers plastic and e-cards for over 700 retailers with a percentage rebate that comes back to our band...and your Student Account. Rebates get split 50/50 so this is an easy way to earn money for your student's band expenses. Here's an example.



Need new clothes? Pay with Scrip and earn a 14% rebate.

Shop then pay with Scrip	\$200	
Get a Rebate from Scrip	\$28	\$14 to Band \$14 to Student Account

Think the rebates don't add up to very much? Think again. One of our families has earned \$3,250 by using Scrip for their everyday shopping—gas, groceries, movies, dining out, hotels, sports equipment. That's \$1,625 for the band and \$1,625 in their Student Account (two years' worth of band fees or more than half of the Hawaii trip).

Get started at [www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com)>Support Us>SCRIP or email [popebandscrip@gmail.com](mailto:popebandscrip@gmail.com).

## **Set Up Your Student Account in Charms**

Contact John Sherwin at [jsherwin.pbpa@gmail.com](mailto:jsherwin.pbpa@gmail.com) to create your account then access Charms as follows.

- Go to [www.popeband.com](http://www.popeband.com), Resources, then Charms. Type “popehsband” and press “Enter Charms.”
- Enter your password.
- Set up your profile in order to get band emails. Click “Update Info” at the bottom to add your student then press “Update” to save.
- Select “Add New Adult” and “Update” to save.
- Select “Finances” for your Student Account.
- Select “Volunteer” to sign up for Dome events.

## **Looking for the Perfect Holiday Gift?**

Would you like to give your child something they won't outgrow or stop using after a while? How about the gift of friends, character, confidence, laughter and teamwork? As you think about next year's class schedule, consider what your student will gain by continuing in band.

“Our son was reluctant to commit to band but enjoyed playing the trombone in middle school. We convinced him to try one year because we had heard really great things about it. He broke his ankle a week before band camp but the band directors and students embraced him and made it possible for him to still feel like part of the band. He missed a lot of the practices but stayed with it and ended up marching in the competitions. In one year I saw him develop from a very shy kid with not a lot of motivation to one that was fully embracing the band group and sticking with something that required a lot of time and dedication. The maturity that he has developed and the friendships he has made are directly related to the wonderful band program.”  
— Lisa M.

“My son was hooked on the trumpet from day one in middle school and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Night at a Pope football game sealed the deal for him wanting to join the marching band. He made his decision that night and never looked back despite cautionary tales from his older siblings about how it would pin him in socially. In fact, it may well have but with a much different outcome than his brother and sister had anticipated. Instead of feeling “out” of the “in crowd,” he's found a group of friends that remain his best, three years later, and the Pope Band has become his family at school, a place where he belongs, feels accepted unconditionally, and where he has gained a strong sense of self-worth, accomplishment, and pride!” — Val B.

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