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A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students

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IMPORTANT DATES

January 21	PSAT Results Meeting, 5:45 PM
January 21	Open House and PTSA Meeting, 6:30 PM
January 21	Math 1 & 2 Information Meeting, 8:25 PM
January 25	AP/Honors Meeting, 6:30 PM
January 26	Financial Aid Meeting, 7:00 PM

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

The Cobb County School District is conducting its annual School Improvement Survey to give individual feedback to schools as to how each is performing according to its stakeholders in the areas of: curriculum, assessment, instruction, planning and organization, professional learning, leadership, school culture, student, family and community. Please take the time to give us feedback as to how we are doing as a school. We value your input and seek to improve continuously. The surveys are anonymous and the results will be returned to the school at the end of April. Please pick up and return all forms (one per family) to the collection bin located at the PPO desk or complete the survey online at <http://www.cobbk12.org/sisurvey> by **February 12**. Forms will also be available during Open House.

MATH INFORMATION MEETING

We will have a meeting for all interested Math 1 and Math 2 parents after the PTSA Open House on **Thursday, January 21**.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/HONORS NIGHT

AP/Honors Meeting on **Monday, January 25** at 6:30 PM in the Pope cafeteria. There will be an overview of the programs with questions and answers about the different levels, what courses to take next year, etc. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

PTSA NEWS

PTSA GENERAL MEETING/OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the second semester Open House and PTSA General Meeting, **Thursday, January 21** at 6:30 PM in the Pope theater. Come and meet your students' teachers. PTSA will provide cookies and lemonade during your students' lunch period in the cafeteria. We will also have Pope Spirit Wear available for purchase.

PTSA COMMITTEE CHAIR OPENINGS

We have two openings on the PTSA Board. If you would like to get involved we are looking for chairpersons for the Exceptional Children and Legislative Committees. For more information, contact Joyce Bahorich at joycepta@comcast.net or Karen Ponticelli at klpont@gmail.com.

POPE and CCSD JOIN SOCIAL NETWORKS

Pope High School and the Cobb County School District have joined the social networking movement. You can now follow Pope on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/popehsptsa>, and the Cobb County School District at <http://twitter.com/CobbSchools>. You can also become a fan of Pope High School on Facebook at <http://ow.ly/Xttk>. These social networking sites are great ways to get up-to-the-minute news. If you don't already have Twitter and/or Facebook accounts, you will need to create them. They're free. C'mon and join us.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLUB

Valentine's Card Drive for Powers Ferry Elementary: Community Outreach is asking for your generosity by purchasing boxes of Valentine's Day cards for the children at Powers Ferry Elementary. We need over **500 boxes** of Valentine's Day cards so each child can participate in their class Valentine Day exchange on February 12. Please bring your NEW boxes of Valentine's Day cards to the white donation bin behind PPO no later than **February 8**.

Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Drive: Start saving your worn out athletic shoes for our upcoming collection drive to be held in April to commemorate Earth Day. The shoes we recycle for Nike will be turned into Nike Grind which is a material used in making athletic and playground surfaces, as well as some Nike products. Large Nike collection bins will be located around the school starting in March. Please note that only non-metal ATHLETIC shoes (any brand) will be accepted (i.e., no sandals, flip-flops, or cleats will be accepted).

Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Drive: Collection boxes will soon be placed near the vending machines for this year-round collection drive. In the interim, please place any tabs you've already collected in the box inside the white collection bin behind PPO. Money earned from recycling the tabs will help offset expenses for the families who stay at Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses each year.

If you have questions concerning any of the Community Outreach activities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com

FOUNDATION NEWS

The Pope Foundation is looking for sponsors for the second annual Greyhound Gala on **Saturday, February 27**. There are a variety of sponsorship levels available to accommodate any budget. If you, or your company, are interested in becoming a sponsor, or know of a business who might be interested, please contact co-chairs Julie Pederson at barefootedone@aol.com or Dania Tarquino at daniatarquino@comcast.net. For you Facebook users, there is now a Greyhound Gala page that you can become a 'Fan' of! Next time you're on Facebook, join the fun by becoming a fan of "Pope High School Foundation Greyhound Gala".

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

PSAT RESULTS/GAcollege411 WORKSHOP

On **Thursday, January 21** in the Pope media center at 5:45 PM (before spring Open House), we will hold a meeting to discuss the PSAT results. **BRING YOUR CHILD'S PSAT SCORE REPORT WITH YOU TO THIS MEETING.** The PSAT results were distributed to Juniors prior to winter break, and all Sophomores should have received their results during AO this week.

NACAC COLLEGE FAIR

The NACAC College Fair in Atlanta will be held **Sunday, January 24**, from noon – 4:00 PM at the Georgia International Convention Center. Make plans now to attend the fair. Idea! Print a page of labels with your name and contact information to use instead of having to write that information every time you stop by a college's table!

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Financial Aid Night will be **Tuesday, January 26**, at 7:00 PM in the Pope Theater. A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will present financial aid information including instruction in regard to completing the FAFSA. Bring all your financial aid questions! All parents are encouraged to attend.

SENIOR NEWS

GRADUATION DATE ANNOUNCED

Graduation will be **Friday, May 21, 2010** at 6:30 PM at Roswell Street Baptist Church.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many scholarships available in the Counseling Office and on the Counseling website. Please check out the website or stop by the Counseling Office to see Ms. Sabo. We want these scholarships to go to our Pope students! Deadlines are approaching very quickly! Don't wait!

Margie Hatfield Community Service Scholarship: Do you know a Pope high school senior who has done an outstanding job with community service and citizenship during his or her high school career? Encourage him/her to apply for the ECCC PTA Margie Hatfield Scholarship. The Eastern Cobb County Council PTA created the Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund in order to honor the dedication and years of service given by Mrs. Hatfield to the youth of our Council PTA. She is a Past President of the ECCC PTA who served three consecutive terms. A great emphasis will be placed on the service records and citizenship of the winning applicants, as this embodies the philosophy of the PTA. The Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund will award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the six winners, one from each ECCC PTA high school. Applications are now available online at www.ecccpta.org. Applications must be postmarked no later than **January 30, 2010**. Winners will be notified by March 12, 2010 and honored at the March 30, 2010 General Meeting of the Eastern Cobb County Council PTA. Don't let this incredible opportunity slip by a deserving student from Pope!

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

BLOOD DRIVE

Dodgen Middle School will be hosting a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, January 26** from 2:30 PM -7:30 PM in the Dodgen cafeteria. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be handling the drive. Students, age 16 may donate with parental permission, and students age 17 and older may donate without parental permission. Donors may choose either a Georgia Bulldog or GTech Yellowjacket tshirt to show what colors they "bleed". Appointments are preferred but not required. Please contact Marge Cavitt, vicepresident@dodgenptsa.org , for more information.

CHARITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Charity Soccer Tournament will be held on **Saturday, February 6:** Arctic Thunder (Pope)....Nigerian Nightmare (Walton).... Spartan Heroes (Wheeler).... Join the action as these teams and others face off for a fun round of soccer tournament play. Students from area high schools will join founders Andrew Fennell (Pope HS Class of 2011) and Ben Holley (Wheeler HS Class of 2011) at the McCleskey East Cobb YMCA starting at 9:00 AM. Although a winner will definitely be declared, the real winners will be kids who might have had to miss summer soccer camp this year due to these tough economic times. It's just \$15 for advance registration, and \$25 the day of. Bring a team or join one that already exists. Go to <http://www.active.com/soccer-league/marietta-ga/charity-soccerthon-2010> to register. 100% of net proceeds will go to the YMCA to fund summer camp scholarships; hope you can join us. For more information or questions send an email to benefit.soccer@gmail.com.

NOTEWORTHY 5K RUN/WALK

A race for people of note! Come join us February 20 at 8:00 AM for the inaugural benefit run for the Cobb Symphony Orchestra. It doesn't matter if you run allegro or walk andante, you won't fall flat. Your tempo will be welcome and you will be a key participant supporting one of Cobb's finest musical organizations in this signature event. Enjoy door prizes and refreshments, and pre-register to be guaranteed a sharp T-shirt! There will be fun for the entire family, with special awards to first overall male and female winners, overall masters male and female winners, and awards three deep in 15 semi-decade age groups. View all of the race day information, register on-line or download the registration form and fax, mail or e-mail it in. Register today! Join others to sponsor and help raise funds for the Cobb Symphony Orchestra and all of its affiliated programs. Go to this site for more information <http://cobbsymphony.org/noteworthy.htm>

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Congratulations to the wrestling team. They finished second in the state at the state duels in Macon. They defeated Stephenson, Brookwood, and Camden County. They were defeated by Collins Hill in the finals. This is the second year in a row that the team has finished second.

Congratulations to the girls' basketball team. They defeated Kell on Friday. The boys' team lost a heartbreaker in the final minute.

Congratulations to the swim team. The girls finished 1st overall in their meet on Saturday by defeating Milton, Marist, and Lassiter. The boys finished second, and Pope finished first overall.

GO HOUNDS!

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