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HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students
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Send submissions to houndhighlights@popeptsa.org ♦ Deadline: Tuesdays 5PM

IMPORTANT DATES

October 19	Blood Drive
October 19	Freshman Parent Night: HS 101, 7:00 PM
October 21	Early Release, 1:25 PM
November 3	No School – Election Day

FROM MR. BEAULIEU

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

As you all know, we have had some serious issues with our front entrance this year. The delays that X-Block presented seem to be miniscule compared to what we are dealing with on an every day basis as of late. As it now stands, the drainage work is almost complete, but the integrity of the turning lane is temporarily compromised. According to the director of construction, they should have the turning lane re-opened within the next week or two, weather permitting.

I have also received many questions from parents regarding a second entrance. I am currently working with county office officials to upgrade the priority level of this project.

GRADE REPORTING

I would like to thank the school council for the great job they have done this year. The school council's job is to act as a communication liaison between the school and community. At the last meeting, there was an overwhelming concern about how grades get calculated and how grades will be reported on the new schedule. The following is a quick cheat sheet that will hopefully answer any questions or concerns. Also, grade reporting and calculating GPA is done the same way by our neighboring traditional scheduled schools.

Students in all GPS Math courses (Math 1&2, Math 1&2 Support, and Accelerated Math 1, 2, & 3) will receive their **final grade** at the end of the school year. Their grade at the end of first semester will be a **progress grade**. This scenario is also true for AP Economics and Government. Students in all other year long courses will receive a .5 grade at the end of first semester and a .5 grade at the end of second semester.

Example: Biology A (First semester) = 93%
Biology B (Second semester) = 85%

This student's transcript would show that they received a .5 credit at a 93% in Biology A and a .5 credit at a 85% in Biology B. Each .5 credit stands alone when this student's GPA is calculated. Therefore, this student's GPA in Biology would be a 3.5.

CALCULATING CUMULATIVE GPA

Percentage	GPA	Honors(+.5 Quality pt.)	AP(+1.0 Quality pt.)
90-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
80-89	3.0	3.5	4.0
74-79	2.0	2.5	3.0
70-73	1.0	1.5	2.0

Note: Freshman Honors courses do not get quality points **unless** it is a class offered to upperclassman.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND (SWAG) OFF TO A GOOD START

Pope football fans, thank you for generously donating \$605 at Friday night's game to benefit underprivileged children during the upcoming holiday season. We are well on our way to raising over \$10,000 and taking 100 children from Clarkdale and Brumby Elementary on the experience of a lifetime. It's still not too late to donate. Please mail all checks to Pope High School for SWAG. "One Child" can be sponsored for only \$100. Please see the informational letter attached at the end of this newsletter for more details about SWAG.

PTSA NEWS

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE AT POPE, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Is your teen **READY AND PREPARED** to drive on Georgia's roads? As parents, we have the responsibility to make sure our teens know how to drive safely, not only to protect their lives, but also the lives of other people on the roads! Teens need formal driver's instruction, behind-the-wheel training, and lots of everyday driving experience before they are able to drive responsibly and safely. The PTSA promotes safe teen driving and advocates teen driving educational programs in order to reduce the risk of teens being involved in traffic crashes. Our upcoming course will be conducted by Safe America. The program will focus on driving safety, hazard recognition, visibility, maneuvering in urban, rural and expressway situations, adverse conditions, and being a defensive driver. Alcohol, drugs, distractions, fatigue and aggression/road rage will also be discussed. Course participants will have the opportunity to experience "driving simulators" which replicate what it is like to drive in adverse driving conditions. Please complete the registration form on the last page of this email and return it to the PPO office with your payment.

FOUNDATION NEWS

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR PLEDGE?

The Golf Marathon is just a few weeks away and we encourage everyone to participate! Wait, you say...I'm not playing golf on Tuesday, October 27, so how can I participate? By simply sponsoring a golfer, you ARE participating!

The Pope Foundation, as well as the participating booster clubs, are sending their golfers to Marietta Country Club to play 54 holes of golf in one day. Each golfer is in the process of collecting pledges from willing supporters. Won't you please help? A pledge of just \$1 per hole translates to a \$54 donation; 50 cents per hole is a \$27 donation. All you have to do is let us know that you want to help! Go to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com, click on the Contact Us tab and request a pledge form. It's as easy as that! You'll be invoiced for your donation after the event.

Donations raised by the Foundation for this event will be used to continue improving our campus landscaping and building, as well as supporting academic programs for our students. If you have questions about the Foundation, or this fundraiser in particular, you can contact us through the website as listed above, or contact Kim Wagner at kimbo880@bellsouth.net.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

TUTOR LISTS

Tutor lists can now be accessed through the Pope Website under "Counseling/Guidance". There are five lists from which to choose: English, Foreign Language, Math, SAT/ACT and General, and Science. We will still provide students with hard copies in the School Counseling Office. We will also email them to parents/students upon request. Questions, or feedback on tutors you've used, may be directed to Marlene Henderson in the Counseling Office, (770)578-7903 Ext. 264, or Marlene.Henderson@cobbk12.org.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

APUSH SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

Students in Advanced Placement US History at Pope are participating in a semester long service learning project. Each class is collecting items for MUST and families at Clarkdale Elementary. The items needed are: clean used clothing; canned food, dried beans or pasta; first aid items; men's and women's toiletries; and items for newborns (diapers, wipes, etc.) These items can be placed in the white donation box near the PPO office. Thank you!

7th ANNUAL NADER PARMAN II MEMORIAL RUN, RACE & REMEMBER

Join us on Sunday, October 18 at MJCCA Shirley Blumenthal Park, 8:00 AM - 5K Road Race/Fitness Walk, 12:45 PM - 1-mile Youth Run & 50 Yd Tot Trot. For more information visit: <http://www.atlantajcc.org/npr>.

APPLES FOR ALL!

Pope Band is selling fresh new-crop of North Georgia apples. ½ Peck (approx. 5 lbs.): \$7.00; 1 Peck (approx. 10 lbs.): \$12.00. Varieties include Red Delicious, Fuji, Cameo, Granny Smith, Mutsu, Rome Beauty and Arkansas Black. Orders will be taken until October 23 with delivery beginning November 7. Contact our band members or parents or visit www.popeband.org. Because the band needs your support and an apple a day..... Questions? Contact Fran Neumeister at fneume@comcast.net or Nancy Gawryszewski at nancygski@bellsouth.net.

POPE'S MEN OF DISTINCTION

Pope's Men of Distinction is sponsoring a clothing drive: Power of Pope, "The Great Closet Clean Out." As we transition into our fall wardrobes, why not donate the items that you will likely not wear this year? These items will be given to the Salvation Army to help those displaced by the recent flood. We are accepting clean clothing of all sizes and toiletries in our collection bins around school. We ask that you place these items in bags.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the Volleyball team. They defeated Walton twice on Saturday on the way to winning the Area Championship. This is the 4th straight area title. They will host Marietta at 6:00 PM on Thursday in the 1st round of the state tournament. Congratulations! Good luck in the state tournament.

Congratulations to the football team. They defeated Campbell on Friday. The team will play at Wheeler this Friday at 7:30 PM. Good Luck!

POPE LETTER JACKETS

Come get sized for Letter Jackets during lunch on Friday, October 16. Any questions? Contact Coach Abney at Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org.

GO HOUNDS!

Please make pts@popehs.ptsamail.com "an acceptable email address." It is used to distribute Hound Highlights. We will still communicate and subscribe through houndhighlights@popepts.org. Hound Highlights will also be posted on the www.popehigh.com website each Friday.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

This course is offered to students who already have their Learner's Permit or Driver's License, and who have had some driving experience. It may qualify your student for a reduction in car insurance premium. Check with your agent.

COURSE INFORMATION

- The course will be held on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009 from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM in the media center at Pope High School.
- The cost of the 6-hour course is \$50. Please make your check payable to Pope PTSA and place it, along with the below completed registration form, in the PTSA mailbox located in PPO.
- Pizza and a beverage will be provided to all course participants.
- Parents are asked to attend the first 30 minutes of the course and are welcome to stay longer.
- Course enrollment is a minimum number of 10 students and limited to a maximum of 30 students. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Confirmation will be sent to the email address provided below.
- Deadline for registration is Friday, October 16.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Debra Leon, Co-chair, PTSA Youth Services Committee, at 770-552-8091 or DebraTornes@aol.com.

POPE PTSA DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE REGISTRATION FORM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Student's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (home) _____ (cell) _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Permit/Driver's License # _____

Parent's Email _____

Parent's Signature _____



Shop with a Greyhound

Pope High School has made a commitment to achieve Excellence in: Service & Leadership, Student Achievement, Athletics, and Fine Arts. Within Service & Leadership, our goal is to serve others as leaders of Pope High School and our community.

What is SWAG?

Last year was our first year for Shop With a Greyhound, or as we fondly call it.... SWAG. We raised \$10,000 in donations by students, parents, Partners in Education, local businesses, and the community. Pope had over 200 students volunteer to take 75 underprivileged children shopping at The Avenues East Cobb where they joyously spent a \$100 gift card. The day was filled with waffles from National Honor Society, shopping, pizza, fun, and friends!

When is the big day?

On December 12, 2009 at 2:00 PM we will kick off Shop with a Greyhound. Again, this year we have partnered with The Avenue of East Cobb to provide our adopted children an opportunity to shop at their establishment. Pope SGA will oversee the setup, operation, and clean up of the day's events. Other Pope clubs and organizations are participating in the set up, shopping, performing, and cleaning up, such as Leadership and NHS.

Why do we do this?

It is our belief that we exist to provide service and leadership to our community. Shop with a Greyhound is a great community service outreach project which yields community service hours and provides the less fortunate with a treat for the holiday season.

How can you get involved?

Students will be asking for donations before the event through: donation buckets at lunch, football and basketball games, donation letters, visiting local businesses, bagging groceries, and many other ways. Your monetary donation is tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:
Pope High School
3001 Hembree Road
Marietta, GA 30062
(for SWAG)



For further information please visit our blog at http://popehs.typepad.com/shop_with_a_greyhound/

The Pope website at www.popehigh.com

Or contact Ashley Jimerson, Administrator, at 770-578-7900 x 275

We would love for you to assist us and provide 100 children with the experience of SWAG!