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

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Send submissions to popehoundhighlights@comcast.net ♦ Deadline:

IMPORTANT DATES

October 16	School Board Post 5 Candidate Forum at Pope
October 18	Defensive Driving Course
October 24	Homecoming
October 25	Homecoming Dance
October 27	College Bound Parent Info Night
October 31	Deadline for Pope Voice

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

GRADUATION DATE - FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2009, 6:30PM, AT ROSWELL STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Seniors began their ordering process on Wednesday, October 15, with Herff Jones. You will be receiving information early next semester concerning specifics. Check Hound Highlights for further updates. Please do not call and request ticket information at this point. Information will be forthcoming.

PARENT/STUDENT BELL SCHEDULE SURVEY – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

The deadline for completing this survey has been extended to this Friday, October 17. Please go to www.popehigh.com and complete the following: Under the "Resources" tab, click "Online Voting". Parents will use your students' usernames and passwords. Username: Your **Student's ID Number**; Password: **Four digit birth year, 2 digit birth month, 2 digit birth date** (For example, if your student's birthday is April 15, 1993, then your password is 19930415.) Remember this is not a vote on a type of bell schedule. The Pope Leadership Team (Department Heads, Administrators, and others) has decided on five priorities for a new bell schedule. The purpose of this survey is to determine how our stakeholders value these priorities. For more information, visit the Pope Schedule blog at <http://popehs.typepad.com/schedule/>. **Deadline to vote on this survey has been extended to 4PM on Friday, October 17.**

HOMECOMING WEEK SCHEDULE (OCTOBER 20-24)

Mon: Scrub Day Tue: Wacky Tacky Wed: Super Hero Thur: GQ Fri: Pope Spirit

Monday night, NHS and the Greyhound Connection (SGA) will be presenting *Batman* (the original with Jack Nicholson) in a DRIVE IN format beginning around 8PM. \$5 ticket gets you a dog, coke and popcorn along with the movie in the bus parking lot. Parking will begin around 6:45ish.

HOMECOMING DANCE

This year's Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday evening, October 25, 7PM to 11:30PM under a tent outside in the band parking lot. Homecoming court will be presented around 10PM. Tickets are \$10 during Homecoming Week and \$15 the day of the dance. There will be food and fun for all!

ART AT THE AVENUE

Please join Mrs. Johnson and the Pope artists as they compete in a pumpkin decorating contest on Saturday, October, 25th at The Avenue East Cobb from 12-3PM.

CLASS OF 2010

As you meet with your counselors for junior advisement, please be aware that Pope may not be on the block schedule for the 2009-2010 school year. This means you may not have the option of doubling up on academic courses. Advisement will be done through class time and students will be coming home with detailed information.

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

Looking for a way to get involved? Now is your chance to support local underprivileged children during the holiday season!! Pope is very excited to begin the 1st Annual Shop With A Greyhound. On December 6, we will take 100 kids from Brumby Elementary and Curing Kids' Cancer shopping at The Avenue East Cobb for the holidays. We'll have entertainment, food, and many caring Pope students to help make this the best holiday for these children who might not otherwise be so fortunate.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000 in order for each child to receive a \$100 gift card to use at The Avenue East Cobb. Greyhound Connection (SGA), Leadership, and NHS are pulling all of Pope together for this event. Lend your support by: donating in the cafeteria on M, W, and F; donating \$2 each week to wear hats all day on Fridays until Winter Break; downloading the application to be one of Santa's helpers online under News/Shop With A Greyhound; or donating using Pay Pal on the Shop With A Greyhound blog.

WEBSITE PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM

Pope is searching for a few talented student photographers to shoot pictures for the new website! If you are interested, email Ms. Jimerson at ashley.jimerson@cobbk12.org. We'll schedule a time for you to come in and interview for the prized spots as Pope's Web photographer. All you need is your own digital camera, preferably Photoshop or similar editing tool, and an artistic eye.

HEARING & VISION SCREENING FOR 10TH GRADERS

On October 28 and 29, we will be conducting the state mandated hearing and vision screening with all tenth graders. If your student wears corrective lenses, please make sure that he/she brings them that day. All retakes are scheduled for November 6. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Jean.mason@cobbk12.org.

PTSA NEWS

PPO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We currently have TWO openings for volunteers in PPO: the second and fourth *Tuesday* mornings of each month and the second and fourth *Thursday* mornings of each month. If you would like to volunteer for either of these slots, please contact Kim Wagner at kimbo880@bellsouth.net or 404-906-8692. The morning shift runs from 7:45AM until 11:30AM.

COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT CANDIDATES FORUM

Linda Schwartz and David Banks, the two candidates for the Cobb County Post 5 School Board position, will participate in a candidates forum, tonight at 7PM in the Pope theater. Come listen to their views on the issues. Audience members are invited to ask questions of the candidates.

POPE FOUNDATION PROJECT

INSIDE AND OUT!

The Pope Foundation has been helping our students inside the four walls and NOW our focus turns to the outside with a new LANDSCAPE PROJECT! Be a part of the Pope Experience! Support the Pope Foundation's landscape transformation project by making a donation now. Mail checks, payable to the Pope Foundation, to the school address, OR pay securely online using PayPal at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com.

UNITED WAY

This is the time of year that many employers encourage their employees to contribute a percentage of their pay to the annual United Way campaign. *Did you know* that if you choose to make a payroll contribution you can designate a specific recipient of your funds? The Pope Foundation is a registered 501(c)3 organization.... please consider designating the Pope Foundation for your donation!

GUIDANCE NEWS

ATTENTION JUNIOR PARENTS

Counselors will be conducting Junior Advisement through guidance lessons in American Literature and US History classes on October 29, 30 and 31. Your students will receive a copy of their transcript and a status check report that we will complete in the lesson. Please ask your students to show you this information to make sure they are on track for meeting graduation requirements. There will be after school appointments available if you need to review this information in more detail on November 10 and 12. Please do not call for an appointment until after you see this information.

COLLEGE BOUND PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, October 27, at 6:30PM in the Pope Theater

We will have a representative from Georgia Tech speak about the competitive college admission process. Kathryn Sax, Pope Counselor, will provide additional information about preparing students for college. This meeting is especially useful for junior parents, but all ages are welcome. We will also have a representative from Making College Count present information about financing college education from 7:30PM-8:30PM.

NOTE THIS...

DO YOU WANT TO AVOID THE LONG LINES THAT ARE EXPECTED ON ELECTION DAY?

Between now and October 31, you can vote early at the Cobb County Board of Elections, 736 Whitlock Ave., Marietta 30064, Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM. No reason is required. October 27-31, you can also vote early at these additional locations: East Cobb Govt Service Center, 4400 Lower Roswell Rd., Marietta, 30068-4233, Monday – Friday, 8AM to 7PM; South Cobb Govt Service Center, 4700 Austell Road, Austell, 30106-2004, Monday – Friday 8AM to 7PM; Boots Ward Recreation Center, Lost Mountain Park 4845 Dallas Highway, Powder Springs 30127, Monday - Friday, 8AM to 7PM; North Cobb Senior Center (at Kennworth Park), 4100 Highway 293 (Old 41), Acworth 30101, Monday – Friday 8AM to 7PM; or The Gallery at Galleria Specialty Mall, Two Galleria

Pkwy SE, Atlanta 30339, Monday – Friday 8AM to 7PM. To view a sample ballot, go to <http://www.cobbelections.org/files/sampleballots/SAMPLE%20BALLOT--General%20Web%20version%201.pdf>

In addition to the candidate elections, there are 3 state constitutional amendments on the ballot.

HOMEcomings PLANT SALE

Pope Horticulture will have thousands of blooming pansies, snapdragons, dianthus and more on sale during Homecoming Week (October 20-24). The Greyhound Greenhouse will be open each school day until 4:30PM, and also on Saturday, October 25, from 9AM-1PM. Just in time for fall planting!

STUDENT DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE

If you forgot to pre-order your Student Directory, or if you just want an extra copy, you can still buy one. Just visit the PTSA Spirit Wear tables (manned by Peter and Gaby McDonald) on Friday mornings before school. Directories can be purchased for \$5. Checks should be made payable to Pope PTSA.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

POPE HABITAT

General Meeting: October 21, 7:45AM Pope Theater

There are sign up sheets on the Habitat bulletin board (main hall across from the cafeteria) for Make a Difference Day. We need you to SIGN UP to work in a Habitat neighborhood in Smyrna that day. There will be bus transportation. Be at the stone wall at Pope at 7:45AM. We will be back at school no later than 2:30PM. We will be planting flowers, raking, outside work, maybe some painting. Bring rakes, flower planting tools and gardening gloves. Parents are welcome. We will have a neighborhood picnic for lunch. Email carol.martin@cit.com if you are a parent and would like to participate.

INTERACT CLUB

If you miss a meeting, remember to check the bulletin board on the 100 hallway for an agenda and sign up sheets for projects. Our next general meeting is on October 22 in room 308 at 7:45AM. Our t-shirts will be given out at this meeting. We need people to sign up for selling foam hands at the last three home football games. The money will go to our international project, Shelter Box. We also need more people to sign up for the Mt. View fall festival on October 25. New members always welcome. As always, "Service Above Self."

HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS

CANDY FOR CANCER

We will be collecting unwanted Halloween candy to take to the cancer center for chemo patients. The candy is a sweet treat for patients and their family or friends as they are going through chemo. As a cancer survivor I know how the medicine can leave a bitter taste, so a sweet treat is always welcome. Please do not throw away unwanted candy, send it to Pope High School and we will take care of the rest. Last year we collected 7,000 pounds of candy. WOW! Questions please contact nancy.bigga@cobbk12.org.

HAT DAY FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

The Octagon Club is holding a "Hat Day" fundraiser on Friday, October 17, with all proceeds donated to the 3 Day Breast Cancer Event, which is sponsored by the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Students who pay \$2 will be allowed to wear a hat for the entire school day on October 17 only. The Atlanta 3 Day takes place October 24 - 26. Participants walk a total of 60 miles in 3 days, and camp out in tents for 2 nights. Walkers are required to raise a minimum of \$2,200 in order to be allowed to walk. Mrs. Hill is participating for the third year in a row and wishes to thank Mrs. Bentley, Octagon Club and everyone in advance for their efforts and contributions to this cause which is so near and dear to her heart. If you would like more information on this event or want to know how you can be involved, please stop by her office or call 770-578-7900 x 223.

SPORTS TALK

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the football team for their win against Campbell! Come and support them against Wheeler on Friday, October 17. Pope High School will also induct four new members to the Hall of Fame on Friday before the game.

The Volleyball team starts their Area tournament on Thursday, October 16, at Etowah at 6PM. Good luck Lady Greyhounds!

WATER POLO TEAM

The Pope Water Polo Team had three players who were selected as All-Stars and played at Pace Academy last Monday. They were Justin Ahn, Kyle Allers and Drew Rohskopf. One player, Kyle Allers, was also selected for the All State Team by the area coaches as well. Congratulations!

BASKETBALL NEWS

Pope's annual **MIDNIGHT MADNESS BASKETBALL KICK OFF** will be held Thursday, October 30, at 7PM in the Gymnasium. Come for an energizing evening of fun and meet Pope's 2008-2009 basketball teams, the basketball cheerleaders, and the junior program's basketball players and cheerleaders. Everyone is invited so please come and show your support!

FENCING NEWS

Pope fencer Chloe Bowman placed third in the 14-and-under division competition recently in a US Fencing Association-sanctioned tournament. Pope Fencing Club travels this weekend to North Gwinnett High where they will compete with Chattahoochee, North Gwinnett, Brookwood, Flowery Branch, Buford and Mill Creek. Later in the season, the team will be competing closer to home. We'll let you know when and where so you can come support your Greyhounds.

GO HOUNDS!

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