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

October 24	Homecoming
October 25	Homecoming Dance
October 25	National Make a Difference Day
October 27	College Bound Parent Info Night
October 31	Deadline for Pope Voice
November 4	Election Day/No School/Teacher Workday

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

HOMEcomings DANCE

This year's Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday evening, October 25, 7PM to 11:30PM under a tent outside in the bus 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. Go Pope!

Noon-3PM	Live Art Demonstrations w/ Art Instructors Decorating Pumpkins
3PM-5PM	Onsite Voting (come support Pope and Mrs. Johnson!!)
3PM-5PM	Trick-or-Treat at the Avenues
Noon-5PM	Live Musical Performances
3PM-5PM	Interactive Art Stations for Children

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

Don't forget to donate during lunch on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for Shop With A Greyhound. You can also purchase hat passes on these days to wear on Friday (a sticker showing donation is required on your hat).

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.

POPE FOUNDATION PROJECT

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

Many of you have been wondering about the status of the Landscaping Project that was introduced at Fall Madness and Open House. We are beginning the formal bid process and hope to award the project by early November. We expect to see work begin prior to Thanksgiving, with the goal of completion by January. To date, we have raised roughly half of the cost of Phase 1. You can still support this effort! Mail a check, payable to the Pope Foundation, to the school address, or pay using your credit card by visiting our website at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com.

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.

FROM THE CLINIC

If a student has a medical condition, please let staff know what is involved with their care. The medical information that we receive from parents is greatly beneficial if a critical situation arises and is always confidential.

Also, several cases of mono have been reported this year (it occurs more in fall and winter). It is a virus caused by the Epstein-Barr virus and is usually diagnosed in adolescents and young adults (especially 15-17). It is usually spread by person-person contact by saliva, i.e., sharing eating utensils, food, drinks or toothbrushes, and kissing. The symptoms usually begin to appear 4-7 weeks after infection and may include: constant fatigue, fever, sore throat, loss of appetite, swollen lymph nodes, headache, sore muscles, larger-than-normal liver or spleen, skin rash, and abdominal pain. If any questions, feel free to contact Jackie Christie at ext. 273, or visit <http://kidshealth.org/teen/infections/common/mononucleosis.html> for more information.

CLINIC WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

The Clinic is in need of an additional wheelchair to be used for sick or injured students. If you have one in good condition that you can donate, please contact Jackie Christie at ext. 273.

NOTE THIS...

POPE BAND GRAND CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the Pope Marching Band! They were named Grand Champion at the Tennessee Valley Showcase marching band competition last weekend in Kingsport, TN. Their biggest competition of the year comes next Saturday, November 1, when they compete in the Bands of America Superregional Competition at the Georgia Dome. In preparation for this event, the band will perform their full show after the football games this Friday, October 25, and again on October 31. Please stay an extra 15 minutes after the games end to watch and support your band!

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Need a first or second period class for next semester? Consider signing up for R.I.S.E. which stands for Reading is Succeeding Everyday. As a RISE tutor, you will tutor elementary school students with reading strategies everyday at one of our feeder elementary schools. You must have a 3.0 GPA, good attendance and no behavior problems. Juniors automatically get parking. Have questions or need an application? See Ms. Allen (front office), Ms. Brown (315) or Ms. Kretzmer (116).

VOTE EARLY THROUGH OCTOBER 31

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, Monday – Friday, 8AM to 7PM: East Cobb Govt Service Center, South Cobb Govt Service Center, Boots Ward Recreation Center, Lost Mountain Park, North Cobb Senior Center (at Kennworth Park, or The Gallery at Galleria Specialty Mall. In addition to the candidate elections, there are 3 state constitutional amendments on the ballot.

HOMECOMING PLANT SALE

Pope Horticulture still has lots of blooming pansies, snapdragons, dianthus and more on sale this 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.

HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS

POPE HABITAT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

This Saturday, October 25th, which is national Make a Difference Day, Pope Habitat members will go to a Habitat neighborhood in Smyrna to plant flowers, rake leaves and spruce up the yards of the homes there. At lunchtime we will invite the neighborhood for a cookout in the cul de sac. Please have your Habitat member bring a rake, gloves and a bag of candy (for a neighborhood trick or treat!) We have purchased pansies from our greenhouse and will provide the lunch. Bus Transportation will also be provided. Be at the stone wall on Saturday at 7:45AM. We will return no later than 2:30PM. The address is 505 Thomas Street, Marietta. Questions? Email

Deborah.Peterson@cobbk12.org

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.

SPORTS TALK

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the Volleyball Team for defeating Lassiter to win the Area Championship this weekend! The volleyball team will play in the state sectional tournament on Thursday, October 23, at Chattahoochee High School. Their first match is at 1PM, second match at 5:30PM, and the last match is at 7PM. Good luck Greyhounds!

Congratulations to the Football Team for winning their 3rd game this year! They defeated Wheeler 31-0 last Friday. They play Alpharetta at home this week for Homecoming. Come and support the team!

POPE LADIES LACROSSE MEETING

There will be an informational general meeting of the Pope Ladies LAX Booster Club on Monday, November 10, at 6:30PM in the theater at Pope. All prospective and past players and parents are encouraged to attend.

MIDNIGHT MADNESS BASKETBALL KICKOFF

Pope's annual Midnight Madness Basketball Kickoff will be held Thursday, October 30, at 7PM in the Pope 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. Cash Door Prizes will be given away at the end of the evening! Everyone is invited so please come and show your support!

GO HOUNDS!

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