



# HOUD HIGHLIGHTS

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

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| October 31  | Deadline for Pope Voice                |
| November 4  | Election Day/No School/Teacher Workday |
| November 10 | Report Card Distribution               |
| November 11 | Veterans' Day                          |
| November 13 | Pope Voice Newsletter Mailed           |

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### GEORGIA NATURAL GAS

Pope's newest Partner in Education, Georgia Natural Gas, is offering a great opportunity! Whether you are an existing Georgia Natural Gas customer or are looking to become a new member, GNG will contribute an initial \$25 to Pope and \$5 per month- that's \$85 the first year per customer. We envision 500 people signing up this year alone which will result in \$47,500 coming back to Pope! Sign yourself, a neighbor, or family member up by clicking the True Blue Schools link on the Pope website. Welcome aboard Georgia Natural Gas!

### POPE ART

Congratulations to Mrs. Johnson and the Art Department for receiving a \$500 donation from The Avenue East Cobb. Mrs. Johnson won the Art at the Avenues contest for the best pumpkin!

### The GC (SGA)

Thank you to The Greyhound Connection (SGA) for organizing and setting up our first ever outdoor homecoming. It was a blast under the tent! The team was headed up by Neelam Thadahni, 11th grade Events Coordinator for The GC. Great job team!

### SCHEDULE CHANGE BLOG

A reminder that, as Pope continues investigating schedule alternatives for next year, all Pope stakeholders can access the latest information by clicking on the Schedule Change Blog at <http://popehs.typepad.com/schedule/>.

### SENIOR STUDENTS EXAM EXEMPTIONS

The following represents the Exam Exemption Policy for Pope High for the 2008-2009 School Year:

1. **Seniors only** will be able to earn the privilege of one final exam exemption per semester.
2. Exams may only be exempted at the December and May administrations of exams. Therefore, any nine-week course that has a final exam in October will not fall under the exam exemption privilege.

3. Students MAY NOT exempt final exams from AP classes. The final exam is a requirement of the course.
4. Seniors with three (3) or fewer absences from school will be eligible to exempt one exam per semester. A student is considered absent from school if he/she misses one-half of the school day.
5. Students may exempt an exam for a class in which they have three (3) or fewer classroom absences.
6. Students may not exempt an exam where any state testing is administered.

For exam exemption eligibility, the following will apply:

- Suspension, ISS, will count as an absence from the classroom.
  - College visits will count as an absence from the classroom, even though 2 college visits are excused absences with proper verification.
  - School field trips will not count against the exemption privilege.
  - Religious holidays and observances will not count against the exam exemption.
7. The PPO office will monitor absences to school.
  8. The PPO office will address discrepancies in attendance.
  9. An appeal process will be in place as we approach the exam period. Any exceptions to the above guidelines will be addressed by an Appeals Committee.
  10. If you have any further questions or comments, please contact Loretta Clune at 770-578-7900, ext. 234 or [loretta.clune@cobbk12.org](mailto:loretta.clune@cobbk12.org).

## SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

Please help support our efforts to provide underprivileged children with a wonder holiday. We are looking for 200 students who want to be a mentor on Saturday, December 6, to take the children shopping. Please visit the Shop With A Greyhound Blog under News on the Pope website to download your application. Return to room 400.

Support our \$10,000 goal (\$100 for 100 children):

1. Donate spare change at lunch
2. \$2 hat Friday passes
3. Have your parents or business contact donate - it's tax deductible (checks should be made payable to *Greyhounds in Action* and mailed to Ashley Jimerson at Pope or dropped off in room 400).

## PTSA NEWS

### PPO VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We currently have an opening for a volunteer in PPO: the second and fourth *Tuesday* mornings of each month. If you would like to volunteer for this slot, please contact Kim Wagner at [kimbo880@bellsouth.net](mailto:kimbo880@bellsouth.net) or 404-906-8692. The morning shift runs from 7:45AM until 11:30AM.

## 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](http://www.popehighschoolfoundation.com).

# **CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

## **POPE ORCHESTRA**

On November 15, the Pope Orchestra Booster Club will host its first, annual Golf Tournament at Bradshaw Farm Golf Course. All proceeds will benefit the Pope Orchestra and its programs. Everyone's support is needed to ensure the success of this event. Fundraising is important so that Pope's orchestras can continue to offer students opportunities to learn and perform. Let's work together to keep the music playing! For more information or to indicate your willingness to help, contact Lisa McCormick at 404-643-5016.

## **CHOCOLATES AND FUDGE FROM CHOCOLATE JEWELS**

The Habitat Club is selling chocolates and fudge from Chocolate Jewels to raise money to build the house in the spring. Order forms and money must be turned in at the general meeting on November 18. The orders will be delivered the week of December 8. Our goal is for each member to sell 5 boxes. Please contact [carol.martin@cit.com](mailto:carol.martin@cit.com) if you wish to order some chocolate or fudge for your holiday gifts. Also check out the Habitat website at [www.popehabitat.org](http://www.popehabitat.org).

# **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.

## **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...**

## **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE POPE MARCHING BAND**

The band's biggest competition of the year comes this Saturday, November 1, at 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 game this Friday, October 31. Please stay an extra 15 minutes after the game ends to watch and support your band!

## **CHECK ON WAIT TIMES AT EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS**

Lines are expected to be long on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, so why not vote early (through this Friday) when the lines are shorter (but still not short)? You can check wait times at all the early voting locations by going to <http://www.cobbelections.org/waitingtimes.asp>. Wait times are updated every two hours.

## **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).

## **POPE-KELL-LASSITER-SPRAYBERRY NJROTC UNIT**

Congratulations to the Unit for a great job at the Stockbridge Drill Meet on Saturday, October 25. Pope cadet Juan Larrea commanded the Armed Basic Team and the Armed Exhibition Team which placed 3rd and 5<sup>th</sup>,

respectively. Luis Pelletier won 1st place in the Armed Solo Exhibition. Alex Young commanded the Color Guard which placed 6th.

### **BLOOD DRIVE AT DODGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

After you vote on Tuesday, November 4, go to Dodgen Middle School between 2PM and 7PM to give blood. The Blood Drive will be held in the Gym. All donors will be entered in a drawing to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards!

## **HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS**

### **PTSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH--GIVING WARMTH TO OTHERS**

It's cold out and the PTSA Community Outreach Committee would like to provide much needed items for the guests who come to the MUST Ministries Marietta shelter for their Thanksgiving meal. Here are the cold weather survival items they could use: hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats, and blankets. These items can be new OR in very good condition. We are also collecting gift cards to WalMart, Target, Kroger, and Publix for Pope families who are having trouble making ends meet due to job loss, etc. The gift cards can be turned in to PPO staff. The winter clothing items can be dropped off in our new white PTSA Community Outreach bin located across from PPO until Friday, November 21. *THANKS FOR GIVING!* Questions? Contact: Debra Leon, [DebraTornes@aol.com](mailto:DebraTornes@aol.com) or Carol Zepf, [Carolsjm@aol.com](mailto:Carolsjm@aol.com).

### **HABITAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS**

Thanks to all the members and parents that came out to help the Habitat neighborhood spruce up their yards. The homeowners were very excited to see us. The Habitat Club provided trick or treat goodies for the young kids of the neighborhood, which they loved. If you are missing a rake please contact Debbie Peterson.

### **DON'T FORGET TO DONATE YOUR LEFTOVER CANDY**

Our annual Candy for Cancer drive is underway! 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](mailto:nancy.bigga@cobbk12.org).

## **SPORTS TALK**

### **FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Congratulations to the Pope Volleyball Team for qualifying for the final four this past Thursday. They defeated Luella, East Coweta, and Chattahoochee. **They will play Kell High School at Kell this Thursday, October 30, at 7PM.** Please come out and support the Lady Greyhounds! **ANY POPE STUDENT WEARING POPE SPIRIT WEAR will get their admission ticket paid by the booster club!** Once they defeat Kell Thursday night, they will then play in the State Finals on Saturday, November 1, at 7PM at Marietta High School.

Congratulations to the football team for winning their 3rd straight football game! They defeated Alpharetta 23-7 last Friday. They play again on Friday, October 31, against Milton at home. This game will also be Senior Night. The football players and cheerleaders will be honored before the game, and the band members will be honored at half time. **Trick-or-treat early so you can make it to the game to support our Greyhounds at their last home game of the regular season!**

## **MIDNIGHT MADNESS BASKETBALL KICKOFF**

**\*\*DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED\*\***

Pope's annual Midnight Madness Basketball Kickoff will be held **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10**, 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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