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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: Tuesdays 5PM

IMPORTANT DATES

October 13	Reflections Entries Due
October 15	PSAT and Early Release
October 15	Deadline for Defensive Driving Course
October 18	Defensive Driving Course
October 24	Homecoming
October 31	Deadline for Pope Voice

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

PARENT BELL SCHEDULE SURVEY

As we consider a new schedule for the 2009-2010 school year, we need your input. 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/>. **This survey will close at 4PM on Friday, October 10.**

SPRING SEMESTER CLASS REGISTRATION

Registration form for SPRING SEMESTER CLASS SCHEDULE will be coming home with your student on Friday. Please review with your student, sign, and bring back to school no later than Wednesday, October 15.

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 East Cobb Avenues 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 Avenues. 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. Shop With A Greyhound officially kicks off next Tuesday, October 14!

WEBSITE PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM

Pope is searching for a few talented 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.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Do you have a favorite teacher? Nominate him or her in one of two ways: Go to www.popehigh.com, click on the Resources tab, fill out the form and place in Ms. Jimerson's box OR pick up a form in room 400. The winning teacher receives a \$40 gift card to Longhorn and a spot on the website with the winning write-up.

PINNACLE

Need to locate Pinnacle on the new website? Go to Resources to find the link for both teachers and parents/students.

PTSA NEWS

STUDENT DIRECTORY

The 2008 Pope Student Directory was distributed through homerooms last week. Please check with your student as they should bring home a blue copy (if you ordered one and paid for it). A loose leaf addendum is included in each directory. Be sure to check out the front, back and inside back covers as the art was created by three of our very own artists: Megan Thum (front), Adin Kann (back) and Angela Kagan Andrew (inside). If there are any corrections, please contact Sirpa Horstman at pikisworld@gmail.com.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS – DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 15

Pope's Defensive Driving Class will be Saturday, October 18, from 9AM-3:30PM in the Media Center. This year's program will be conducted by the Safe America Foundation and will include the use of simulators. **Students must have 40 hours of driving experience** to participate and the cost is \$50, payable to Pope PTSA. Lunch will be served and is included in cost. Reservation forms appeared in last month's Pope Voice and are available in the front office. Only 30 students will be allowed to attend, so pick up your registration forms and get them in by October 13 to the PPO. Please refer to your Pope Voice Newsletter for more information, or email Ann White at harecwhite@earthlink.net.

REFLECTIONS DUE MONDAY - COLLECTION BOX IN MEDIA CENTER

"Wow..." this year's theme for PTA'S *Reflections*. *Reflections* is a national arts recognition and achievement program open to students in all grades in the areas of literature, visual arts, photography, musical composition, dance choreography and film/video production. Entries will also be accepted in the Georgia Special Artists division, a division for students with special needs. All participants will receive a gift. Information and entry forms are located in the Main Hall near the PPO office. **Due date for entries is Monday, October 13.** If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Dershowitz at shadersh@aol.com or Melissa Goodman at missygga@aol.com.

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

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE MEETINGS

This week, counselors went into freshman classrooms and presented timely information regarding graduation requirements, school counseling services, and other important information. Also, counselors went into sophomore classrooms and presented timely information about the PSAT (which all sophomores will take free of charge on Wednesday, Oct. 15th in the AM at Pope), graduation requirements, and timely information for career and college planning. **Please ask your child to show you their packet from the meeting!** You can also access a copy of the topics covered at our web blog <http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment/>. Scroll down and look for the post in the middle of the page. Call your child's school counselor if you have any questions.

COURSE OFFERINGS

View spring courses offered at Pope by visiting Course Offerings under the Resource tab of the website. Or click http://www.cobbk12.org/schools/HS/SCHPope/Old_Pope_Site/Course_catalog_2008_2009.doc.htm

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

POPE HABITAT

Next General Meeting is 7:45AM in the Theater on Tuesday, October 21. Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 25, 8AM-2:30PM. We will go to work in a Habitat neighborhood in Smyrna and will have a cookout for lunch with the small Habitat neighborhood before returning to school about 2:30 so that students can get ready for the homecoming dance! Please sign up on the Habitat bulletin board (located in the main hall across from the cafeteria) to participate in Make a Difference Day. *This is important* -- If you sign up, please SHOW up! We are hoping to have bus transportation and need to have accurate numbers of participants.

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.

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.

SPORTS TALK

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The football team plays on the road at Campbell High School this Friday, October 10. Come watch the Greyhounds defeat the Spartans!

POPE JV VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Pope JV volleyball team for winning the Cobb County tournament this past weekend, finishing the season with a 27-2 record. Pope triumphed over Lassiter and Kennesaw Mountain, then Lassiter again in the finals to capture the trophy. Way to go girls, and many thanks to Coach Sherry Trimble, Coach Catherine Mardis and Coach Carrie Trimble... what a great season!

POPE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The varsity has a huge match against Walton on Thursday, October 9. The match will be at Woodstock High School. This match will determine the number 1 seed in the area tournament starting next week.

POPE SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the Softball team. They finished their season on Tuesday. They missed the state play-offs by one game, but had a tremendous season. Every girl will return next year, so the program is on the rise. Congratulations for a great season and we look forward to next year!

POPE BOYS LACROSSE PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a General meeting of the Pope Boys Lacrosse Booster Club on October 13. Current and prospective players and parents, join us for an informational meeting in the cafeteria at 7PM. We will be discussing the spring season and the Spring Break Trip!

SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS and COMMUNITIES SURVEY PASSIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

In order to provide the most effective drug and violence prevention resources and/or activities for your child, the Title IV Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Program collects survey information from students at various grade levels during the school year. Pope High School will offer this survey to our 10th and 12th grade students on Oct. 15th. This day is an Early Release day, and due to PSAT testing for 10th and 11th graders, ADAP course for 9th, and senior meeting in the morning, we will be offering the survey during the day in between activities to 10th and 12th graders who are willing to participate. The survey is on line and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete, is totally anonymous and voluntary, students have the right to "opt

out", and asks for responses that pertain to student involvement in substance abuse, violent situations, school climate and nutrition.

The data collected will be used to identify critical areas of need for our Safe and Drug-Free Schools efforts. Survey analysis of these data provides information/data that:

- Meets the No Child Left Behind Title IV mandated data collection requirements;
- Assists in the maintenance of a school environment that is free of drugs and violence;
- Promotes a classroom atmosphere that allows teachers to teach and students to learn; and
- Develops and offers experiences that involve students in applying the concepts of making healthy decisions, accepting responsibility for behaviors, and understanding consequences.

Our desire is to involve parents in the education of their children. If you **do not** wish for your child to participate in this important activity, please sign and return this form to school. Lack of participation does not impact a student's grade or placement. If you would like to examine the survey, please go to the web site, <http://www.cobbk12.org/~preventionintervention> and the Middle School and High School versions are available for download. If you do not have internet access, please call the Prevention Intervention Center at 770-429-5846 and they will send you a copy.

Thank you for your consideration.

DO NOT return this form if your child can participate in this survey.

Please sign this form, and return it to the School Counseling Office in Room 102 **only if you do not wish** your child to participate.

I would prefer that my child **NOT** participate in the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools Survey*.

SCHOOL _____

STUDENT _____

GRADE _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Return to Room 102

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