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# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

<b>November 24-28</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Holidays – No School</b>
<b>December 2</b>	<b>Ignorance Is No Defense Presentation</b>
<b>December 12</b>	<b>A Fine Arts Showcase – Rialto Center</b>
<b>December 18-19</b>	<b>Final Exams</b>
<b>December 22-January 5</b>	<b>Winter Holidays – No School</b>

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

As of today we have raised almost \$4,000!!!! Thank you to all who have donated and assisted in this project to take 100 underprivileged children shopping at the Avenue East Cobb on December 6.

We still need to raise \$6,000. Please support a good cause...

- Donate (send tax deductible checks to Pope High School Attn: Ashley Jimerson for Shop With a Greyhound)
- Have your company make a tax deductible donation
- Sign up to be a helper (We still need about 150 Pope Helpers for December 6) Deadline to apply is November 21
- Purchase a SWAG long sleeve t-shirt

By Friday November 21 the home room with the most purchased t-shirts will receive a Chick-fil-A biscuit breakfast and the home room teacher will receive a \$40 gift card to Longhorn!!

Teachers purchasing a SWAG t-shirt may dress down with their shirt the week after Thanksgiving-Shop With a Greyhound week!!!

### GHSPT PREP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 6:30 - 7:00PM

Information will be given to parents and students regarding electives that will be offered Spring 09 in English and Math to identified students, as well as other components to our program, to get geared up for the graduation tests in March. The meeting will be held in the Media Center.

### SCHEDULE CHANGE

The schedule change informational meeting scheduled for November 19 has been postponed. Watch for an announcement about the new meeting date. 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/>

## **SPRING SEMESTER PARKING**

Spring semester parking forms will be available starting Monday, November 17 in Mrs. Hill's office, as well as in the front office with Mrs. Vorobel. Applications for senior parking will be turned in during all lunches during December 2-4. To obtain a new parking pass you must submit:

- 1) A completed white Cobb County Board of Education Parking Permit. This requires the signature of a parent or guardian, as well as the vehicle ID number and tag number.
- 2) A completed Pope High School parking rules and regulations form. This requires the signature of a parent or guardian as well.
- 3) A copy of the student's current license.
- 4) A copy of the current insurance card for the car you will be parking.
- 5) \$50 in the form of a check made payable to Pope High School or cash.
- 6) You must be eligible based on rules listed on form #2 above.

As was done this semester, parking will go to eligible seniors first, who have turned in all required items by 4:30 PM December 4. All students enrolled in Rise, and mentorship for the spring semester will be given top priority, regardless of grade. The top 10 juniors, based on GPA after fall semester will be eligible, as well as one student receiving the coveted "Coaches Choice" award for winter and spring sports in season.

Spring decals are a different color, so you must purchase a new decal in order to park spring semester. We will not know if there will be parking available for other juniors until December 5.

## **GEORGIA NATURAL GAS (GNG)**

*Whether you are a current Georgia Natural Gas customer or not, YOU can help raise easy money for Pope!*

If you are currently a Georgia Natural Gas customer you can sign up under GNG's TrueBlue Schools program and GNG will donate money to Pope! By simply selecting Pope High School as your school, GNG will make an initial donation of \$25 to Pope AND \$5 each month that you stay with GNG. *That's easy cash for our school!* To sign up, grab a copy of your GNG invoice (so you have your GNG account number) and go to [www.popehigh.com](http://www.popehigh.com). Click on the TrueBlue Schools logo and then "Yes, I am a GNG customer." Follow the prompts and you'll select Pope High School. It's as easy as that!

If you are not currently a GNG customer but would like to switch gas marketers, you can make the switch online by going to [www.popehigh.com](http://www.popehigh.com), clicking on the TrueBlue Schools logo and then "No, I am not currently a GNG Customer." Be sure to have a copy of your current gas marketers' bill, and be sure to write down the \$25 Visa gift card promotion number from that first screen! That's just a small 'thank you' from GNG for making the switch. Or, if you prefer, you can call a customer service representative at 1-866-ONLY-GNG, Monday-Friday 7 AM – 10 PM or Saturday 7 AM – 7 PM.

Note: GNG's TrueBlue Program is fairly new, and as such, the website for the sign-up process can be somewhat challenging. GNG is presently working to address these challenges, so if you get frustrated, please try again at a later date. It will be worth the wait for Pope! If you have questions about switching over, you are welcome to send an email to [info@popehighschoolfoundation.com](mailto:info@popehighschoolfoundation.com) and someone will respond to you.

## PTSA NEWS

### IGNORANCE IS NO DEFENSE – A TEENAGERS'S GUIDE TO GEORGIA LAW

Tuesday, December 2, J. Tom Morgan will explain Georgia laws through real life examples, in easy to understand language. Mr. Morgan is a nationally recognized expert on the prosecution of crimes against children. He served as the District Attorney of DeKalb County for twelve years and was the first prosecutor in Georgia to specialize in the prosecutions of crimes against children. During third block the students will meet with Mr. Morgan, and he will speak with parents at 7 PM in the theater. Copies of Mr. Morgan's book will be available at the discount price of \$5 each. Visit J. Tom Morgan's website at [www.ignoranceisnodefense.com](http://www.ignoranceisnodefense.com).

## POPE FOUNDATION

### HELP BUILD POPE PRIDE!

Be proud of our school – inside and out! Implementing the new landscape project will heighten our Pope Pride...and you can be a part of the 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](http://www.popehighschoolfoundation.com).

## GUIDANCE NOTES...

### PROJECT 2400 2008-09

Does your child need help raising their SAT Scores? Pope High School is participating in *Project 2400* which provides free SAT Preparation by The Princeton Review to Pope High School **Juniors**. We will be able to offer this class to 48 students. The SAT Course consists of 24 hours of instruction and 3 full-length diagnostic tests. ***Parents of interested students must attend an information meeting on December 8, 2008 at 7 PM in the Pope Theater. Be sure to sign in at the meeting, we must be able to document your attendance in order for your child to be eligible to participate.*** The application packet may be picked up in the counseling office or downloaded from the Pope website (click on staff, school counseling, the information link and Project 2400 2008-09). Application packets will also be available at the December 8 meeting. The dates and times of classes are included in the packet. If you have questions after reviewing the application packet, please email Mrs. Ledbetter [Janie.ledbetter@cobbk12.org](mailto:Janie.ledbetter@cobbk12.org)

### 2008 Project 2400 Cobb County Results:

- 510 students took the Princeton Review's diagnostic test and the SAT.
- 90% of the students scored higher on their SAT than their diagnostic test.
- Students scored up to 610 points higher than on their first diagnostic test.
- The average score increase from the first diagnostic test to the actual SAT was 157 points.

### STUDENT ATHLETES AND PARENTS

The NCAA Clearinghouse meeting that was scheduled for Monday, November 17 has been rescheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009, at 7 PM in the Pope High School Theater, so that we could have a representative from The National Collegiate Scouting Association come and speak to our community. This agency provides a program called "College Recruiting 101" for student-athletes with a serious desire to participate in collegiate athletics while pursuing a college degree. NCSA Educational Speaker will guide parents and student-athletes through the importance of establishing athletic and academic goals, setting realistic expectations and seeking opportunities at all college levels. Attendees will learn valuable tips on finding the best college based on their student-athletes' academic and athletic abilities. Most importantly, "College Recruiting 101" will reiterate that the most valuable goal anyone should strive for isn't scoring in the game, but scoring a college education.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### GOLF TOURNAMENT FUND RAISER NOVEMBER 15TH

It's not too late for family and friends to support Pope Orchestra students by playing in the first annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The tournament will be held Saturday, November 15 at Bradshaw Farm Golf Club. Check in is from 10 AM-11:45 AM with Shot Gun Start at Noon. For \$100 donation, each golfer gets a sack lunch, a round of golf, a chance at trinkets and trophies, and an after play Awards Banquet! Don't miss the fun! Call Keith Dennis (678) 571-7581 ASAP to participate.

### SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

The Pope High Speech and Debate Team attended its second and third tournaments of the debate season on October 18 at Lee County High School, Leesburg and October 25 at Northside High School, Warner Robbins. Jonathan Shane and Kristina Sick took 1st place in Public Forum while Angie Kielhauer finished 1st in Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Lee County. Clay Stewart and Holly Buckman finished 4th in Public Forum. At Northside, Jonathan Shane and Holly Buckman finished in 1st place in Public Forum while Ryan Wayne and Jordan Jampol finished 4th. Individual Speaker Awards went to: Ryan Wayne, 1st Place; Jonathan Shane, 3rd Place; Jordan Jampol, 5th Place; Holly Buckman, 10th Place.

### FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

The Fine Arts Department presents A Fine Arts Showcase at the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts, Georgia State University, Friday December 12, 2008 at 8 PM. Tickets go on sale November 12, Adults \$15 & Students \$10. Contact Nancy Wohlfrom at Wohlfrom@bellsouth.net for more information.

### HABITAT SELLS 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 at 7:45 AM in Pope's Theater. At the meeting we will be discussing our contribution to Holiday gift baskets for Habitat Homeowners. 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...

Several cases of Mononucleosis (commonly referred to as "mono") have been reported this year. Mono is caused by the Epstein-Barr virus and is more common in the fall and winter months. It is usually diagnosed in adolescents and young adults, with peak incidence in ages 15-17 years. It is *extremely contagious* and is usually spread by person-person contact by saliva. It can be transmitted by sharing food, beverages, or eating utensils and by kissing. The symptoms usually begin to appear 4-7 weeks after the initial exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include, constant extreme fatigue, sore throat, loss of appetite, swollen lymph nodes, headaches, sore muscles, enlarged liver or spleen, skin rash and abdominal pain.

However, some people may experience symptoms so mild that the disease goes undiagnosed. If you or your student develops these symptoms, you may want to consult your physician. The symptoms associated with mono usually last 3-4 weeks. Students may need to cut back on hours at school. Generally, students may return to school once temperature is normal, but a physician should be consulted for approval. If you have questions contact Jackie Christie, RN at extension 273, or for more information visit <http://kidshealth.org/teen/infections/common/mononucleosis.html>.

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 beneficial if a critical situation arises and is always confidential.

## **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).

### **HUSKY FOUNDATION HOLIDAY SHOPPE**

The Hightower Trail Middle School Husky Foundation will be holding its annual Holiday Shoppe at Hightower Trail on Saturday, November 15 from 10 AM to 3 PM . . . come check out the unique gifts offered by over 40 local vendors, and get a jump on your holiday shopping! There will also be concessions, baked goods, gift wrapping, Holiday Photo booth, face-painting for the kids, and handmade crafts from talented student artists along with student musical entertainment. All proceeds benefit the HTMS Foundation, and go to support the equipping of a third computer lab at Hightower Trail Middle School.

## **SPORTS TALK**

### **FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

#### **POPE BOYS BASKETBALL**

Show your Pope Basketball spirit at the season's First Scrimmage, Friday, November 14, at 7:30 PM. Pope Boys Varsity will play Kennesaw Mountain at Kennesaw Mountain High School.

#### **SWIM & DIVE**

The Pope Swim & Dive team will kick off its dual meet season next Friday evening, November 21 at Mountain View Aquatic Center versus Lassiter. The Greyhounds will hit the water at 7 PM. Come cheer on your Hounds as they look to dethrone the defending state champs! The Greyhounds will be led by Senior Kelsey Gaid who recently committed to swim at the University of Georgia! Congrats Kelsey and Go Hounds!

# **GO HOUNDS!**

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