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HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

November 10	Report Card Distribution
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 13	Pope Voice Newsletter Mailed
November 19	Parents Schedule Information Meeting
November 24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays – No School

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

INFORMATIONAL PARENT MEETINGS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19:

GHS GT PREP PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 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.

SCHEDULE CHANGE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT 7:00 - 8:00PM

We will update all stakeholders on the most recent information regarding a new proposed schedule for next year and have a question and answer forum.

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/>.

GEORGIA NATURAL GAS

As announced last week, we have a new Partner in Education – Georgia Natural Gas (GNG)! They are excited to work with Pope and are looking forward to helping us financially through their TrueBlue Schools program. Basically, they are offering to make a donation to Pope for every customer who switches to GNG and registers as a Pope High School user. GNG will also make a donation for every existing GNG customer who registers as a Pope High School user!

Details on how to register for the TrueBlue Schools program are forthcoming! Stay tuned – we'll provide you with the information you need to make your switch over and registering procedure go smoothly!

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.

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. Buy a hat pass for Fridays - \$2
3. Have your parents or business contacts 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

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 7PM 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.ignornaceisnodefense.com.

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 or 404-906-8692. The morning shift runs from 7:45AM until 11:30AM.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

1st Annual Greyhound Gala and Silent Auction

February 21, 2009

Cobb Galleria Centre

6 – 11 pm

\$75 per person

Sponsored by the Pope High School Foundation

All proceeds will benefit ***your selected*** Pope Athletic Program, Club, or the Foundation. Look for more information in upcoming *Hound Highlights*.

GUIDANCE NOTES...

COLLEGE BOUND INFORMATION

For parents who were unable to attend last week's College Bound Information Meeting, you can access the College Bound Planning Booklet from Pope Counseling, as well as the power point presentation about competitive college admissions, and the college financial planning links on-line. Go to www.popehigh.com, click on Staff, then Guidance, then Resources and you'll see the blog for College Bound Information. We also have hard copies of the College Bound Planning Booklet and workbooks from the financial planning presentation available to parents in the Counseling Office, room 102.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE POPE MARCHING BAND

Pope High School Marching Band is proud to present its Third Annual "End of Season Exhibition Performance" fundraiser at 7:00pm on Thursday November 6th. Admission to this event is \$5 (for all adults and high-schoolers) and free to middle schoolers and younger. Come see the show that your Band performed at the BOA Super Regional competition this past Saturday, qualifying as finalists in the South East's toughest band competition of the year, and finishing in the top 10. The event will start with a full performance of the "In-Genius" show, followed by "The Making of In-Genius" comments by Director of Bands Mr. Gary Gribble and Associate Director of Bands Mr. Josh Rudolph. Following these comments you'll have one more chance to see the full show, with the additional insight of the Band Directors' remarks. For further information, please contact Michael or Felicia Andrew at (770) 578-6235.

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 if you wish to order some chocolate or fudge for your holiday gifts. Also check out the Habitat website at 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.

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 or Carol Zepf, Carolsjm@aol.com.

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.

SPORTS TALK

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the **Volleyball** team. They finished 2nd in the state. They lost a tough match to Northview in the finals. Congratulations on a great season.

The **Football** team will play their final game against Walton on Friday 11-7-08. The game will be at Walton, please come and support the team.

The **Basketball** teams will host their Midnight Madness on Monday 11-10-08 at 7:00. Their preseason scrimmage will be at Kennesaw Mountain on 11-14-08. The girls play at 6:00 and the boys play at 7:30.

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!

POPE LADIES LACROSSE

There will be an informational general meeting of the Pope Ladies LAX Booster Club on Monday, November 10th at **6:15PM** in the theater at Pope. All prospective and past players and parents are encouraged to attend.

GO HOUNDS!

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