



Pope High School
PTSA[®]
 everychild.one voice.

HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

3001 Hembree Road, Marietta GA 30062, 770-578-7900

Vol. 8, No. 16 ♦ Thursday, December 3, 2009



IMPORTANT DATES

December 7-11	End of Course Tests
December 11	Fine Arts Showcase
December 12	Shop With A Greyhound (SWAG)
December 15-18	Fall Exams
December 21-January 4	No School

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM

Congratulations to the following Pope students who will interview at the state level for the Governors Honors Program: Nadiyah Aamer, Spanish; Gerald Demeunynck, Social Studies; Lydia Fletcher, Spanish; Jessica Hale, English; Cassie Holmes, Chemistry; Jonathan LeBoutillier, Spanish; Alexandra Link, Math; Alice Naghshineh, French; Stephanie Wachs, Math; and Katie Ward, English. Good luck!

SPRING PARKING

All parking information in on the Pope HS web site – www.popehigh.com.

FALL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final exams will be held Tuesday through Friday, December 15 - 18. Please see the schedule posted on the Pope HS website as well as on the last page of this newsletter for exam periods and adjusted class schedules during those days.

SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION INFORMATION

Students will check with teachers directly about eligibility, get the yellow form signed and turn it in to PPO by the Friday, December 11. *Students are encouraged to do this early because if they need to appeal they need to know that early so they can turn the appeal form in to PPO by Monday, December 7, 2009.*

PPO will review appeals and send approved students a yellow form. Approved students will need to bring the signed yellow appeal form to PPO by Friday, December 11. PPO will create a master list to double-check for eligibility and duplicates. This list will be available on the staff Drive by the end of the day Monday, December 14.

If there are any changes in grades or attendance that affect eligibility - even up to the day before the final - let us know in PPO and we will amend the master list.

LOST AND FOUND

New hours for lost and found: Located in Room 76, you may check for lost items Monday through Friday from 3:30-3:45 PM and Thursday from 9:15-9:30 AM **ONLY**. No lost and found will be allowed at any other time during the day. Car keys will be turned into the Front Office and you may check for them at any time. **Please be sure to check for your lost items before December 18, all items not claimed will be donated to charity.**

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

Thank you to the Pope community for helping raise over \$9,000! We are well on our way to the \$10,000 goal which will allow us to provide for 100 children from Clarkdale and Brumby Elementary with a joyous holiday shopping spree at The Avenue East Cobb on Saturday, December 12. If you have not sent in your donation, it is not too late. Simply mail your tax-deductible check to Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062, and Attention: Ms. Jimerson for SWAG.

END OF COURSE TESTING

EOCT testing will be conducted during the week of December 7 - 11 for the following courses:

Accelerated Math 2:

Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8; makeup tests Wednesday, December 9.

NovaNET students who are completing 9th grade Lit, American Lit, and Geometry:

Monday, December 7 and Tuesday, December 8; makeup tests Wednesday, December 9.

Honors Economics and on level Economics (NOT AP Economics):

Thursday, December 10 and Friday, December 11; makeup tests Monday, December 14.

NovaNET students who are completing Physical Science, Biology, and US History:

Thursday, December 10 and Friday, December 11; makeup tests Monday, December 14.

These exams will be given during the regular class period, and the regular bell schedules for each day will be followed as usual.

NEW BUS FORMS

Effective immediately, the Cobb County School District transportation department has a new form to be used for bus notes. The form is available on the Pope website under "Important Announcements" on the home page. Please download it and save for future use.

BUILDING LED SIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to tell your child happy birthday or send a message to a friend for a special occasion? Advertise on the electronic board near the PPO entrance for \$3.00 a day. Mail checks payable to Pope High School Attn: L. Hickey/Sign Announcements or pay in person. **One week advance notice is required along with payment - no exceptions.**

PTSA NEWS

FACULTY & STAFF HOLIDAY DESSERT BUFFET

The annual faculty & staff Holiday Dessert Buffet will be on Wednesday, December 9. The Staff Appreciation Committee is looking for parents and/or students to donate a **HOMEMADE** sweet treat to this annual event. We are still in need of pies and cakes! Please bring your dessert, in a disposable container, to school by **9:30 AM on December 9** - there will be a cart outside PPO. Also include a copy of your recipe - we get requests every year! This event is a highlight for our teachers and staff and your participation is greatly appreciated. Please email Tonia Pondiscio pontonia@comcast.net or Linn Hodges linnhodges@aol.com and tell us what you'll be making!

POPE SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for that last minute holiday gift? Pope Spirit Store will be open on Friday morning from 7:00 AM til 8:30 AM in the main corridor. You can buy T-shirts, hoodies, PJ pants and other Pope items. Questions about what's available? Contact the McDonalds at 678-921-2015.

PTSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Volunteer Opportunities: MUST Ministries needs volunteers to set up their Holiday Toy Shop this Saturday, December 5 at the MUST offices located at 1407 North Cobb Parkway/US 41. Shift times are 9:00 AM-1:00 PM and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. We will help stock the shelves with new toys, clothing, and other items that have been donated by our community to help provide a special holiday shopping experience for pre-approved Cobb needy families. This is an ideal time to donate any **NEW**, unwrapped toys OR gently used items for the Secret Santa

shop where children will be shopping for their parents - a great opportunity for "re-gifting" those unwanted holiday or birthday gifts!

Serve as an "elf" while Pope hosts the MUST Toy Shop on Monday, December 21. Available shift times are 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, 2:00-5:00 PM and 5:00-8:30 PM. Various "elf" responsibilities include front desk (greeting clients); shoppers (helping the families select their allotted number of items per child); stockers and sorters (sort items and keep shelves filled); and runners (assisting families, with a partner, to their cars).

Cobb's Center for Family Resources and the Cobb County Department of Family and Children's Services need our help at the Cobb Christmas toy distribution on Saturday, December 19, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM or 12:30-5:00 PM, and Sunday, December 20, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM at Jim Miller Park. Cobb Christmas will serve nearly 4,000 children this year, and they need OUR HELP!

If you are interested in registering for any of these volunteer opportunities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers, Community Outreach Co-Chair at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com and indicate event, desired shift time and a contact phone number. All students under age 18 volunteering at MUST Ministries must complete a Youth Release Form with parent's signature that will be provided upon registration. Thank you for your support!

Stuffed Animal/Teddy Bear Drive: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) needs your help! Originally started over five years ago by current senior Lesley Hanley, and continues to grow thanks to your generosity. Teddy bears and stuffed animals are distributed by CHOA staff to comfort scared and sick children as they arrive at the hospital, as well as to children suffering with long-term illnesses. Please help Lesley and CHOA by purchasing a teddy bear or stuffed animal to donate before the holidays. All stuffed animals must be NEW with tags attached. Please bring your teddy bear or stuffed animal to the white bin by the PPO Office before **December 18**.

Toy Drive and Stocking Drive: AP US History and PTSA Community Outreach are supporting MUST Ministries and Cobb Christmas by sponsoring a toy and stocking drive for Cobb County children in need. New, unwrapped toys for newborn to age 18 are needed, as well as small items to fill stockings. Specifically, toys are needed for boys of all ages, and teenage girls. Toy suggestions include sports balls, action figures, board games, tool sets; hot wheel cars, videos, video games, CDs, watches, backpacks, wallets, photo albums/scrapbooks, cosmetics, and health/beauty accessories. Diapers are always appreciated for infants. No gift cards, candy, or toy weapons, please. Suggested stocking items include the following: socks, gloves/mittens, small toys/games, coloring books, playing cards, books, puzzles, miniature toiletries, disposable cameras, pencils, crayons, or other similar items appropriate for either gender. Please place all toy and stocking donations in the white bin by the PPO Office before **December 15**.

Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Drive: Please start saving your soda can, soup can or any other aluminum can tabs for the children of Atlanta's Ronald McDonald House. Collection boxes will soon be placed all around the school for this year-round collection drive. The tabs contain pure high-quality aluminum and are completely recyclable. The money earned from the tabs help offset the House expenses. By collecting and recycling the tabs, you will help care for the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House each year. If you have questions concerning any of the Community Outreach activities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE WORKSHOP

Sponsored by Lassiter High PTSA, this new-driver training in vehicle control and extreme defensive driving is coming right to Lassiter High School! Accident Avoidance Workshop is a 7 hour, hands-on, one-of-a-kind, parent ride along program which gives your student experience with vehicle control under the limits of their OWN car's capabilities. So, when they are inevitably faced with an emergency, they will have already practiced how to handle it! Program is comprised of one 3 hour classroom session to be held at Lassiter High School on Thursday, December 10, 6:25 to 9:10 PM, and a 4 and a half hour driving session held in the Mabry Middle School parking lot on Saturday, December 12 or Sunday, December 13 (two session options offered per day). Cobb County School students are eligible for a reduced program cost of \$195 (vs. regular program cost of \$249). PLEASE CALL 770-971-0571 TO REGISTER!

FOUNDATION NEWS

THE POPE FOUNDATION THANKS....

Mrs. Merriman's Culinary Arts Classes for preparing the box lunches for our Golf Marathon golfers. They did a great job by providing gourmet sandwiches and a selection of cookies and chips all wrapped up in pretty boxes! The lunches were a definite highlight during this rainy outing and were much appreciated by everyone. The Foundation thanks the students and Mrs. Merriman for all of their effort and time. This project certainly exemplified their wonderful culinary skills!

Mr. Keese's Advanced Graphic Arts Class for participating in the PHS GNG TrueBlue School logo contest. Each student was asked to submit a design that they felt best represented both PHS and the GNG TrueBlue Schools program. The students did an excellent job and showed off their extensive graphic design talents and creativity. Making a selection was a difficult choice and ultimately three students were selected as winners: Matt Sutter, Michael Genovario, and Perri Nitzberg. The best of each of their designs will be combined to create the ultimate PHS TrueBlue Schools Logo. The logo will be used on posters, emails and other marketing materials that the Foundation will distribute to promote the TrueBlue Schools Program. To find out more about the program go to: <http://www.trueblueschools.com/popehighschool/>.

GREYHOUND GALA

Attention all Pope organizations, coaches, booster club presidents and Pope club leaders! The Pope Foundation once again invites you and your organization to participate in the annual Greyhound Gala, scheduled for February 27, 2010. The time is NOW to start planning this wonderful event! The format will be generally the same as last year, and will include a silent auction to benefit all participating organizations.

Please plan to attend the Kick-Off meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in the Pope Media center. We will discuss important changes to this year's event and the protocol for silent auction submission. It is imperative that you and/or your organization's Gala representative plan attend this important meeting to receive your information packet.

If your organization cannot be represented at this meeting and you want to participate, please contact Kim Wagner at kimbo880@bellsouth.net or 404-906-8692.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

Any senior who has a college admissions deadline in January needs to submit their request for the official transcript and, if applicable, the counselor and teacher recommendations, prior to the end of this semester. All requests must be made by December 18. This includes seniors who are applying to UGA for the regular deadline.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

PRINCESS BRIDE

Pope Drama students will be performing "The Princess Bride" this week in the Pope Theater. Performances will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM. \$5.00 admission at the door.

HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED

The economy has been hard on many of our Pope families. Please bring in gift cards for Target or WalMart for those in need during the holidays. Often there are many programs for small children, but teenagers like to get gifts too. Please bring gift cards to Teresa Reddick in PPO who will get them to Pam Kretzmer, our school social worker.

SUPPORT RELAY FOR LIFE: JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY BREAKFAST!

On Friday, December 11 at 7:45 AM, Relay for Life will be hosting its first annual Holiday Breakfast in the Pope cafeteria. The menu will include pancakes, waffles, sausage, bacon, eggs, and danish. For a small price, you can feed yourself and support the American Cancer Society at the same time! We hope to see you there!

13th ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS

Pope High School Fine Arts Department Presents: *A Showcase of the Fine Arts*, on Friday, December 11, at the Bailey Performance Center at Kennesaw State University. Come enjoy the combined performances of the Pope Chorus, Advanced Orchestra, and Symphonic I Band. There will be two performances this year: 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM. If you have not purchased tickets, tickets will be on sale outside the cafeteria during lunch on **December 8-11**, \$7 for adults, and \$5 for students. Checks should be made payable to PBPA. Tickets will not be available at the door.

NJROTC BENEFIT RUN

Lassiter, Pope, and Kell NJROTC are proudly hosting a 5K benefit run on Saturday, December 5, 2009 in the Lassiter High School stadium. The run will take place from 8:00 – 11:00 AM with a minimum \$20 participation fee. This year's beneficiary will be the brother of our own Naval Science Instructor 1st Sgt. Lorenzo Cox, USMC (Ret.) who was recently injured in a devastating car accident. All proceeds will go toward medical expenses. Contact Lassiter High School at 678-494-7863, Ext. 249 for more information.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Congratulations to the boy's basketball team. They improved to 2-0 by defeating Sequoyah on Tuesday night. The girl's team lost an extremely close game to Sequoyah. We are expecting great seasons for both teams.

Congratulations to the Wrestling team. They defeated Kennesaw Mountain in their home opener on 11/20/09. They also won two tournaments over the Thanksgiving break. They are 10-0 on the season. Congratulations on the great start.

Congratulations to the Swim team. They defeated Lovett before the Thanksgiving break. They will be traveling to Jekyll Island this weekend. Good luck.

Congratulations to Zach Tupper and Molly Schenck. They were named to the MDJ all Cobb County Cross Country teams. Molly was named the female runner of the year. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Thomas O'reilly. He was named the Offensive Lineman of the Year for Cobb County.

GO HOUNDS!

Please make ptsa@popehs.ptsamail.com "an acceptable email address." It is used to distribute Hound Highlights. We will still communicate and subscribe through houndhighlights@popepts.org. Hound Highlights will also be posted on the www.popehigh.com website each Friday.

Fall 2009 Exam Schedule

Tuesday
Zero Exam
1 st 8:25- 9:15
No AO
2 nd 9:20-10:10
3 rd 10:15-11:05
4 th 11:10-12:00
5 th 12:05-12:55
6 th 1:00- 1:50
7 th Exam 1:55-3:25

Wednesday
No Zero
1 st 8:25-9:20
No AO
2 nd 9:25-10:20
3 rd 10:25- 11:20
4 th 11:25- 12:20
5 th Exam 12:25-1:50
6 th Exam 1:55- 3:25
7 th Will not meet

Thursday
No Zero
1 st Exam 8:25-9:50
AO 9:55-10:10
3 rd Exam 10:15- 11:40

Friday
No Zero
2 nd Exam 8:25-9:50
AO 9:55-10:10
4 th Exam 10:15- 11:40

**Buses will run at regular time each day!
Afternoon bus dismissal will be at 3:25 PM**

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Regular school day with 7th period extended for the exam.

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Zero period and 7th period will not meet. Students who have 6th period lunch may leave school early.

Thursday, December 17, and Friday, December 18, 2009

Students will be dismissed from school at 11:40 a.m. after the second exam of the day. **If students have 3rd or 4th period lunch, they may leave at 9:50 after the first exam of the day.**

Parents who **do not want** their student(s) to leave early MUST complete the form below and return it to Pope High School no later than Tuesday, December 15, 2009. **Early dismissal will be authorized for all students unless the school receives this form back by Tuesday, December 15, 2009.** A study hall will be provided on both Thursday and Friday for students who remain at Pope. Lunch will be served as usual.

I **do not** want my student to leave early on the following days:

_____ My son/daughter may **not** leave school early on December 16, 2009.

_____ My son/daughter may **not** leave school early on December 17, 2009.

_____ My son/daughter may **not** leave school early on December 18, 2009.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Student ID # _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____