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

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; Angela Andrew, Visual Arts; Emily Demario, Visual Arts; Gerald Demeunynck, Social Studies; Miranda Draper, Visual Arts; Karrah Foster, Visual Arts; Lydia Fletcher, Spanish; Jessica Hale, English; Sarah Hoefer, Visual Arts; Cassie Holmes, Chemistry; Jonathan LeBoutillier, Spanish; Alexandra Link, Math; Rebecca Martin, Visual Arts; Jessica McKay, Visual Arts; Alice Naghshineh, French; Dylan Swint, Visual Arts; Brittany Thayer, Music; 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. **Students will not be permitted to check out of school during an exam period.**

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**. Lost and found will NOT be allowed to be checked at any other time during the day. All lost 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 Friday, December 11; all unclaimed items 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.

PTSA NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parents who baked desserts for the annual Faculty & Staff Holiday Dessert Buffet! It was a huge success and the faculty & staff were overwhelmed with your creative talents and generosity!

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.

REFLECTIONS WINNERS

What talented students we have at Pope High School! This year, Pope students competed in the PTSA Reflections Program, creating original artworks based on the theme, "Beauty Is..." These entries were judged at the local level and eleven were sent on to the county level. We are pleased to report that we have some winners! Kathryn Harman, 12th grade, was named a finalist for her literature entry, and Pooja Mayur, 9th grade, was selected as a finalist for her visual arts entry. Congratulations! Let's wish them success as both of these works move on to the state level. Congratulations also to Grace Ferzely, 10th grade, for her film/video entry which earned her an honorable mention. Please join us in applauding these gifted artists and writers on thier impressive achievements.

PTSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Volunteer Opportunities:

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 thanks to volunteers like you!

MUST Ministries needs volunteers during their Toy Shop on **Monday, December 21** at the MUST Offices located at 1407 North Cobb Parkway/US 41. Shift times are 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (assist families with shopping), 2:00-5:00 PM (restocking only) and 5:00-8:30 PM (assist families with shopping, restocking & clean-up). Other 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 to their cars).

If you are interested in working any of these volunteer opportunities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers, Community Outreach Co-Chair at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com and provide event, volunteers' names, 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. Community Outreach Club activities are open to all students and volunteering at any Community Outreach club sponsored-event will provide you with service hours for your honor cord. 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: PTSA Community Outreach is 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 16**.

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 be arriving soon.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

QUEST COLLEGE FAIR

This fair will take place in our own back yard at Lassiter High School on January 20 from 7:00-8:30 PM. Over 100 colleges from the Southeast and other parts of the country will have admissions representatives on hand share information with you about their colleges and programs. Also, there will be representatives from several trade programs, professional programs, the military, and Job Corps in attendance. There will also be breakout sessions covering financial aid and the HOPE scholarship, the college admissions process, and NCAA student/athlete information. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS!**

PSAT RESULTS/GAcollege411 WORKSHOP

On January 21, 2010 in the Pope cafeteria 5:45 PM (before spring Open House) we will hold a meeting to discuss the PSAT results. **BRING YOUR CHILD'S PSAT SCORE REPORT WITH YOU TO THIS MEETING.** The PSAT results were distributed to your students in AO.

NACAC COLLEGE FAIR

The NACAC College Fair in Atlanta will be held Sunday, January 24, 2010 from 12 noon - 4 pm at the Georgia International Convention Center. Make plans now to attend the fair. Idea!! Print a page of labels with your name and contact information to use instead of having to write that information every time you stop by a college's table!

FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Financial Aid Night will be Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Pope theater. A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will present financial aid information including instruction in regard to completing the FAFSA. Bring all your financial aid questions! All parents are encouraged to attend.

SENIOR NEWS

COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS

Any senior who has a college admissions or scholarship deadline requiring a counselor or teacher recommendation form or letter in January needs to submit their request to their counselor and teacher **NOW**. The beginning of any term is extremely busy for our staff and we need at least three weeks turn around time from when the student makes the request for form or letter completion to the date it is due to the college or scholarship office in order to complete it well and in a timely manner. Any **counselor** recommendation form or letter requires the student to complete a "yellow packet" of information for their counselor and distribution of three to four "green sheets" to teachers/activity sponsors that teachers complete and return to counselors to use to complete/write recommendations. These forms can be acquired in the counseling office in Room102. Any questions, please contact the counseling office ASAP.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS

Seniors applying to colleges on-line need to submit them, especially UGA, ASAP. If the college requires a counselor or teacher recommendation, the counselor/teacher will not be able to access the electronic form until the student has submitted their application. Please check on this process with your child to avoid missing deadlines.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMON APPLICATION

The Counseling office was sent this message from the Common Application Web site. If your child is using the Common Application to apply to any colleges, please read on ...**"Important School Forms Information - a Common App member institution (colleges) will not receive counselor or teacher forms and recommendation letters if submitted electronically unless the student has submitted a Common App Online for that college or university.** If your student uses the paper version of the Common App, an institutional application, or a pre-populated online application, you must communicate with your teacher(s) and your counselor that they need to **mail** a hard copy of your school forms to the college. Please provide them with an addressed/stamped envelope when you inform them of this need ASAP.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

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. Tickets are on sale outside the cafeteria during lunch until **December 11**, \$7 for adults, and \$5 for students. Checks should be made payable to PBPA. Tickets will not be available at the door.

LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS?

Remember Pope Band students are selling HoneyBaked Gift Cards as well as Publix and Kroger cards. For more information on the HoneyBaked Gift Cards, contact Eddie Scarbrough, volfanneddie@yahoo.com. For more information on Publix and Kroger Gift Cards, contact Kim Naber, mail@naberonline.net. There are several amounts available for all cards! Help the band! Decrease your shopping time!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Congratulations to the boys and girls basketball team. Both teams defeated Alpharetta on Friday and Kell on Saturday. The girls' record is 2-0 and the boys' record is 4-0. Congratulations on a great start.

Congratulations to the swim team. Both the boys team and girls teams won the meet at Jekyll Island this past weekend.

Congratulations to the wrestling team. They finished second at the Walton Duels. The team went 4-1 on the day losing to Collins Hill in a close match in the finals.

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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Zero Exam	No Zero	No Zero	No Zero
1 st 8:25- 9:15	1 st 8:25-9:20	1 st Exam 8:25-9:50	2 nd Exam 8:25-9:50
No AO	No AO	AO 9:55-10:10	AO 9:55-10:10
2 nd 9:20-10:10	2 nd 9:25-10:20	3 rd Exam 10:15- 11:40	4 th Exam 10:15- 11:40
3 rd 10:15-11:05	3 rd 10:25- 11:20		
4 th 11:10-12:00	4 th 11:25- 12:20		
5 th 12:05-12:55	5 th Exam 12:25-1:50		
6 th 1:00- 1:50	6 th Exam 1:55- 3:25		
7 th Exam 1:55-3:25	7 th Will not meet		

Buses will run at regular time each day!!!

Students will not be permitted to check out of school during an exam period.

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 _____