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A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students
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Send submissions to houndhighlights@popeptsa.org ♦ Deadline: Wed 12 NOON

IMPORTANT DATES

December 23 Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
 December 26-January 9 Winter Break

FROM the ADMINISTRATION

OPENING DAYS FOR Spring 2012

Period	Tuesday 1/10	Wednesday 1/11	Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13
0	No Zero	7:00 - 8:05		
Academic Opportunity (AO)	8:20-8:45	8:20-8:30	Regular Thursday	Regular Friday
1	8:50-9:40	8:35-9:20	Schedule	Schedule
2	9:45-10:35	9:25-10:10		
3 (Lunch)	10:40-11:30	10:15-10:50		
4 (Lunch)	11:35-12:25	10:55-11:40		
5 (Lunch)	12:30-1:20	11:45-12:30		
6 (Lunch)	1:25-2:15	12:35-1:20		
7	2:20-3:10	1:25-2:10		
Afternoon (AO)	3:15 - 3:30	X Block		

COURSE EXTENSIONS

Course extension will again be offered to students for the following courses:

Biology A, Physics A, Chemistry A, GPS Algebra A, Math 2 A, All English Courses, World History A, US Hist A, World Geography A, and Economics A.

The mandatory dates are Monday - Friday from 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM from Thursday, January 19th through Wednesday, February 1st for a total of 20 hours.

Some courses will be offered online through NovaNET, with others receiving classroom instruction from content area teachers.

Students will receive notification and paperwork to take home during AO on Thursday, Jan 12th.

Criteria for eligibility:

- students must be enrolled in these classes during the fall 2011 semester
- have a final grade point average between 60-69
- recommended by classroom teacher
- approval by administration
- complete contract signed by both student and parent turned in by deadline of Wed, Jan 18th at 8:30 am
- pay \$100 course fee by deadline of Wed, Jan 18th at 8:30 am to our bookkeeper - checks made payable to Pope HS
- complete all necessary work with a grade of 80

Course extension allows a student to receive credit on their official transcript with a grade of 70.

GREYHOUND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND

The *Greyhound Community Support* fund has been established for families in need in the Pope Community. This new fund will be administered by Pam Kretzmer. If you would like to contribute, there are two ways: 1) gift cards (e.g. Wal-Mart, Target, Kroger, gasoline) of any type may be directly given to Pam; and 2) monetary donations can be receipted by Emily Tilden. All contributions are tax deductible. The *Greyhound Community Support* account will be a donation fund that runs continuously throughout the year to support our Pope Community families in need.

SCHOOL CLINIC

The Nurse, Ms. Christie greatly appreciates all the recent donations to the school clinic. We are still in need of Band-Aids and Apple Juice.

FROM the COUNSELING OFFICE

ANTI-BULLYING CURRICULUM FROM THE POPE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Dear 9th Grade Parents – A letter was sent home with your freshman student last Thursday, Dec. 15TH regarding the Anti-Bullying program we will again be offering to all freshmen during the spring semester. Click on the following link for a copy of this letter and to review the program in more detail.

<http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment/anti-bullying-curriculum-and-survey-for-9th-graders.html>

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this program or have any questions, please contact Leslie Shearstone at leslie.shearstone@cobbk12.org by January 13th, 2012.

PRINCETON REVIEW SAT PREP COURSES

Do you want help raising your SAT score?? Pope will, once again, be hosting SAT prep courses taught by The Princeton Review during the Spring Semester leading to the May 5 SAT. The cost is at a greatly reduced price of \$375, which pays for 12 classes and 3 full-length diagnostic tests. The diagnostic tests will be on Saturdays and are scheduled for Feb. 4, March 17, and April 28 from 9:00am - 1:15pm. The classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:15pm - 4:15pm and will run from Feb. 8 - May 2 (excluding Spring Break).

Enrollment will end on January 20.

To register for the discounted class, visit: www.princetonreview.com, use the "Course Finder" to search for SAT prep programs using your zip code, click on the tab "Find Courses Near Me," and scroll to Pope. The full price is \$599, so to receive the discount, please use promo code: ATLHSPSHIP3. Enrollment for each class is 24 students and is open to all interested students, however, it is typically geared toward juniors and advanced sophomores who are looking to get an early start on the college process. More information, including the course schedule of classes and diagnostic test dates, is posted on the Pope School Counseling blog <http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment/>. If you have any questions, please contact jamie.hamrick@cobbk12.org.

PTSA NEWS

NEED A GREAT PARENTING GIFT THIS SEASON??? DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS THAT AFFECT YOUR TEENAGER??? GET THIS BOOK TODAY!

J. Tom Morgan, a highly respected former prosecutor and author spoke to students and interested parents November 28th at Pope High School. J. Tom Morgan is a nationally recognized expert on the prosecution of crimes against and committed by children. This was a very informational assembly for both students and parents sponsored by the Pope PTSA. J. Tom Morgans' book **"Ignorance is No Defense, A Teenagers Guide to Georgia Law" is for sale for only \$10.** If interested please contact Karin Welte, karin.welte@gmail.com.

POPE FOUNDATION NEWS

SIGN UP WITH GEORGIA NATURAL GAS

It's time to check your gas bill as the winter weather hits. Look on your bill for your "price per therm" and call 770-850-6200 or go to www.trueblueschools.com and sign up for gas from Georgia Natural Gas (GNG). Not only will you save money but if you partner with Pope High School, GNG will donate \$5 a month to the Pope Foundation! The Foundation supports facility improvements at Pope, most recently the building façade renovation, the front entrance sign, and new landscaping. Two ongoing projects are the mural on the large concrete wall by the north parking lot and an audio/visual setup in the cafeteria. Additionally, GNG will sponsor a Rachel's Challenge assembly if we get 25 new customers. So save some cash, stay warm with GNG, and support Pope High School! Email popefoundationgng@gmail.com if you have any questions."

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERACT CLUB

Interact members, we will have a general meeting the Tuesday we return to school, **1/10 at 7:45 AM** in the theater. Plan to be there to sign up for the Atlanta Food Bank projects and to hear our presentation on our international project. ***Thanks for everyone's participation in Parent's Nite Out. We raised almost \$700!***

DIVERSITY and INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Do you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Three Kings Day? Maybe you celebrate St. Lucia Day or Ramadan. Chances are, Pope has students who observe more than one of those events. Opportunities for multicultural experiences are available throughout the year. Here is a sampling of multicultural events and celebrations that happen during the year:

- Three Kings Day/Epiphany (Christian) -- January 6 (in U.S.)
- Ramadan (Muslim) -- July 31 - August 31
- Saint Nicholas Day (Christian) -- December 6
- Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexican) -- December 12
- St. Lucia Day (Swedish) -- December 13
- Hanukkah (Jewish) -- December 20-28
- Christmas Day (Christian) -- December 25
- Kwanzaa (African American) -- December 26 - January 1

POPE FENCING CLUB

Here's the latest from your awesome Greyhound fencers at the 12/17 tournament at Lassiter HS:

Three Pope fencers won medals with Chloe Bowman and Katie Van Riper taking bronze in the women's event and Luben Jelezarov taking bronze in the men's event.

The men's team moved up one place and is now ranked 2nd behind Northview and the women are 3rd behind Alpharetta and Chattahoochee.

Our next tournament will be Jan.7th at Centennial HS. Come cheer us on! Go Greyhounds!

POPE BAND - RECYCLE

The Pope Band will once again recycle - **Save the date: Saturday January 21st**. This year we will recycle metal, electronics and paint – plus paper shredding. If you have any metal, unused electronics, old cans of paint in your basement or garage, or papers that should be shredded (like old tax returns, financial statements, incriminating photos) this is a great opportunity to "slim down"!

POPE GREYHOUND GALA

The 4th Annual Greyhound Gala and Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel.

As in the years past, Pope High School Foundation puts on this event to help each and every club or organization raise money respectively via the silent auction. If you have any questions, or are interested in helping with the Gala, please contact the co-chairs Julie Pederson barefootedone@aol.com, or Dania Tarquinio Daniatarquinio@comcast.net.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Boys Basketball Team will play in the Campbell Holiday Tournament over the break. The games will be on December 28, 29, and 30. **Please come out and support the Greyhounds!!**

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls Basketball Team will play in the Westminster Holiday Tournament on December 27, 28, and 29. **Please come out and support the Lady Greyhounds!!**

WRESTLING

The Wrestling team will travel to Brecksville, Ohio for a National Tournament on December 29 and 30. **Good Luck Greyhounds!!!**

GO HOUNDS!

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