



# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

February 12	School Improvement Survey Due
February 15	No School – Teacher Workday
February 24	Heroes Deadline
February 27	2nd Annual Greyhound Gala
March 5	Deadline to register for AP Exams

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

The Cobb County School District is conducting its annual School Improvement Survey to give individual feedback to schools as to how each is performing according to its stakeholders in the areas of: curriculum, assessment, instruction, planning and organization, professional learning, leadership, school culture, student, family and community. Please take the time to give us feedback as to how we are doing as a school. We value your input and seek to improve continuously. The surveys are anonymous and the results will be returned to the school at the end of April. Please pick up and return all forms (one per family) to the collection bin located at the PPO desk or complete the survey online at <http://www.cobbk12.org/sisurvey> by **Friday, February 12**.

### GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS (GHSGT)

During the week of **March 22 – 26**, Pope Juniors will be taking the GHSGT. Check out the GHSGT link on the Pope website for all things related to the upcoming GHSGT tests in English, math, science, and social studies. You will find practice questions and tests for all four content area tests as well as helpful tips for preparing for the GHSGT. You can apply for login and password information for helpful resources such as usatestprep, skills tutor, online assessment system, and more. Videos and Power Point strands are available for science and social studies. Look for upcoming events at Pope to help you obtain your best possible score. For additional information or questions, please contact Lorelee Hill ([Lorelee.Hill@cobbk12.org](mailto:Lorelee.Hill@cobbk12.org)).

### AP EXAM REGISTRATION

AP students are to register on line at [www.popehs.TotalRegistration.net](http://www.popehs.TotalRegistration.net), print 2 copies of their confirmation page and bring one confirmation page with their money to any AP teacher. This must be done before March 5.

### THEFT

There has been a rapid increase in thefts in Cobb County schools. Please advise your student to keep their property in their possession while at school or leave valuable items at home. If something is stolen, report your loss to Officer Vick and provide him with the serial # from the item. The school provides local pawn shops with a list of stolen items.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

The Final exam schedule is on the last page of this issue of the Hound Highlights. Please review it carefully.

## 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 Hoefler, 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; David Teal, Executive Business Management; Brittany Thayer, Music; Stephanie Wachs, Math; and Katie Ward, English. Good luck.

## PTSA NEWS

### HEROES ARE EVERYWHERE!

The PTSA is conducting an "Honoring Our Heroes" essay contest. Entry forms and instructions are available in the Media Center. Heroes are everywhere! Parents and teachers, encourage your students to think about their "real life" heroes. Challenge them to think of someone who has made a difference in their life by exhibiting qualities such as compassion, courage, dedication, generosity, perseverance, commitment, integrity, etc? Perhaps they are their parents, grandparents, siblings, or friends. Did a policeman, fireman, teacher, counselor, social worker, nurse, or doctor impact their life directly or indirectly? Encourage them to let their hero know what he or she means to them by entering the "Honoring Our Heroes" essay contest! Completed entries can be returned to the Heroes Box in the Media Center by 4:00 PM on **Wednesday, February 24**. Questions? Contact Susan Tupper 770-578-6358 or [njtupper@comcast.net](mailto:njtupper@comcast.net)

### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

February is Black History Month. It originally began as "Negro History Week" created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Learn more at <http://www.history.com/content/blackhistory> and <http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/index.jsp>.

## FOUNDATION NEWS

### GREYHOUND GALA!

The second annual Greyhound Gala is **Saturday, February 27** at the prestigious Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. Invitations were mailed last week to all Pope families. The event will be an evening of fun, food, and fundraising and we would love for you to join us! Please return your RSVPs as soon as possible. If you have specific questions about the Gala, please check the Foundation website at [www.popehighschoolfoundation.com](http://www.popehighschoolfoundation.com) or email [info@popehighschoolfoundation.com](mailto:info@popehighschoolfoundation.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Greyhound Gala Committee is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event. We need help in three areas: setting up for the Silent Auction on Saturday afternoon, helping with the Silent Auction during the event, and cleaning up after the event. Please contact Karen Ponticelli at [klpont@gmail.com](mailto:klpont@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping out with any of these times.

# SCHOOL COUNSELING-SENIOR NEWS

## POPE PTSA COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention College Bound Seniors! Pope PTSA sponsors 6 community service scholarships of \$500. Selection for the scholarships is based on an essay describing your role in a community service project. Applications are available in guidance and submissions are **DUE Friday, March 26**. You must be a PTA member to join, but it is not too late! Contact Susan Hinck at [mhinck@comcast.net](mailto:mhinck@comcast.net) about joining today! Winners will be announced at the Honors Night Ceremony on May 12. If you have questions, please call Lisa Joyner at 404-641-7831.

## GRADUATION DATE ANNOUNCED

Graduation will be **Friday, May 21, 2010** at 6:30 PM at Roswell Street Baptist Church.

## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

We invite you to join us on **Thursday, May 20** at 7:00 PM at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church for the 2010 Senior Baccalaureate Service. A reception for the graduates and their guests will follow in the Fellowship Hall. For 15 years, Baccalaureate has signaled the beginning of graduation festivities with a 'spiritual sending forth' of the graduates of Pope High School. It will be a student-led, non-denominational celebration of the past four years, with inspiration and reflection given by students, faculty, and community speakers. We hope this celebration with family and friends will be an uplifting start to the graduation festivities. It is also a wonderful opportunity to include those people who may not be able to attend graduation. Baccalaureate is funded entirely by donations. We would welcome your support. If you would like to contribute, checks should be made payable to Pope Baccalaureate and sent to: Beth Watkins, 1818 Murdock Road, Marietta, GA 30062. If you have any questions, please contact Beth at [sbjbj@comcast.net](mailto:sbjbj@comcast.net).

## TIMBER RIDGE WIDENER-BEGA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Timber Ridge PTA is pleased to announce the Widener-Bega Scholarships, available to graduating seniors at Pope and Walton High Schools, who are also Timber Ridge alumnus. The scholarships are awarded to the graduating seniors who best exemplify the Timber Ridge motto of **"Learning, caring, and sharing together"**. The scholarship is named the Widener-Bega Scholarship in honor of its founders, former principal, Mary K. Widener and former PTA President, Beth Bega. There are three \$500 scholarships available-one each to a Pope and Walton graduating senior and a third to a graduating senior from either school who has achieved an outstanding record and has been identified with a diagnosed learning disability. We attempt to send a notice to all Timber Ridge Alumni in the senior classes at Pope and Walton. Applications are available in the guidance department. **Completed applications are due March 22, 2010. Scholarship winners will be notified in the middle of April and the awards will be presented on April 29, 2010 at the PTA general meeting.** If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Kollias, Timber Ridge Elementary School PTA, Grants and Scholarship Committee Chair at 678-461-5656 or [magsdk@bellsouth.net](mailto:magsdk@bellsouth.net).

# CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

## INTERACT CLUB

Interact members; don't forget about the Interact District Conference held at Riverwood HS on **Saturday, February 27** from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. The Pope Interact Club has won awards for the past two years and we plan on winning another this year! All members welcome. The conference will have free food and prizes and lots of fun speakers. Sign up on the bulletin board on the 100 hallway by **Friday, February, 19**. Meet at the wall at 8:15 if you need a ride. Otherwise, directions are on the board. Wear your Interact t-shirt!

## **FBLA**

Congratulations FBLA region winners and upcoming state competitors, **Kevin Ma**, first place in Business Calculations, **and Pierce Owen**, fourth place in Economics.

## **LACE UP THOSE SHOES AND WHET YOUR APPETITE!**

Pope Men's Lacrosse hosts the 2nd Annual Shake, Rattle & Run 5K, 1-Mile Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast. Join us **Saturday, February 20** at Pope High School. Runs begin at 8:30AM, pancakes hot off the griddle at 8:00 AM. To register, or for more information, visit [www.popelacrosse.com](http://www.popelacrosse.com) or contact Kathy Sommerfeldt at [sommerfeldt4@bellsouth.net](mailto:sommerfeldt4@bellsouth.net).

## **POPE BAND ELECTRONICS, RECYCLING AND PAPER SHREDDING FUND RAISER**

The Pope High School Band will be holding an Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding fund raiser at Pope High School **Saturday, February 13** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Donations are \$10.00 (minimum), plus \$5 per TV, and \$5 per box of paper. The recycling event provides a valuable community service, is good for the environment, and provides much needed funds for this worthy high school band program. We can accept Electronic parts, working & non-working computers, monitors, flat panels, network equipment, computer parts, hard drives, CD-ROM/DVD drives, loose PC boards, cables, telephone equipment, test equipment, home electronics - stereo systems, game systems & tape players. Sorry - we cannot accept electronics in wood cabinets; kitchen/bathroom electronics, or small appliances. Join us Saturday, February 13 at Pope High School. For more information, contact Brad Roberts at (phone: 770-565-1194, email: [nilesrob@gmail.com](mailto:nilesrob@gmail.com)).

## **PROMOTE SAFE TEEN DRIVING AND WIN A CHANCE AT AN IPOD or Wii!**

Teens who take the Safe Driver Pledge online with their parents understand how to avoid the common mistakes and distractions that lead to car accidents – the #1 cause of teen deaths. The more teen drivers who take the pledge, the safer the roads are for them and for everyone else. After you pledge at [www.teensafedriverpledge.com](http://www.teensafedriverpledge.com), you'll be entered for a chance to win one of 14 Nintendo Wii's, one of 90 iPod shuffles, and one of 200 iTune cards. In addition, the high school with the most teen-parent pledges will have a chance to win \$25,000, \$10,000 for second place or \$5,000 for third place. Let's all promote Safe Teen Driving so everyone wins!!

## **CELEBRATE CALM WORKSHOP**

Child behavior expert Kirk Martin will present his Celebrate Calm seminar twice on **Tuesday, February 23**. From 10:00 AM to noon, he will be at the East Cobb Government Center at 4400 Lower Roswell Road. From 7:00-9:00 PM, he will be at Hightower Trail Middle School at 3905 Post Oak Tritt Road. Mr. Martin specializes in "intense" children, such as those with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), and more, but his methods help all parents take control of their family lives. He has taught thousands of parents and teachers all over the U.S. and many other countries. For more information, please contact Kim Fry at [ParentalInvolvement@eastsideelementary.com](mailto:ParentalInvolvement@eastsideelementary.com), or check out [www.celebratecalm.com](http://www.celebratecalm.com).

## **FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...**

Congratulations to all of the athletes that have signed letter of intents to attend colleges.

Marcorus Garrett-Football-Columbia University  
Milan Ivory-Gymnastics-Iowa State University  
Will Kendall-Baseball-Auburn University  
Grant Ramsay-Football-Vanderbilt University  
Drew Rohskopf-Track-Mars Hill College  
Stevie Wilkerson-Baseball-Clemson University

Congratulations to the wrestling team. They won the Area tournament. Pope qualified 13 wrestlers for the state sectionals. Pope placed 12 wrestlers in the finals of the tournament. They will be competing in Tifton this weekend. Good luck!

The swim and dive team will be in competition this week at the state meet. Good luck!

The basketball team will play against Wheeler at Pope on **Thursday, February, 11** and Lassiter at Pope on **Friday, February 12**. Coach Abney and both the girls and boys basketball teams will be hosting Curing Kids' Cancer Nights. The money raised will fund research at the Aflac Cancer Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Monies will be raised by passing the bucket and selling wristbands. Curing Kids' Cancer is a local charity started by Pope family, the Owens. Since the charity was started in 2004, over \$1 million dollars has been donated to childhood cancer research.

## GO HOUNDS!

Please make [ptsa@popehs.ptsamail.com](mailto: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](mailto:houndhighlights@popepts.org). Hound Highlights will also be posted on the [www.popehigh.com](http://www.popehigh.com) website each Friday.

### Spring 2010 Exam Schedule Seniors

Seniors will take their exams during the regular class period with the exception of Tuesday, May 18th.

Wednesday, May 12th	**Thursday, May 13 <sup>th</sup> **	Friday, May 14th	Monday, May 17th	Tuesday, May 18th
Zero Period	No Zero Period	Zero Period	Zero Period	Zero Exam
1 <sup>st</sup> 8:25-9:15	1 <sup>st</sup> 9:40- 10:25	1 <sup>st</sup> 8:25-9:15	1 <sup>st</sup> 8:25-9:15	1 <sup>st</sup> Exam 8:25-9:55
AO 9:20-9:55	No AO	AO 9:20-9:55	AO 9:20-9:55	
2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:00-10:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:30-11:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:00-10:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sr. Exam 10:00-10:50	
3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:55-11:45	3 <sup>rd</sup> 11:20-12:05	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:55-11:45	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sr. Exam 10:55-11:45	
4 <sup>th</sup> 11:50-12:40	4 <sup>th</sup> 12:10-12:55	4 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Exam 11:50-12:40	4 <sup>th</sup> 11:50-12:40	
5 <sup>th</sup> 12:45-1:35	5 <sup>th</sup> 1:00-1:45	5 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Exam 12:45-1:35	5 <sup>th</sup> 12:45-1:35	
6 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Exam 1:40-2:30	6 <sup>th</sup> 1:50-2:35	6 <sup>th</sup> 1:40-2:30	6 <sup>th</sup> 1:40-2:30	
7 <sup>th</sup> Sr. Exam 2:35-3:25	7 <sup>th</sup> 2:40-3:25	7 <sup>th</sup> 2:35-3:25	7 <sup>th</sup> 2:35-3:25	

**\*\*Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> is a normal school day with no exams. \*\*Mandatory graduation practices are Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in the Pope Gym, Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. at Roswell Street Baptist Church, and Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in the Pope Gym.\*\***

# Spring 2010 Exam Schedule Freshman-Juniors

Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is considered a regular school day with an extended 1<sup>st</sup> period.

Tuesday, May 18th
Zero Exam
1 <sup>st</sup> Exam 8:25-9:55
No AO
2 <sup>nd</sup> 10:00-10:50
3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:55-11:45
4 <sup>th</sup> 11:50-12:40
5 <sup>th</sup> 12:45-1:35
6 <sup>th</sup> 1:40-2:30
7 <sup>th</sup> 2:35-3:25

Wednesday, May 19th
No Zero
2nd Exam 8:25-9:50
AO 9:55-10:10
3rd Exam 10:15- 11:40
* Teachers available for help from 11:50-1:20

Thursday, May 20th
No Zero
4th Exam 8:25-9:50
AO 9:55-10:10
5th Exam 10:15- 11:40
* Teachers available for help from 11:50-1:20

Friday, May 21st
No Zero
6th Exam 8:25-9:50
AO 9:55-10:10
7th Exam 10:15- 11:40