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

February 25

PTA Day at the Capitol

February 28

Greyhound Gala

March 3

Early Release 1:25PM Dismissal

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

2009 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS

Congratulations to the following students for being named 2009 National Merit Scholarship Finalists: Abraham Chang, Maura Friedman, Charles Lu, Connor McCubrey, and Aurelia Wang.

GREYHOUNDS HELP EACH OTHER

An unfortunate crisis has impacted one of Pope's families. The family home of two Pope students burned down early Friday morning on February 6. While the family is safe, most all of their belongings are gone. We are asking the Pope community to help by donating gift cards. Please consider donating gift cards to grocery stores, Wal-Mart, Target and clothing stores such as Kohl's or Old Navy. Bring gift cards to PPO and we will make sure the family receives them. Thanks in advance for your support.

GREYHOUND GALA

The Greyhound Gala is February 28th... which is just around the corner! If you haven't already done so, please return your RSVPs now! There will be a ton of great items to bid on in the silent auction: a wide variety of gift certificates, getaways, baskets, tickets, home décor, sports memorabilia and much, much more! And remember, the booster club or organization that donates the item will receive the proceeds. The live auction will also have plenty of fabulous items! How would you like four guaranteed front row tickets for this year's graduation? What about a guaranteed parking space for your underclassman next year? You can bid on these – and more – but you have to be there! The bottom line – there will be something for everyone! Come join the fun! If you've misplaced your RSVP card, please go to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com and select the Greyhound Gala tab to download a form.

NEW SCHEDULE MEETINGS

Please see the Pope Schedule Blog (<http://popehs.typepad.com/schedule/>) for an electronic copy of the new information brochure. Paper copies are also available in the Front Office, PPO, and the main offices at Hightower Trail and Dodgen Middle Schools. Please also see the brochure or blog for the dates and times of upcoming meetings about the new schedule.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GREYHOUND CONNECTION (THE GC) NEXT YEAR?

You may be used to SGA. Well the Greyhound Connection is SGA, but improved! The GC is a way to better organize all student clubs to be more effective here at Pope. In the blog link below, you will find the Greyhound Connection organizational chart. This chart shows each GC office and gives a brief overview of what meetings they preside. Please visit http://popehs.typepad.com/greyhound_connection/ for more details.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

AP students are to register online for their AP exams, print 2 copies of their confirmation page and bring one confirmation page with their money to any AP teacher. This must be done before February 27th. Any questions, please see Mrs. Lossner in room 103.

PTSA NEWS

HONORING OUR HEROES ENTRIES DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Completed entries should be returned to the Heroes Box in the Media Center by February 20th. Questions? Contact Susan Tupper 770-578-6358 or njtupper@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS....

ECCC will be hosting their 3rd Annual Teen Job Fair on Saturday, March 7, from 11AM-1PM at the Mt. View Community Center. ECCC PTA will have job applications available from local retail stores, grocery chains, major amusement park employers, lifeguarding companies, fast food chains, local small businesses and many more. Students will also receive information on how to create a resume, fill out an online application and tips on first appearances. Look forward to seeing you on March 7. For more information, contact Pat Giuliani at 404-409-9112 or pat.giuliani@parentcorps.org.

FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

We are still looking for volunteers to answer the phones and greet people at the Front office. Each shift is only 2 1/2 hours and we currently have 10 open shifts (with 6 openings on Fridays). The work is easy, but very important in the smooth operation of the school. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Monica Anderson at 770-565-2600.

POPE FOUNDATION

GEORGIA NATURAL GAS

Join the 80 Pope families who are already "cookin' with gas" by joining the Georgia Natural Gas (GNG) TrueBlue Schools program! When you sign up for TrueBlue (as an existing GNG customer or a new GNG customer) GNG will donate \$25 to Pope plus \$5 for each month that you stay with GNG. For all the details on this program, go to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com and click on the *How You Can Help* tab. Don't waste time – support PHS by becoming TrueBlue!

LANDSCAPE UPDATE

We are in the final stages of the first phase of our landscape project! The architect has just presented us with some lighting options for the two monuments and we hope to have them installed in the near future. The LED sign is scheduled to arrive within the next month. And, we are finalizing details on our sponsorship signs for the main monument at Hembree Road. What a great new look for our entrance! Thank you to all who have supported this ongoing effort.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

POPE LACROSSE WINTER FUN RUN & PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Haven't registered yet for the 5K this Saturday? Not a problem, registrations will be taken that morning. Even if you're not a runner (or walker), come out and enjoy a hot, delicious pancake breakfast. We'll be serving from 8AM until 10:30AM. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Thanks for supporting Pope Men's Lacrosse!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS

We begin building our 11th house on Saturday, February 21! We are part of the Cobb High School Coalition which includes Kennesaw Mountain, Harrison High School, the Walker School, Wheeler High School and Pope. Students must be 16 years old and above to work on the following build dates: February 21, March 7 and March 14. Students who are 14 years old + can start coming to the build site on the following dates: March 28, April 18 and April 25. Since there are so many schools involved students MUST sign up for a build date ahead of time. The sign up sheets are on the Habitat bulletin board which is located on the Main Hall across from the cafeteria. We will only be able to take 12-15 students on each build date. There will be a bus that will take us to the build site. It will leave the stone wall at 7:50AM each Saturday morning that we are building and return about 4:15PM. If you have questions, please contact Deborah.Peterson@cobbk12.org. Please continue to use your Publix Habitat for Humanity cards and continue to recycle inkjet, laser cartridges and cell phones, and turn them in to Room 120.

"ENJOY THE CITY" COUPON BOOKS FUNDRAISER

These days, everyone can use a little discount. With the *Enjoy the City* coupon book, you'll get hundreds of coupons worth thousands of dollars in discounts from 116 restaurants, fast food establishments, entertainment venues, recreation complexes, retailers and service companies. The Pope Men's Lacrosse team has these for sale for only \$20. The book will pay for itself if you only use a couple of coupons this year. Proceeds will help fund our spring break trip to play top-level teams in Tennessee. See any men's lacrosse player or Coach Pfaff in Room 95 to purchase one. Thanks for your support!

NOTE THIS...

2009-2010 APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENT NEWSPAPER DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

The Greyhound Tracks, Pope's student newspaper, is accepting applications for next year. The staff needs photographers, writers and more. Applications are posted outside of Mr. Canter's room (114). Applications are due to Mr. Canter by Friday, February 20.

CLINIC SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Clinic is in need of 6-ounce paper cups, ginger ale, Coke, juices and large Band Aids. Please send in donations if you are able.

COUNSELORS' NEWS

DO SOMETHING AWARD

The *Do Something Award* is for young people 25 years old or younger who have identified a problem in their community and ways to combat it. Five winners will receive a minimum of \$10,000 in community grants and scholarships. Apply online at: http://www.dosomething.org/programs/awards_guidelines Learn. Lead. Serve. **NEW** scholarship opportunities are updated daily on the Pope website at www.popehigh.com.

SENIOR PARENTS - FAFSA FORM AND FINANCIAL AID HELP

Georgia Student Finance Commission's mission statement is to promote and increase access to education beyond high school for Georgians. February is Financial Aid Awareness Month in Georgia. We know that in today's economy, families are extremely concerned about how to finance a college education. During the month of February, Monday through Friday, Client Services staff will be available to help families complete the Free Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at their facility in Tucker, Georgia. They will have staff available from 12PM until 2PM each day. They will also accommodate evening appointments as requested. If you would like to make an appointment for FAFSA assistance, please contact Wanda Simmons at 1-800-505-4732, ext. 9017, or wandas@gafc.org. It will be extremely important that you bring your 2008 Federal Income Tax information with you to this meeting.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the Swim and Dive teams. They represented Pope extremely well in the state championships. A special congratulation goes to Kelsey Gaid. She won the state championship in the 500 freestyle and also had a second place finish.

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team. They defeated Alpharetta in the first round of the region tournament. The Boys Basketball team finished the season in a tough loss to Kell on Monday night. Congratulations on both great basketball seasons.

We have 12 wrestlers that will be competing in the state championship tournament at the Gwinnett Civic Center. Wrestling will be on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Good luck this weekend.

The Boys and Girls Soccer teams are off to a great start. The boys are 3-0, and the girls are 2-1.

The Baseball team has a scrimmage game on Saturday at Sprayberry.

I encourage everyone to visit the school website to view the athletic calendars. We have an athletic event at Pope almost every single day this spring. Please come and support our student athletes!

GO HOUNDS!

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