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

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 4

February 7

February 10

March 3

Basketball "Hoopcoming"

TJ Yates Inducted Pope Hall of Fame

School Improvement Surveys Due

Greyhound Gala

FROM the ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

Mr. Beaulieu and the staff at Pope High School value your input on how we can continue to grow and improve at Pope High School. In order to meet the needs of our community, we need the feedback provided by the School Improvement Survey. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. Thank you for everyone that has already filled out the survey online or returned the survey to the school. Follow this online link to complete the survey: <http://www.cobbk12.org/sisurvey>

POPE SCHOOL COUNCIL

Pope's School Council will meet **Monday, February 13th**, in Mr. Beaulieu's office from 5-6 PM. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

GIMME 5 FOR EDUCATION

This year our school is participating in the "Gimme5 for Education" campaign to raise funds for the Cobb Schools Foundation! **All students who donate will be entered into a drawing to win Atlanta Hawks tickets!** The Cobb Schools Foundation is the only non-profit organization that supports all our schools, staff and students in the CCSD. All funds collected will directly benefit our schools through Foundation supported scholarships, grants and programs for our schools, staff & students. Help us reach our goal of 100% participation, please make a \$5 tax-deductible contribution and return it to school today! Give a high five to education and help support our schools & students! A portion of the proceeds benefits our school directly!

From The COUNSELING OFFICE

SOPHOMORE ADVISEMENT

Pope Counselors are in the process of visiting all Sophomore AO classes to review student's transcripts to check their status toward 11th grade promotion and graduation. We will be finished with this process by Tues. Feb. 7th. Please ask your sophomore to show you their status check sheet (on pink paper and current transcript). The main item we wanted them to be aware of is that they must earn 10 credits by the end of this summer in order to promote, and of those 10 credits, they must earn two credits each in English, Math, and Science (6 total). If you have any questions after looking over your child's status check sheet, please call the Pope Counseling Office (770)578-7903 and ask to speak to your child's counselor.

JUNIOR ADVISEMENT - February 6 through March 8

Attention Junior Parents: You should have received a postcard in the mail from your child's counselor with an Advisement Appointment time with your counselor. Junior Advisement runs from February 6 through March 8 and it is an opportunity for you and your child to meet with his/her school counselor to assess his/her progress and to begin the initial steps for post-secondary options.

RENAISSANCE SAT-ACT RECOGNITION

The SAT/ACT Renaissance Board outside the Administration hallway is designed to recognize any student who has received an 1800 or higher on any sitting of the SAT or a composite of 27 or higher on the ACT. Please have the student come to the Counseling Office, Room 102, to complete the paperwork to have their name engraved and added to the Renaissance Board Recognition Wall. All paperwork must be completed and turned in by Friday, February 17.

QUEST COLLEGE FAIR EAST

This fair will take place at Kell High School this year on **Thursday, February 9th from 5:00-7:00PM**. Approximately 60 colleges from the Southeast will have admissions representatives on hand to share information with you about their college and programs. We have posted a link to the current fair attendees and other helpful college fair tips and tools at the Pope School Counseling website:

<http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment>

Look under the Pages on the right for the "College Fairs and Rep. Visits to Pope" link.

An "Ask a High School Counselor" table will be set up and manned by East Cobb County high school counselors to help answer your questions. The proposed topic for breakout sessions taking place during the fair will cover Financial Aid 101.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Please visit the Counseling Office to review the multitude of scholarship opportunities that are available. We have posted a brief overview of scholarships on the website, but detailed information can be found in our files. Juniors and Seniors...and their parents...are welcome to stop by.

ATTENTION MULTICULTURAL JUNIORS

Furman University is hosting their first annual Multicultural Achievement Program (M.A.P.) on **Thursday, February 23, 2012**. The afternoon and evening are designed to give exceptional multicultural juniors a glimpse in the daily life of a Furman student. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. and conclude after the Paladin Men's Basketball game at 8:30 p.m. Registration deadline is February 13, 2012, and registration forms are available in the Counseling Office. For further information, please email Joinne' Ruff at joinne.ruff@furman.edu.

LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE TRANSITION FAIR

Confused by what the future holds for your child with special needs?

The Looking Toward the future Transition Fair is for families, educators and community members who are interested in information to support students with disabilities as they prepare to transition from High School.

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012 , 10:00 AM -2:00 PM at Marietta High School, 1171 Whitlock Ave., Marietta 30060

Download the informational flyer here: <http://popepsa.org/documents/LookingTowardtheFuture.pdf>

FREE PARENT WORKSHOP



Parents of Tweens and Teens: Join Us for a Special FREE Parenting Workshop at High Meadows School in Roswell

Sue Blaney, author of *Please Stop the Rollercoaster!*, will be presenting a **workshop** at High Meadows on **Wednesday, February 8** from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Community Center. Sue Blaney, founder of Parenting Teens Info is a national recognized award-winning author, speaker and publisher dedicated to supporting parents in successfully raising tweens and teens.

Open to the entire community, her program will aid parents of adolescents by presenting:

- The most common communication mistakes parents make and how to avoid them.
- Parents' keys for successful engagement with their adolescent.
- Why parents need to understand adolescent development.
- Where parents most need to invest their time.
- Why it's important for kids to fail.
- The most sage advice for keeping adolescents safe in regards to alcohol use.

All are welcome, and we especially encourage attendance by parents of students in the fourth through eighth grades. For directions to High Meadows go to www.highmeadows.org or for information contact Sue Amacker at samacker@highmeadows.org. or 678-507-1164.

MIDYEAR TRANSCRIPT PROCEDURES

In order to ensure that both students and parents understand the midyear electronic transcript disbursement timetable, below is a brief description of the process.

- Upon returning to school after the Winter Holiday's, students have ten (10) days to complete a missed final.
- Once the incomplete work is finalized, teachers must submit any grade changes for input into the system that generates the transcripts.
- Once all grade changes are complete, the Counseling Office will upload those changes to www.gacollege411. At that time, if a student had requested midyear transcript be sent (via their *Transcript Request Form* located in the Counseling Office), the electronic transcript disbursement process can begin.

POPE STUDENTS SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Nautix Pools is now hiring lifeguards for the 2012 summer season. Full time and part time positions are available. To apply, please visit www.nautixpools.com or call 770-485-3672 for more information.

Looking for a fun summer opportunity to do what you love and invest in kids? We need excellent counselors! **Summer Show-Offs** is a summer day camp for K-12th grade students that uses music & performance to build confidence & character. Camp is at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church Student Center North/South from July 9th-13, 2012, 9am-2pm daily with a 12noon show on Friday! Must be 16 years old. [Click Here](http://www.summershowoffs.com) for more details. www.summershowoffs.com

Please visit the Counselor Office for more job postings!

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLUB - VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mostly Mutts Flea Market Preparation: Help Mostly Mutts unload donations on **Saturday, February 11th** from 12-4pm in preparation for their upcoming Flea Market to be held the first three weekends in March. Location: Climatized Self Storage: 1125 Roberts Blvd, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Donations from the public are welcome and will be accepted at this location on Saturday, February 11 from 12-4pm. Volunteer shifts for the Flea Market in March will be posted soon.

Foster Care Support Foundation: In preparation for Foster's Care's Prom-A-Palooza to be held on February 12, Community Outreach needs 6 more volunteers (2 boys and 4 girls) to work set-up at the Distribution Center on **Saturday, February 11** from 10-2pm. Volunteers will be moving clothing racks and sizing dresses. The Distribution Center is located at 115 Mansell Place in Roswell off Alpharetta Hwy.

Pope has been offered 4 volunteer slots for women over 25 interested in working at Prom-A-Palooza on **Sunday, February 12**. Shift time is noon-7pm, and you must work the entire shift. Volunteers will help the girls select prom dresses, shoes and accessories. Our own local business, Crown Cleaners, located at 3162 Johnson Ferry Road (at Shallowford Road) provides the dry cleaning for all the prom dresses for Prom-A-Palooza.

Foster Care Foster Care Support Foundation, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides free clothing, infant equipment and developmental toys to thousands of foster children throughout Georgia. Please visit their website at <http://www.fostercares.org> for needed items that can be donated Tuesday-Saturday 10am-2pm at the Distribution Center (115 Mansell Place, Roswell, GA 30076). Please help support our foster care children by purchasing from the Fostering Hope Bargain Resale Shop located at 1425 Market Blvd in Roswell. Go north on GA 400 to Holcomb Bridge Rd; take first right over GA 400 into shopping center and shop is located behind the Burger King and next to UPS Store. Fostering Hope Bargain Resale Shop has hundreds of beautiful prom dresses, christening and baptism gowns, and other special occasion outfits, in addition to furniture, antiques, glassware, housewares, toys and much more.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of the aforementioned events, please e-mail Cassie Rogers, Community Outreach Chair at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com. Letters confirming community service hours will be provided to all students at the completion of an event.

SHOE DRIVE:

Community Outreach is collecting shoes of all kinds for the Nashville-based charity, **Soles4Souls**. Since 2005, almost 16 million pairs of shoes have been distributed to over 125 countries with a new pair of shoes being distributed every 7 seconds. Over 300 million children in the world do not own a pair of shoes, but together we can change that. Please drop your gently worn (and clean) shoes in the designated box located next to the white bin near PPO through **February 3**. *Changing the world, one pair at a time* ®

ONGOING DRIVE:

Please save soda can, soup can and all other aluminum can tabs for Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses. A collection "house" is located on the bookshelf near PPO, or you may place large bags of tabs in the large white bin near PPO. The money earned from recycling the tabs helps offset the expenses for the families who stay at Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald houses each year.

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

4th ANNUAL GREYHOUND GALA

IT'S SHOWTIME! The Fourth Annual Greyhound Gala and Silent Auction is fast approaching- **Saturday, March 3rd at the Renaissance Waverly Hotel**. Make plans to join us for an exciting evening of culinary expose, fun and entertainment. The silent auction is guaranteed to have bargains you can't afford to pass up. The entertainment will knock your socks off! There is no need to go to Vegas to see talent like this. Look for your invitations in the mail in the next couple of weeks. **Looking forward to seeing you there!**

JOIN THE ST. ANDREW ROWING CLUB

The St. Andrew Rowing Club in Roswell, GA, is looking for a few more good men and women to join their team for this Spring season. The season has just started and it's not too late to join. Check out www.standrewrowing.com for more details about the ultimate team sport!

POPE JUNIOR CHEER PROGRAM

Calling all Greyhound Fans - Presenting the PJC Winter Cheer Clinic.

February 21 - 23, 2012 at Dodgen Middle School Gym 4:45 PM - 6:00 PM. Hosted by the Pope Junior Cheer program with support from the Pope High School Cheerleaders. The clinic will be open to 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade students. The cost is only \$20 for all 3 days if you register by Feb. 15th and \$25 after that until the first day of the clinic. Join us to learn jumps, motions, cheers, chants and a dance routine!

Go to www.popejrcheer.com to register for the event and for more details. **Go Hounds!**

DODGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR

Dodgen Middle School is holding a Health Fair and Blood Drive on Thursday, March 1, 2012 from 4:30-7:30. The Fair will be comprised of informational booths and interactive demonstrations for parents & teens ranging in topics from Asthma to Zumba. Life South blood mobile will also be on site. A person is able to donate blood if the person is 16 years or older, weighs 110 lbs. or more and is in good general health. For more general information, please visit the Health Fair website: <https://sites.google.com/site/dodgenhealthfair/>. Click on the **Blood Drive Information** tab for specific donation information and a High School permission pdf form

News From the Greyhound Greenhouse!



OUR BIGGEST PLANT SALE EVER IS COMING!

Friday, March 30 – all day till 5 pm.

Saturday, March 31 – 9-4 pm

Saturday, April 14: 9-1 while the supply lasts!

Annuals! Perennials! Herbs! Ferns!

Hanging Baskets! Veggies and More!

For more info contact Mr. Green at joe.green@cobbk12.org

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

BASKETBALL “ HOOPCOMING”

"Hoopcoming" is Saturday – February 4th for Basketball Girls at 4:00 PM and Boys at 5:30 PM

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL – SENIOR NIGHT

Please join us on **February 7th** for "Senior Night" at the home basketball game against Kell.

The girls tip at 6:00 PM and the boys get started at 7:30 PM.

We will also welcome back **T.J. Yates**, former Pope athlete and current Houston Texan quarterback, who will be inducted into the Pope Hall of Fame at halftime of the boys game



T.J. Yates #13 QB

Height: 6-4 Weight: 220 Age: 24

Born: 5/28/1987 Marietta , GA

College: North Carolina

Experience: Rookie

High School: Pope HS [Marietta, GA]

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