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

March 23-27	GA High School Graduation Tests
April 2	Cell Tower Forum
April 6-10	Spring Break

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### POPE TEACHER OF THE MONTH

It is that time again! We are looking for Pope's March Teacher of the Month. The winning teacher receives a \$40 gift certificate to Longhorn Steakhouse. Nominate your teacher by downloading the form on the Pope web site or come by room 400, Ms. Jimerson's office, to nominate your favorite teacher.

### GHS GT NEWS: KICK YOUR GHS GT STUDYING UP A NOTCH!

Enter the drawing for **free cookies** during lunch on Friday, March 27 by getting ready for the upcoming GHS GT tests March 23- 27.

- Visit [www.usatestprep.com](http://www.usatestprep.com) today
- set up your account using the directions on the GHS GT blog
- take a practice test
- print out your results from a completed test
- bring your results page to Mrs. Hill's office to enter a raffle for free cookies on March 27

50 students will receive a free cookie based on evidence. Find out what you know, what you need to study, and feed your belly with delicious cookies from our cafeteria! What a deal

### CELL TOWER – PUBLIC FORUM

An informational public forum for the addition of a cell tower on Pope's campus will be held on Thursday, April 2 in the media center at 6:30 PM. The community is welcome to attend for more information regarding this process.

### HONORS NIGHT

Save the Date: Honors Night will be held on May 13 at 7 pm in the Theater. The Honors Night program will be followed by a short reception sponsored by our PTSA. Parents of our honorees will receive a notice by mail during the week of May 4.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS NEEDED**

Nominations for the School Council will be accepted until March 27. There are vacancies open for one teacher, one parent, and one business owner/parent for a two year term each. The school council functions as an advisory body to the local school principal. The role of the school council is to bring communities and schools closer together in a spirit of cooperation to solve difficult education problems, improve academic achievement, provide support for teachers, and administrators, and bring parents into the school-based decision-making process. Nomination forms, as well as information on school council, can be found on the Cobb County School web site [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org). Voting will be held online the following week from 8 AM March 30 to 4PM April 3. Login with your student's ID as the user name, and the password is the year of birth (4 digits) followed by the month and day. Ex. 19920123.

## **PTSA NEWS**

### **PTSA NEW OFFICERS**

If you are interested in becoming even more involved with your child's school consider becoming an officer for the 2009-2010 school year. The nominating committee is looking for parents that want to contribute. Please email any of the following people and let them know you are interested: Lisa Armitage at [relmarm@aol.com](mailto:relmarm@aol.com), Susan Hinck at [mhinck@comcast.net](mailto:mhinck@comcast.net), Trish Holmes at [trish.holmes@comcast.net](mailto:trish.holmes@comcast.net) or Beth Wortham at [ehwortham@bellsouth.net](mailto:ehwortham@bellsouth.net).

### **NEW CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010**

The Board of Education will be discussing calendar options for the 2009-10 school year, during the March 11 work session. They will be considering 3 calendar choices in addition to the one for which we already voted. One option will have finals AFTER the winter break. More information can be found at [www.cobbk12.org](http://www.cobbk12.org). If you would like to express your opinion please email David Banks the Post-5 School Board representative at [dbanks.boardmember@cobbk12.org](mailto:dbanks.boardmember@cobbk12.org).

### **HONORING OUR HEROES**

Congratulations to Ana Sanders (12th grade) and Katie Cutcliff (9th grade), this year's winners in the ECCC Honoring Our Heroes essay contest. Ana and Katie, along with their heroes, will be recognized at a reception on March 24th at Dickerson Middle School. Special thanks to Coach Haskin and Ms. Spaht for their enthusiastic support of the Heroes contest!

### **PTSA COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

Seniors that are members of the PTSA (you can still join if you did not) can apply. Applications are available in the guidance office from Debbie Aubrecht. Please follow the guidelines closely. Applications are due March 27. Winners will be announced at Honors Night Ceremony. If you have questions, please call Lisa Joyner at 404-641-7831.

### **DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS**

Safe America Foundation will be conducting Pope's Spring Defensive Driving class on Saturday, April 18, in the Media Center from 9AM - 3:30PM. The cost of the six-hour course is \$50 and open to students with a valid permit or driver's license and has some driving experience. Safe America is offering a special pricing package for any parents that would also like to complete the class along with their student. For an additional \$25 (\$75 total), parents will be certified at the end of the class along with their student. Lunch will be served to all participants.

**Please note: This class IS NOT driver's education.** For additional information on this class, refer to the current issue of the Pope Voice newsletter or contact Ann White at [harecwhite@earthlink.net](mailto:harecwhite@earthlink.net). Registration forms will be available in the Front Office, outside of PPO, the Media Center, and on the Pope website: [www.popehigh.com](http://www.popehigh.com). Go to: Organization/PTSA/Forms/Defensive Driving.

## **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**

### **LANDSCAPE UPDATE**

The LED sign should be installed within a few weeks, and we are moving forward with our sponsorship signage for the nine sponsorship slots on the main monument. If you know a business who might be interested in being on the sign please let us know at [info@popehighschoolfoundation.com](mailto:info@popehighschoolfoundation.com).

## **COUNSELORS' NEWS**

### **PRELIMINARY HOPE SCHOLARSHIP STATUS**

Seniors received a Pope HS Senior newsletter last week which included information about how to check their preliminary HOPE Scholarship status. Students must create an account at [www.GACollege411.org](http://www.GACollege411.org) in order to access this information. Directions for applying for the HOPE scholarship are included in the newsletter.

## **SENIORS ...**

### **POPE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION - MAY 22**

Letters will be mailed home this week to parents of graduating seniors with information concerning the 2009 Pope High School Graduation Ceremony to be held on May 22 at 6:30 PM SHARP at Roswell Street Baptist Church. In an effort to be "green" all information is posted on the website for you to download and make copies as necessary. These forms include:

- Senior Graduation Information Packet

- Request for Additional Ticket Request Form (above the 4 per graduate)

  - Due April 3 to Mrs. Clune in PPO**

- Senior Graduation Contracts

  - Due April 24 to Mrs. Clune in PPO**

- Photo & Video Information

Should you require further information contact Mrs. Loretta Clune or Mrs. Jean Mason.

### **POPE HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION**

Pope High School Baccalaureate is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, at 7 PM. It will be at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, 955 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, GA 30068. Directions for those planning on attending the ceremony, seniors should arrive at 6:30 PM, at the small chapel to the left of the church entrance. Please wear graduation gown & honor cords. The graduation cap is reserved for graduation night. Please wear appropriate shoes, no flip-flops. Reception will follow. Family and friends are invited. More information will follow as the event gets closer.

### **ATTENTION SENIORS**

Cobb Virtual Academy will offer the following courses for the Mini-Session: Economics, Government, Contemporary Literature (A, B, Y). Walk-in registration ONLY is on Thursday, March 26, from 4 PM-5 PM at the Wheeler High School Magnet Building. Students **MUST ATTEND** the Registration and complete the Orientation. Tuition payment is due at time of Registration. Mini-Session Final Exams and EOCTs will be held on May 12.

## **PROM 2009**

The prom will arrive in May and it is always an exciting event. The date is Saturday, May 9, in the Egyptian Ballroom at the Fox Theatre from 7:30–11:30PM. This year's theme is Bright Lights, Big City. The Senior Walk and King/Queen Announcement will line up at 10:30PM. For more Prom details please go to [www.popehigh.com](http://www.popehigh.com) and click on the Prom FAQs.

## **CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

### **DRAMA PRODUCTION**

The Crucible, Arthur Miller's timeless tale of truth on trial, will be performed by the Drama Play Production with opening night Wednesday, March 18 and running thru Saturday, March 21 at 7 PM each night. Cost is \$5.00.

### **POPE WINTERGUARD TAKES 1st PLACE AGAIN!**

Congratulations go out to the Pope Winterguard who placed first in yet another WGI Power Regional competition over the weekend. This time they beat out teams from Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida. This win places them in good position for the next round, the SAPA Finals in Macon on March 28-29 and the WGI World Finals in Dayton Ohio on April 2-4. Way to go girls - you make Pope proud.

### **INTERACT CLUB**

Congratulations to the Interact Club for winning runner up for the Best All-Around Interact Club in the metro area. Our Pope Interactors deserve this award for the many hours of community service done over this year!

### **SPRING PLANT SALE**

Pope Horticulture will be presenting its 8th annual Spring Plant Sale beginning in early April! The BIG Sale date is officially set for Saturday, April 18, but stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, **HUGE** Boston fern hanging baskets are **READY NOW** and for sale **NOW**. These ferns look great and will sell out again before the spring plant sale. Get yours now for only \$15. Purchases can be made any morning until 10 a.m. or right after school! For more info, contact Mr. Green at [joe.green@cobbk12.org](mailto:joe.green@cobbk12.org).

## **HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS / COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **RALLY FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER**

A fundraiser in honor of Hailey Trainer, a student at Timber Ridge Elementary fighting AT/RT, a highly aggressive form of cancer. Join us on Saturday, March 21, from 8AM – 2PM at East Cobb Church of Christ, in the front yard, 5240 Roswell Rd. Marietta, GA 30062. **Yard Sale - Silent Auction-Bake Sale - Play Activities!**

The whole community is welcome to get involved! We need sellers for the yard sale (donations also accepted), quality items/services donated for auction, baked goods for the bake sale, and plenty of volunteers to help make it happen! Please contact Erin Bankston at [erinbankston@yahoo.com](mailto:erinbankston@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **RECYCLING**

Saturday, March 29, from 9AM until 4PM Simpson Middle School will host the Second Annual Computers, Electronics and Metals Recycling Day. ALL items that fall into any of those three categories can be brought to our parking lot that day to be recycled. Changes for this year are a processing fee for Computer Monitors of \$5.00 and a processing fee of \$10.00 for Televisions (not flat screen), due to the costs of recycling these items. All other items can be recycled free of charge; our Environmental Committee just asks for voluntary donations on site.

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the **boy's soccer** team. They are 9-0 on the year and ranked in the top 10 in the state. They have a big home game against Lassiter on Friday of this week. Please come and support them.

The **Varsity baseball** team is off to a fast start. They are 3-0 on the year. They will be playing two games at Lowndes County this weekend.

Both boy's and girl's **Varsity Lacrosse** won their games on Monday night. JV girls also won against North Cobb.

Please check the athletic calendar to see when all of our teams are playing. We have home events almost every night in the month of March and April. All of our teams are doing a great job. Please continue to support our baseball team, boys and girls soccer teams, boys and girls lacrosse teams, boys and girls tennis teams, boys and girl's golf teams, boys and girls track teams, and our gymnastics team.

### FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Saturday, March 28, 9AM in the cafeteria. COME BE A PART OF NEW TRADITIONS. For more information go to [www.popefootball.com](http://www.popefootball.com).

### AJO4LAX FEST

**The Andrew Oswald Memorial Fund, LTD** will hold its third annual AJO4LAX Fest on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Pope High School. The day-long event, hosting four GHSA sanctioned lacrosse games, is attracting six of Georgia's top ten ranked varsity teams:

10 AM - Lassiter vs. Pace Academy

12:30 PM - Walton vs. St. Pius

3:00 PM - Harrison vs. Roswell

5:30 PM - Pope vs. Westminster

AJO4LAX Fest honors the memory of Andrew Oswald, a standout Pope Varsity lacrosse player (and former Hightower student) who died from injuries received in an automobile accident in 2005. This year's event will build on the success of the previous two years in which over \$30,000 was raised for college scholarships, as well as supporting teen safe driving initiatives and community lacrosse programs. In particular, this year the Andrew Oswald Memorial Fund will sponsor up to 240 participants in the **Safe Teen Georgia Driving Program** at Atlanta Speedway on May 9 in support of one of the Foundation's objectives - to promote safe teen driving and help to minimize the risk of teens being involved in fatal accidents. In addition to the lacrosse matches, there will be fun things for the kids to do, as well as many fabulous raffle items, **including a framed original movie poster from the hit movie and book series "Twilight" signed by all major cast members!** All raffle proceeds and donations will benefit The Andrew Oswald Memorial Fund, LTD, and a Georgia 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation.

## POPE SPORTS SPONSORED SUMMER CAMPS

### YOUTH SOCCER CAMP

Youth soccer camp will be offered June 15-19 at Pope High School. There is a fee of \$100.00 to participate. Boys, Girls, and youth teams welcome, ages 5-13. For information go to <http://popesoccer.org> or get the registration form at: <http://popesoccer.org/images/campflyer09.pdf>. Space is LIMITED.

Email: [richard.groeneveld@cobbk12.org](mailto:richard.groeneveld@cobbk12.org) with questions.

## 2009 SUMMER BOYS BASKETBALL CAMPS AT POPE HIGH SCHOOL

<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>AGES</u>
June 1-4	9:00 - Noon	7-15
June 22-25	9:00 - 4:00	8-15
July 20- 23	9:00 - 4:00	8-15

E-mail Pope High School Basketball Coach Pat Abney for camp applications at [Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org](mailto:Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org) or call the Pope Basketball Office 770-578-7920.

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