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# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students  
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Send submissions to [popehoundhighlights@comcast.net](mailto:popehoundhighlights@comcast.net) ♦ Deadline: Tuesdays 5PM

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### TARDIES ON THE RISE

We are seeing a rise in tardies this spring semester. Please remember the home room bell rings at 8:20 and by 8:25 students should be in class. If it is past 8:25, students are considered tardy! When 7 tardies have been accrued, a Saturday School is assigned and those with parking passes will lose their privilege to park for 45 days. JUNIORS, and all those students enrolled in internships, RISE, etc, don't forget that parking privileges for next year are based on this semester's tardies. Be responsible, be on time; it is a great habit to acquire!

### GHS GT NEWS FOR JUNIORS

No cell phones or PDA's are allowed in the testing rooms for the GHS GT. If you bring electronics to school you will need to place them in a box labeled with your name. Once testing is completed in your homeroom, items will be returned to you by the testing examiner, this is per Cobb County policy. If your phone goes off during testing, it can invalidate your test (this means you don't pass). Extended homeroom took place on Wednesday, March 18 for juniors to watch an informational PowerPoint with GHS GT tips. This PowerPoint is also available on our GHS GT blog at [www.popehigh.com](http://www.popehigh.com).

**GHS GT Boot Camp**-March 19 and March 20 we will be conducting an in house GHS GT boot camp. Approximately 60 juniors have been selected to attend a 3 hour session. These sessions are mandatory, and students are responsible for making up any missed work.

The schedule is as follows:

|  |                                     |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday, 1st and 2nd block-Math         | Thursday, 3rd and 4th block-English |
| Friday, 1st and 2nd block-Social Studies | Friday, 3rd and 4th block-Science   |

### GHS GT schedule for next week:

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Monday, March 23-English    | Tuesday, March 24-Math            |
| Wednesday, March 25-Science | Thursday, March 26-Social Studies |

### Key things to remember:

- 1) Graphing calculators are not allowed on either the math or science portions. A four function calculator will be provided. If bringing your own, make sure you are familiar with how it works.
  - 2) All Graduation tests are paper and pencil. No scrap paper is allowed, so write all you want in your test booklet.
- Questions about GHS GT? Please contact Mrs. Hill at 770-578-7900 x 223

## **AP EXAM HELP NEEDED**

Help needed for AP exams. We need at least 20 volunteers to help proctor AP exams the weeks of May 4 and May 11. You may not proctor an exam that your child is sitting for. Most exams will be given at Sandy Plains Baptist Church. Times are 7:45 - 12:00 and 12:45 - 4:00. Please contact Diana Lossner at [diana.lossner@cobbk12.org](mailto:diana.lossner@cobbk12.org).

## **2009-10 CALENDAR UNCHANGED**

During the March 11 work session, the Board of Education reviewed three additional options for the 2009-10 school year calendar. An unsuccessful motion to amend the calendar means [the 2009-10 school year calendar will remain as approved in November 2007](#).

## **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.

## **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. A nomination form is available on the last page of this Hound Highlights after the Sports News. Voting will be 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 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).

### **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. 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.

# POPE FOUNDATION

## GREYHOUND GALA

The numbers are finally in....the 2009 Greyhound Gala raised just over \$38,500 for all participating clubs and organizations! Nineteen different organizations answered the Foundation's invitation to raise funds by selling items in the the Silent Auction. These groups will receive proceeds from those items **and** \$15 per reservation designated to their club, along with any club specific donations. This translates to roughly \$27,000 being returned to participating clubs, with amounts per organization ranging from \$80 - \$6600, depending upon their respective levels of participation. In addition, a handful of other organizations were designated as beneficiaries of ticket sales or other donations and will receive contributions as well. Checks will be distributed to each group over the next few days along with a statement outlining how those funds were generated. If you want the specifics of your group's proceeds from the Gala, please check with your organization's president or treasurer after this week. By all measures, the Foundation's goal of hosting a major fundraiser for any and all groups within Pope has been realized. THANK YOU to everyone who participated by donating, attending, bidding and volunteering. We are already looking forward to the 2nd Annual Greyhound Gala, and hope that you and your organization will build the Gala into your fundraising plans for next year!

## OUR NEW SIGN IS IN!

Hopefully you've noticed the brand new multi-colored LED sign that was installed earlier this week! We will be able to program this with a variety of information regarding school events on an as needed basis. Stay tuned as we get the specifics on how to make those updates. The individual sponsorship signs are in the works also; the look should be completed very soon!

# COUNSELORS' NEWS

## PRINCETON REVIEW – NEW SESSION

Pope will be offering an additional SAT preparatory class through Princeton Review for students who want to take the June 6 test. During the SAT course The Princeton Review administers three full-length diagnostic SATs, each with a detailed analysis pinpointing individual strengths and weaknesses. The individual attention The Princeton Review gives each student is only one reason for the success of this program. Equally important is the focus of the classes. The Princeton Review approach includes a thorough review of all math, reading and writing skills tested on the SAT - including the student-written essay. However, they go beyond that - they teach test-taking techniques that make students feel in control of, rather than controlled by, the SAT. The tuition covers all the work they do, including 18 hours of classroom instruction, three diagnostic tests, 24/7 access to online student resources, and all course materials. To learn more about The Princeton Review, please visit [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com). Please call 404-233-0980 to enroll or register online at [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com). \$450 per student. Deadline to enroll is April 8. Seats are limited.

## SCHOLARSHIP

Kimberly Andrews Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of Kim Andrews, a Pope High School rising senior who died tragically in an automobile accident on June 12th, 2002. The scholarship amount is \$1,000 and will be awarded to a Pope High School senior who is interested in entering the field of Education. Applications are available in the guidance office. The application deadline is April 3rd.

## SENIORS ...

### HONOR CORDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

If you wish to be recognized for your community service, you must submit an application form for the cord, verification of hours, and \$10 payment in full. Verification of hours is due before the deadline of Friday, March 27. You can email Mrs. McCrossen to verify your hours. Upon approval, you may file the application and payment for the cord. Applications for the cord are available on Mrs. McCrossen's website. Application and payment for the Honor Cord are due by Monday, April 13.

### 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.

### SORORITY INFORMATION

College Sorority 101 Information Session for High School Senior Women and Parents presented by The Atlanta Alumnae Panhellenic Association. Learn everything you always wanted to know about joining a college sorority including what Sorority Recruitment is and how it works. Find out how important "Recommendations" really are. Saturday, March 28 at 2PM at the Robinson Hall, The Westminster Schools, 1424 West Paces Ferry Road, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. To RSVP or for more information visit [www.atlantapanhellenic.org](http://www.atlantapanhellenic.org).

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

### POPE BAND NIGHT AT AMORE'S - THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Amore's has partnered with Pope Band to offer another fundraising opportunity. For any customer dining in, taking out, or having home delivery, a portion of the money spent on March 26 will be donated to the Band's general fund. You don't even have to tell them you're with Pope Band - ALL receipts from ALL customers from 4PM until closing will be counted. This is an easy way to support Pope Band and have a great Italian meal at the same time!

### 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.

### 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, April 18, from 9AM until 4PM Pope Band will host an Electronics and Paper Shredding Day at Pope. Safely recycle obsolete or unusable electronic equipment to include computer parts & pieces, monitors, flat panels, network equipment, hard drives (will be wiped clean prior to recycling!), CD-ROM/DVD drives, PC boards, cables, cell phones, pagers, telephone equipment, test equipment, stereo and game systems, tape players, etc. Items not accepted at this venue: electronics in wood cabinets, kitchen/bathroom electronics, and appliances. (Televisions and paper shredding will incur small fee...call 770-843-9210 for details.)

PICK-UP APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE - kindly send contact information to [PopeBandRecycles@popeband.org](mailto:PopeBandRecycles@popeband.org)

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Sarah Noble and Anna Neumeister. They will be representing Pope High School in the Jr. National Swimming Championships in Orlando this week. Good luck!

Congratulations to all of the wrestlers who were named to the All County team. Congratulations to Coach Haskin for being named the 2008-2009 Marietta Daily Journal/Cobb County Wrestling Coach of the year! "For the second consecutive year, Coach Haskin led the Greyhounds wrestling program to a Cobb County Invitational title and a sweep of the Area 6 AAAAA dual and traditional championship." states the MDJ. They also finished 2nd at the Class AAAAA state duals and 6th at the state traditional championship. This marks the highest finish in the past five seasons.

All of the spring sports are having great seasons. Please continue to support our baseball team, soccer teams, lacrosse teams, track and field, tennis teams, gymnastics, and golf teams. All of these student athletes are doing a great job, and they would love to see you at their competitions. Please continue to visit the website to see what events are taking place. GO HOUNDS!

## 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.

### **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.

## **GO HOUNDS!**

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*See the following page for the School Council Nomination Form*



**Pope High School Council  
Parent/Guardian Nomination Form  
For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 School Year**

| <b>Nominee information</b>   |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Name</b>  |  |
| <b>Address</b>   |  |
| <b>Telephone number</b>  |  |
| <b>Email address, if available</b>   |  |
| <b>Describe nominee's experience with schools</b> (Example—he/she has been active in PTA/PTSA, led several committees, has volunteered in the media center or clinic for years, has been on the Citizens Advisory, etc.) |  |
| <b>This person and I have discussed the requirements for active participation and the time demands of serving on the School Council.</b> YES ( ) NO ( )  |  |
| <b>He/she has agreed to serve if elected.</b> YES ( ) NO ( )   |  |

| <b>Nominator Information</b>        |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Name</b>                         |  |
| <b>Address</b>                      |  |
| <b>Telephone number</b>             |  |
| <b>Email address, if available.</b> |  |

Send completed nomination forms no later than March 27, 2009 to Ashley Jimerson, Administrator, at Pope High School.