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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 ♦ Deadline: Tuesdays 5PM

IMPORTANT DATES

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| April 2 | Cell Tower Forum |
| April 6-10 | Spring Break |

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

ILLEGAL PARKING AT POPE

Several students are parking illegally on campus. After their first ticket, they will be towed. Please make your student aware that they must have a current decal or pass to park in the parking lot. There are no exceptions. Thank you for your cooperation.

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!

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.

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.

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.

PARENTS OF CLASS OF 2013

We have received several requests for Rising 9th grade students to be taken out of Math I Support, a class recommended by the student's 8th Grade Teacher. Unfortunately, we can not honor these requests. Experience this year with the new Math curriculum has taught us that the Math Support class is crucial for those students. If 9th grade students do well their 9th grade year, they may be removed from Math II Support their 10th grade year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robert Shaw at Pope.

PTSA NEWS

UPDATE: SCHOOL NURSE FUNDING

What happens when PTA members from all over the state take action? We get noticed and make a difference! The Popsicle campaign was a success as legislators from across the state commented about how they had been inundated with Popsicle sticks and now better understood the important role school nurses play. As a result the funding for school nurses was put back in the 2010 budget in the House version of the budget. The Senate now will make its changes and we hope they will keep that funding in. Call your Senator this week and remind him or her about how important the nurses are to the health and safety of our children. Thank you for making a difference!

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. Registration forms will be available in the Front Office, outside of PPO, the Media Center, and on the Pope website: www.popehigh.com. Go to: Organization/PTSA/Forms/Defensive Driving.

POPE FOUNDATION

OUR NEW SIGN IS IN!

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

COUNSELORS' NEWS

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.

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: 3:35-5:45PM, April 22, 27, 29 and May 4, 6, 11, 13, 16, 18 and three diagnostic tests: 9AM-1:15PM, April 18, May 9 and 16, 24/7 access to online student resources, and all course materials. To learn more about The Princeton Review, please visit www.princetonreview.com. Please call 404-233-0980 to enroll or register online at www.princetonreview.com. The cost is \$450 per student. Deadline to enroll is April 8. Seats are limited.

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 were mailed home 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.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

GREYHOUND CONNECTION

Are you interested in joining the Greyhound Connection (SGA)? Applications can be downloaded from the Pope website under "News" and "Greyhound Connection." All applications are due to Ms. Jimerson on Monday, March 30. Interviews will be held April 20-May 1. Get involved and support your school!

CHORUS PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to the chorus program for outstanding performances at District Large Group Performance Evaluation. Five choruses performed, and all but one received straight superiors on stage - the highest rating possible. One of the choruses was only able to perform for comments only and received no rating because of an unavoidable conflict with an accompanist. In the sight reading evaluation, three of the choruses received a superior rating, one of the choruses received an excellent plus rating. All of the choruses received great accolades from the panel of judges. The chorus did a fine job representing Pope High School.

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!

PING PONG

Want to have a great time playing a fun game of ping pong with some of your friends? Well, this is the club for you! Sophomores Max Carrier and Gustavo Cadiz are re-activating the Pope Ping Pong Club and invite you to join. The Ping Pong Club will start Tuesday, March 31st at 3:40 p.m. and continue each Tuesday afternoon. Our club's primary goal is to have some fun playing ping pong at Pope and eventually play tournaments around the metro area. Stay tuned for club location details in next week's Hound Highlight. We still are in need of a few used ping pong tables to make this new club a success. If you have a ping pong table you would like to donate, please email Max at dmcremote@bellsouth.net.

INTERACT CLUB NEEDS SNEAKERS

We need your old sneakers! During April, the Interact Club is once again participating in the Nike Re-Use-A-Shoe project. The old sneakers will be recycled for playground surfaces in inner-city neighborhoods. Just bring your old tennis shoes and sneakers to the big box outside of PPO. Leave them untied. Only sneakers allowed-no cleats! Any brand acceptable.

POPE HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS:

Cabaret - "Movie Magic". Performances will be Thursday, April 16 and Friday, April 17 at 7:30 PM in the Pope Theater. Tickets will be available at all lunches Tuesday-Friday April 14 -17 for \$5.00 or at the door for \$7.00.

SPRING PLANT SALE

8th Annual Spring Plant Sale! Thousands of flowering annuals, perennials, vegetables and hanging baskets for sale now! Live Music! Prizes! Lots of good bargains on beautiful spring plants! All sales support Pope Horticulture and Pope FFA club. Sale dates are: Saturday, April 4, 9 AM-1 PM, Thursday and Friday, April 16 & 17: 2-5 PM and Saturday, April 18, 9-1 PM.

HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS / COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

ACADEMY DAY 2009

Senator Johnny Isakson, Senator Saxby Chambliss and Members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation Cordially Invite All Students Grades 8–12 to Academy Day, Saturday, May 9. 11:00 AM–12:30 PM at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Hanger 5. Representatives from all five military academies will be available to answer your questions regarding the application and nomination process. YOU MUST present photo ID, vehicle registration and proof of auto insurance at the checkpoint on Cobb Parkway for admittance. Reservations required by May 1 due to security restrictions. Register at <http://isakson.senate.gov/academies.html>. Nancy Brooks 770-661-0999.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

Saturday, March 28, 9AM in the field house. COME BE A PART OF NEW TRADITIONS. For more information go to www.popefootball.com.

POPE FENCING

Pope Fencing hosted thirteen high schools Saturday for the Georgia High School Fencing League (GHSFL) Championships. Co-hosting the event were Lassiter and Roswell. 173 fencers competed in the daylong event. Pope men placed three in the top twenty: Barrett Roth finished 5th (tie), Matt Stephens 8th and Tyler Stollman 16th. Harrison Shapiro placed 42nd, Stefan Shook 63rd, Nick Haun 66th and Gil Greber 71st. Chloe Bowman was top women's finisher for Pope, placing 25th, Alexandra Berkowitz 39th, Samantha McKay 44th, Mary Grimshaw 51st, Stephanie Yawn 55th (tie), Amani Anderson 68th and Kaitlin Moore 76th. We are all very proud of the effort it took for these fencers to qualify to represent Pope in the Championships! Also qualifying, but not competing, were Rachel Hinck and David White. At season's end, Pope Fencers unofficially finished 7th in men's, 8th in women's and 8th overall.

AJO4LAX FEST – THIS SATURDAY AT POPE!

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 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 or call the Pope Basketball Office 770-578-7920.

GO HOUNDS!

Please make ptsa@popehs.ptsamail.com "an acceptable email address." It is used to distribute Hound Highlights. We will still communicate and subscribe through popehoundhighlights@comcast.net. Hound Highlights will also be posted on the www.popehigh.com website each Friday.

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**

| Nominee information | |
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| Name | |
| Address | |
| Telephone number | |
| Email address, if available | |
| Describe nominee's experience with schools (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.) | |
| This person and I have discussed the requirements for active participation and the time demands of serving on the School Council. YES () NO () | |
| He/she has agreed to serve if elected. YES () NO () | |

| Nominator Information |
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| Name |
| Address |
| Telephone number |
| Email address, if available. |

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