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

April 5 -9	Spring Break
April 16	Report Cards Distributed
April 16	Last Chance for Yearbook
April 19	School Board Survey Due

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following Pope High School students were selected for participation in the prestigious Governor's Honors Program this summer: Nadiyah Aamer – Spanish, Emily DeMario - Visual Arts, Lydia Fletcher – Spanish, Jessica Hale - Communicative Arts, Cassandra Holmes – Chemistry, Jonathan LeBoutillier – Spanish, Alice Naghshineh – French, Stephanie Wachs – Mathematics, Katie Ward - Communicative Arts.

SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY

The Cobb County Board of Education is seeking input from stakeholders on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget currently under development. Due to cuts in state funding and declining local property tax collections, the school district is facing a projected financial shortfall of \$137 million. To balance the budget, the school board will consider extreme measures to reduce expenses. The online survey provides an opportunity for Cobb County School District stakeholders to indicate their priorities, and offer input and suggestions. The information submitted by stakeholders will play an important role as the Board of Education prepares to approve a new budget on June 9, 2010. The survey is available on the Pope website under "In the Spotlight" or can be accessed at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D9HGX8F>. **Deadline to voice your opinion on this critically important topic is Monday, April 19.**

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Fall 2010 registration forms were due March 22, 2010 to the curriculum office. If we do not receive a signed form, we will place your student in available electives and core courses as recommended by the teachers.

SOPHOMORE GHSGT DIAGNOSTIC TESTING

After spring break, we will begin our preparation process for next year's GHSGT administration in March 2011. The county mandates that we administer GHSGT diagnostic tests to all sophomores in English, language arts and mathematics. This will take place on **Tuesday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 14**. The testing will take place in the cafeteria, media center, and room 260. The bell schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 13: English and Language Arts

All sophomores will test during first period, which will be extended until 9:35 AM. The remainder of the day will follow a normal Monday bell schedule.

Wednesday, April 14: Mathematics

All sophomores will move to their testing location during AO, so this day will be a stationary AO day for sophomores. They will complete bubbling in on answer sheets and start testing during 2nd period which will end at the normal time. The remainder of the day will follow a normal Tuesday schedule. No graphing calculators are allowed for this test. On Wednesday, there will be no AO in the media center as it will be closed for testing. Please contact Lorelee Hill if you have any questions.

NEW PARTNER IN EDUCATION

We are proud to announce that Domino's Pizza at Johnson Ferry Road and Shallowford Road has joined the Pope family as a Partner in Education. Please help us welcome them by dining at their restaurants or ordering take out. Domino's has many great ideas to benefit the staff as well as the community of Pope High School.

LAST CHANCE SALE FOR YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale now during all lunch periods until **Friday, April 16**, or until we sell out (which is expected to happen before April 16). Less than 250 yearbooks are left. Yearbooks will not be available for sale once we sell out. Visit the yearbook table in the cafeteria to order your yearbook. The cost is \$85 cash or checks made payable to "Pope High School" with the word "Yearbook" written in the notes line of your check. This is your LAST CHANCE to order a yearbook for the 2009-2010 school year! Don't miss out. Additional yearbooks will not be made available. *Please note: payment is required at time of order; due to limited quantities, yearbooks cannot be held aside without payment. Please email yearbook adviser Chris Canter at john.canter@cobbk12.org with any questions.

PTSA NEWS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Atlanta Day Shelter Shoe Drive: Are you planning to do some spring cleaning during Spring Break? Please donate new or gently used (and clean!) children's and teen shoes (boys and girls), and adult women's shoes (flats or heels, but no boots) to the Atlanta Day Shelter. Summer footwear including sandals and flip-flops will also be accepted. Please place all donations in the white bin near PPO during **April** only. The shelter will be most appreciative of our generous support.

Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Drive: A collection house-shaped box has been placed on the top bookshelf adjacent to the white bin near PPO for smaller amounts of can tabs. For large quantities, please continue to place your filled bags inside the large white bin, and they will be periodically collected. Money earned from recycling the tabs help offset expenses for the families who stay at Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses each year while their children undergo treatment at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Scottish Rite and Eggleston.

If you have questions concerning any of the Community Outreach activities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com

CAREER DAY SPEAKERS NEEDED

Powers Ferry Elementary, our sister school, will be celebrating Career Day on **Friday, April 23**. They hope to expose their students to a wide variety of career options. If you are interested in learning more about Career Day, or being a presenter, please email Powers Ferry counselor Aimee Pierre, aimee.pierre@cobbk12.org. You do not have to be there for the entire day; just an hour or two will work out fine!

APRIL FOOLS' DAY!

On this day in 1700, English pranksters began popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other. It has been celebrated since then by different cultures. Who started it? Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the New Year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. These included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person. Read more about it at: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/april-fools-tradition-popularized>.

Holocaust Remembrance Day

The United States Congress established the "Days of Remembrance" as the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust and created the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (<http://www.ushmm.org/>) as a permanent living memorial to the victims. This year, Holocaust Remembrance Day is **Sunday, April 11**. In commemoration of the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, the Museum has designated Stories of Freedom: What You Do Matters as the theme for the 2010 observance. Read more about it at: <http://www.ushmm.org/> and also <http://www.history.com/topics/holocaust-remembrance-days>. Also, visit the Anne Frank Museum located in Sandy Springs. This 600 photograph exhibit is in the Parkside Shops Shopping Center and is free to the public.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

The course will be held on **SATURDAY, APRIL 17** from 9:00 AM-3:30 PM at Safe America, 2480 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta. The cost of the 6-hour course is \$40. Please make your check payable to Pope PTSA and place it, along with the below completed registration form, in the PTSA mailbox located in PPO. There will be a lunch break from 12:30-1:00 PM. PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH. Parents are asked to attend the first 30 minutes of the course and are welcome to stay longer. Course enrollment is a minimum number of 15 students and limited to a maximum of 30 students. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Confirmation will be sent to the email address you provide below. Deadline for registration is 3:00 PM, **Tuesday, April 13**. If you have any additional questions, please contact Debra Leon, Co-chair, PTSA Youth Services Committee, at 770-552-8091 or DebraTornes@aol.com.

POPE PTSA DEFENSIVEDRIVING COURSE REGISTRATION FORM

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 9:00 AM -3:30 PM AT SAFE AMERICA, 2480 SANDY PLAINS RD, MARIETTA

Student's Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (home) _____ (cell) _____

Age _____ Date of birth _____ Driver's License# _____

Parent's Email _____

Parent's Signature _____

*Make your \$40 check payable to POPE PTSA and attach it to this registration form in an envelope to be placed in the PTSA mailbox located in PPO. **Registration deadline: 4/13/10**

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional summer school will be held at Walton High School this summer. Students can also take courses over the summer through Cobb Virtual School. Details for Summer School registration will be available sometime the week of April 19th. You can check out Cobb Virtual by visiting their website at <http://www.cobbk12.org/schools/cobbvirtuallacademy>. We will post information about traditional summer school registration in the Hound Highlights and on the School Counseling web page as soon as it is available.

UGA ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

We have posted some of the information we have received this year from UGA's Admissions Office about their admissions process. Check it out on our web page <http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment/univ-of-georgia-admissions-info.html>.

SENIOR NEWS

VOLUNTEER CENTER

Seniors: Mrs. McCrossen will begin taking applications for the Volunteer Service Honor Cord on Monday, March 29. You are eligible for an honor cord if you have completed and submitted a cumulative total of at least 90 volunteer hours. **The deadline to request a cord is Monday, April 19.** The cost is \$10 - please have exact amount; make checks payable to Pope High School. Forms are available on Mrs. McCrossen's website.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

A complete graduation packet and schedule of activities is now available on the homepage of the Pope website. Seniors and their parents should read all information in this packet carefully. Seniors are responsible for knowing and following all directions and schedules pertaining to graduation.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

SPRING PLANT SALE

Pope Horticulture presents our 10th Annual SPRING PLANT SALE! Join us **Saturday, April 3**, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Greyhound Greenhouse. Thousands of blooming annuals, perennials, houseplants, hanging baskets, herbs, vegetables and more! All proceeds help to support the Pope Horticulture Program!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

PHYSICAL DAY

Pope High School will host a physical day on **Thursday, April 15** at 5:30 PM in the Main Gym. The physical will be good for the entire 2010-2011 school year. The cost of the physical is \$20 cash or payable by check to the Pope Touchdown Club. Athletes need to bring the completed physical form signed by their parents. Physical forms can be obtained in the front office, from any head coach, Mr. Craft's office, or <http://www.cobbk12.org/centraloffice/athletics/2010-11PhysicalForm.pdf>.

Congratulations to the baseball team. They defeated Roswell 12-2 on Monday. They play Campbell at Pope on Wednesday and @ Alpharetta on Friday. Congratulations on a great start!

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' varsity tennis teams. The girls defeated Kell on Monday. The team will begin the region tournament after Spring Break. Good luck! Boys' varsity tennis team had their final match of the regular season when the boys swept Sprayberry 5-0 with all lines winning in straight sets. The regular season

ended 11-6 overall and 5-4 in the region which places Pope as the 4th seed in the regional playoffs. Our wins came against: Etowah, Milton, Wheeler, Lassiter, Campbell, Kell, Marist, South Forsyth, Hillgrove, Riverwood and Sprayberry. By the way, Pope gave Etowah their only season loss. The first playoff match will be after spring break on Tuesday, April 13.

Congratulations to the boys' and girls' track teams for their performances at the Cobb County Championships. Monica Phillips placed 7th in Discus and 6th in Shot Put. Jessica Hale placed 7th in the 3200. Special congratulations to Sarah Hutchinson for placing 3rd in the triple jump, and to Molly Schenck for placing 3rd in the 1600 and 2nd in the 3200.

On the boys' side, Tyler Heiss and Jack Weber placed 6th in Pole Vault, Marco Vahoua placed 6th in Shot Put. A special congratulation also goes to the boys 4x800 team of Zach Tupper, John Chambers, Gunnar Stormark, and Patrick Deist for placing 3rd. Courtland Garrett placed 5th in Discus and 2nd in Shot Put. Gerald Demeunyck also placed 4th in the 1600 and 3rd in the 800. Zach Tupper ran an incredible 3200meter race to claim the top spot as our 2010 Cobb County Champion.

Congratulations to the boys' lacrosse team for defeating Blessed Trinity on Saturday. The lacrosse program hosted the Andrew Oswald Memorial Tournament. It was a wonderful event. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a special day.

The Pope girls' varsity soccer team suffered its first loss against Lassiter on Tuesday night. The final score was 3 - 1, with Darcy Hannon scoring Pope's goal. The next game is against Kell (away) on Thursday night. After spring break, there is a home game on **Saturday, April 10** against Dacula. Senior week begins April 12, with games at Walton on April 13 and a home game against Roswell on Friday, April 16. Come out and watch Lady Greyhound soccer!

Please continue to check the Pope Website for the dates and times of the Spring Sports Competitions.

GO HOUNDS!

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