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# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

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| April 17    | Report Cards Distributed         |
| April 17    | Pope Voice Deadline              |
| April 17-18 | Spring Plant Sale                |
| April 21    | PTSA Mtg & Program, 9AM, Theater |

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### BENCHMARK #3 MATH 1 TESTING

Benchmark #3 testing for all Math 1 students will take place next week during all Math 1 classes. The tests will take approximately one hour and will give valuable feedback as to what standards the students have mastered and areas of weakness that can be corrected prior to the end of the semester.

### EOCT TESTING

EOCT's will be given from May 6th - 13th in the areas of: 9th Grade Lit, American Lit, Biology, Physical Science, Math 1, Algebra 1, Geometry, US History and Economics. These tests count 15% of the student's grade, per county policy, with the exception of Math 1. A final exam will now replace the 15% of the semester grade as indicated on the course syllabus. This is a Cobb County decision.

It is important for students to be in school on testing days, as the best testing environment is during the regularly scheduled testing period. If you have any questions regarding testing, please contact Lorelee Hill.

### GHS GT RESULTS

Congratulations to all juniors on a very successful GHS GT testing administration. Your cooperation and efforts are always appreciated. Results from the March GHS GT administration should arrive the first week of May.

### PARKING

Parking for the remainder of the semester and for next year is now being handled by Mrs. Jean Mason.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL 2009-2011 POSITIONS

On behalf of the Pope School Council, we would like to congratulate the following for being elected 2009-2011 members: Teacher- Barbara Todaro, Parent- Margaret Tinsley, Business Parent- Elyse Glaser. We look forward to a productive term!

## PTSA NEWS

### GENERAL MEETING & SPECIAL PROGRAM: *On the Rocks: The Epidemic of Teen Drinking and Drug Use* TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 9AM IN THE POPE THEATER

Pope PTSA will have its final General Meeting of the school year on Tuesday, April 21, beginning at 9AM in the Pope Theater. Following the meeting, Pope PTSA is proud to host Stacey DeWitt, Founder & CEO of **Connect With Kids**. All parents are invited to attend. You probably know that alcohol is the No. 1 drug of choice among persons under 21 in the United States. Despite the fact that 21 is the legal drinking age, in a recent survey two out of three teens said it was easy to get alcohol from their homes without their parents' knowledge, while one out of three said they were able to get alcohol from *consenting* parents.

Prom festivities, graduation parties and summer vacation are just around the corner. How can you know if your child is drinking? How will you handle the subject of alcohol and substance abuse with your child? Please join us to hear the latest research and advice from experts, and for a frank discussion about the epidemic of teen drinking and the growing abuse of over-the-counter and prescription drugs. Learn what parents can do to stop the trend. Visit [www.connectwithkids.com](http://www.connectwithkids.com) for more information on the latest trends affecting our kids.

### POPE PTSA RECEIVES AWARD AT 9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Pope PTSA won 2nd place for Outstanding Local Unit High School at the 9th District Spring Conference this week. Congratulations to all of the parents, students, faculty and administration members for a very successful year!

## COUNSELORS' NEWS

### APTITUDE TEST & INTEREST INVENTORY

Pope has arranged for the ASVAB aptitude test and interest inventory to be conducted at school on Friday, April 24 from 12:00-3:00PM. The test is free and provides a great career planning tool for students who are contemplating a career in the military or perhaps the workforce right after high school. While the ASVAB is used by military recruiters to place new recruits into particular occupations, this is an excellent test that does NOT obligate anyone to military service. The ASVAB identifies students' skills and abilities, provides career exploration information and links achievements with interests. We are offering the ASVAB to interested juniors or seniors. Spaces are limited, so if you would like to discuss this opportunity or to register, please call the Pope Counseling Office at 770/578-7903 by Tuesday, April 21.

### PROJECT 2400 ON 4/24

Visit the following Chick Fil A's on 4/24 for dinner and mention Project 2400. Proceeds from your meal will help our high school Juniors in Project 2400 SAT Prep Classes NOW. Participating stores are: Acworth, Brookstone, Barrett Parkway, Smyrna- South Cobb Dr., Sprayberry Square, Towne Center, and Vinings.

### MONAT SCHOLARSHIP

The Foreign Languages of Pope (FLOP) Club will offer an annual \$500 scholarship to an active member of the FLOP Club who embraces world languages and cultures. This scholarship will be awarded to a senior who has the intention of studying world languages and cultures in college, and will be selected by a panel of teachers from Pope High School. Great consideration will be given to students who exhibit the characteristics by which Scott Monat was known: **acceptance and appreciation of world languages and cultures, service to others in need, and love of learning**. If you would like to apply for the Scott Monat World Languages Scholarship, please visit the guidance office for an application. Complete the application and submit it, along with the required essay, to Dr. Terri Ognibene in room 77 by **April 24, 2009**.

# SENIORS ...

## 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

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.

## HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE SEATING AT GRADUATION

It is our goal to create an environment where individuals with disabilities can enjoy the 2009 Pope Commencement Ceremonies. If you or a guest of your student requires accommodations for a disability, we welcome the opportunity to make the ceremony more accessible. Please email Chris Canter at [john.canter@cobbk12.org](mailto:john.canter@cobbk12.org) if you or a guest requires such assistance. Each accommodated individual and one (1) guest will be admitted to the ceremony at 5:15PM in order to provide accessible seating. Please include the name of the individual requiring accessible seating, the name of the accompanying guest and the graduating student's name in your email. Every spectator entering the door must have a valid ceremony ticket to enter. Please note, we make every effort to accommodate our guests. However, last minute requests made at the entry door cannot be granted, as reserved space is limited at that time. **Only those individuals who have pre-arranged seating will be admitted before general admission at 6:00PM.** We appreciate your cooperation.

## SCHOLARSHIP POWERPOINT

While guests are being seated prior to the graduation ceremony on May 22, Pope High School would like to recognize seniors who have earned a scholarship by presenting a PowerPoint. Seniors, if you have received and accepted a scholarship, please bring your award letter to the School Counseling Office. We will make a copy and include you in our presentation. In order for a student to be recognized the Counseling Office **must** have a copy of your award letter. We are very excited to have an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of the Class of 2009. **DEADLINE FOR BRINGING THE SCHOLARSHIP LETTER TO GUIDANCE IS MONDAY, MAY 1<sup>st</sup>. 8:30AM.** Please contact Mrs. Ledbetter in the Counseling Office or by email [Janie.ledbetter@cobbk12.org](mailto:Janie.ledbetter@cobbk12.org) if you have any questions.

## BACCALAUREATE

The Baccalaureate is a "spiritual sending forth" of our 2009 graduates at Pope High School. It is a student-led, non-denominational service planned for **Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00PM**. The program and reception will be held at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. A formal invitation will be mailed to each graduate and their family. At the reception, hors d'oeuvres, cake and punch will be served. If you would like to make a donation to defray the cost, please contact Carole Noble at 770-565-3963 or by e-mail at [cptnoble@earthlink.net](mailto:cptnoble@earthlink.net). A check can be made out to the "Pope High School Baccalaureate" and then given to your student's homeroom teacher. **VOLUNTEERS** are needed. **Senior parents** are needed to come early that day to help set up. **Freshman, sophomore and junior parents** are needed to serve at the reception.

## **NOTE THIS...**

### **APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH!**

To recognize the serious problem of alcohol abuse, April has been designated as Alcohol Awareness Month. The purpose of Alcohol Awareness Month is to draw attention to the problems related to alcohol abuse. For more information and resources, please visit <http://ncadi.samhsa.gov/seasonal/aprilalcohol/>.

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

That an estimated 7.1 million current alcohol users reported using illicit drugs (primarily marijuana) at the same time they last used alcohol? According to an analysis of data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), youths aged 12 to 17 and young adults aged 18 to 25 were most likely to report concurrent alcohol and illicit drug use (14.2 percent and 13.5 percent, respectively).

### **POPE FRESHMAN ORIENTATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING, APRIL 29, 7PM**

Parents will meet in the theater for an overview of the new fall schedule and to address questions and concerns regarding the transition to high school. Students will meet in the cafeteria where they will have the opportunity to meet with Pope Ambassadors, tour the school, and sign up for clubs and organizations.

On August 4, we will continue our orientation during Fall Madness. Times will be A-L from 2:30PM – 3P, and M-Z from 3PM- 3:30PM in their homerooms. Their assigned Ambassadors will help them with lockers, schedules, pictures and book purchases. Look on the Pope website <http://www.cobbk12.org/~pope/> for more information.

## **CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

### **8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE THIS FRIDAY & SATURDAY!**

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 Friday, April 17, all day until 6PM and Saturday from 9AM – 1PM.

### **GREASE – THE MUSICAL AT POPE HIGH SCHOOL ON APRIL 30, MAY 1, 2, 7 & 8**

*GREASE* is the Word! And it's coming to Pope High School. *GREASE* is an eye-popping, ear-charming, toe-tapping trip back to 1959 when rock and roll first took flight and changed America forever. Pope will perform this popular musical on April 30, May 1, 2, 7 & 8 at 7:00PM in the Pope Theater. Tickets will be available at the door. General seating is \$5. Reserved seating is \$10. Don't miss the T-Birds, the Pink Ladies and of course the one-of-a-kind Greased Lightnin' car make an appearance on the Pope stage. For more information contact Ann Hancock at [abh0703@mindspring.com](mailto:abh0703@mindspring.com).

### **X-CITING! X-CEPTONAL! X-HILARATING! X-TREME! X-PLOSION AT THE POPE HIGH SCHOOL THEATER**

A musical, dance, and drama x-travaganza! Two nights only, April 23 & 24, at 7PM. \$5 admission.

### **POPE HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL DEPARTMENT PRESENTS CABARET**

Cabaret - "Movie Magic". Performances will be Thursday, April 16, and Friday, April 17, at 7:30PM in the Pope Theater. Tickets will be available during all lunches Tuesday-Friday, April 14 -17, for \$5 or at the door for \$7.

### **POPE WINTERGUARD ENDS SEASON WITH MEDAL WINNING PERFORMANCES**

A final round of congratulations goes out to the Pope Winterguard. On March 28, the team won a gold medal at the SAPA Regional Finals. The Winterguard team is the reigning champion of the SAPA Regional Finals - having

won the gold medal in all three years of finals competition that SAPA has been in existence. The Pope JV team also won a bronze medal at the SAPA Regional Finals. The varsity team then left on April 1 for the Winterguard International World Championships. They advanced easily through the preliminary and semi-final rounds and on April 4 the team won a bronze medal at the World Finals. This was an incredible accomplishment since this was their first year in the Scholastic Open Class. Because of their medal-winning performance, they have now been promoted to the Scholastic World Class, the highest performance category. Colorguard has the longest season of any sport at Pope, beginning in June with weekly practices and culminating in April at the World Championships. These girls have practiced at least 25 hours a week since November and their hard work paid off. Way to go girls - Pope is very proud of you.

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

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR SENIORS**

The Tourette Syndrome Association of GA is hosting a camp from June 1-5 for children with Tourette Syndrome. The camp needs volunteers who are 18 or older to help. If interested, email [tsageorgia@bellsouth.net](mailto:tsageorgia@bellsouth.net) or call (706) 248-9784.

### **ELECTRONIC RECYLING & PAPER SHREDDING**

Saturday, April 18, from 9AM until 4PM Pope Band will host an Electronic Recycling 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).

### **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**

Congratulations to the **Baseball** team. They have started 8-1 in the region. They are 16-3 overall. Come and support them as they prepare to finish region play in the next three weeks. Their schedule is on the school website.

The **JV** and **Varsity Soccer** teams finished their seasons this week. All teams had very successful seasons. We are expecting great things in the future.

The **Track** teams will travel to Knoxville on Friday for a weekend meet. Good luck!

The **Varsity Lacrosse** teams have started their region play. Next game for Varsity Men's Lacrosse is Friday, April 17, at 7:30PM at Pope. Come and support them as they prepare for the play-offs.

The **Golf** teams will be in action this week at the region golf tournament. We wish them luck as they try to qualify for the state tournament.

### **POPE RUGBY WINS QUARTERFINALS**

The Pope Rugby team won an exciting game against Kennesaw Mountain in the state quarterfinals this week. Next, they play Gwinnett in the semi-finals on Friday, April 17, at Gwinnett. A win there will take them to the championship game on Sunday. Good luck Greyhounds!

## **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 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**

Camps will be held June 1-4, 9AM-Noon for ages 7-15. Both June 22-25 and July 20-23 camps are from 9AM-4PM, for ages 8-15. E-mail Pope Basketball Coach Pat Abney for camp applications at [Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org](mailto:Patrick.Abney@cobbk12.org) or call the Pope Basketball Office at 770-578-7920.

# **GO HOUNDS!**

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