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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

May 2	SAT, 8AM, Pope
May 5 - 15	Advanced Placement Tests
May 6 - 13	End of Course Tests
May 9	Prom

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2009-2010 FINALIZED

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting course request forms and requesting course changes for the 2009-2010 school year has passed. Due to the late date, requests to change classes, or levels of classes, can no longer be honored.

POPE'S NEWEST PARTNER IN EDUCATION

We would like to welcome aboard The Family Vending Company as Pope's newest Partner in Education. We look forward to a great partnership!

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.

GRADUATION UPDATES...

Graduation contracts are due to Ms. Clune by **Friday, April 24**. These will also serve as permission slips for students to leave after exams and practices.

Additional Ticket Request Award Letters will be distributed this week in homerooms for additional tickets requested. We had 802 requests for 550 additional available seats. Please network with other seniors if you need additional tickets, as some people will not be using their four. EVERYONE REQUIRES A TICKET, INCLUDING INFANTS, TODDLERS AND HANDICAPPED PERSONS USING A WHEELCHAIR! THIS IS BY LAW OF THE FIRE

MARSHAL. Thanks you for your cooperation and we look forward to a wonderful ceremony honoring your graduates.

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 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.

PTSA NEWS

PTSA OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2009-2010

During the Pope PTSA General Meeting held on Tuesday, April 21, the new slate of officers was elected for the 2009-2010 school year. Joyce Bahorich and Karen Ponticelli will serve as Co-Presidents, Shelly Overton and Karin Welte will serve as Co-Vice Presidents, Monica Anderson will return as Recording Secretary, Trish Holmes will serve as Corresponding Secretary, and Amy Boyette will serve as Treasurer. Congratulations to all and thank you for your time and enthusiasm!

ECCC PTA OFFICERS ELECTED

At a meeting held on March 31, the officer elections for ECCC PTA were held. The individuals serving as your council leaders for the 2009-2010 school year are: Co-Presidents - Amie Fann and Abby Shiffman, Vice President - Lynne Bitzis, Treasurer - Cindy Brown, and Secretary - Heather Rees.

"DO IT FOR MOM" DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM MAY 9

Safe America Defensive Driving will feature six pit stops that teach: how to avoid a car crash, the laws of Georgia roads, insurance-and what you need to drive, maintaining your car, how to avoid forming distracted driving habits and what happens to your body in a serious car crash. This event will be held on Saturday, May 9, from 9AM-3PM at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. To register, go to www.safeamerica.org. There is a \$50 discount for all GA PTA members. Use the code PTA01.

COUNSELORS' NEWS

UGA DAWG CAMP!

Seniors who have been admitted to **University of Georgia** and plan on enrolling in the Fall of 2009 are invited to take part in UGA's "Dawg Camp." Dawg Camp is a series of summer programs coordinated through UGA's Center for Leadership and Service to help acclimate first-year students to life at UGA, channel your interests and passions into involvement and leadership opportunities on the UGA campus, and learn more about your own personal leadership style and how to develop as a leader in the diverse and exciting environment that is the University of Georgia! Check out Dawg Camp at www.uga.edu/dawgcamp and send any questions to ugadawgcamp@gmail.com.

PROSPECTIVE COLLEGE STUDENT/ATHLETE INFORMATION

If you are a junior or senior and are going to or are a candidate for playing a sport at a DI, DII, or DIII college, you need to go to the Pope School Counseling web page at <http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment> and click on the link for NCAA Clearinghouse information on the right. There you will find important information about steps you must take to register with the NCAA clearinghouse so you can be sure you are eligible to compete in college. Current seniors – be sure when you come by to release your final transcript to your college that you also release your final transcript to the NCAA Clearinghouse as well.

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 ...

FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

The last thing you need to complete in your college admissions process is to send a **final transcript** to the college you will attend in the fall. Please request your final transcript **ASAP** in the counseling office. Transcripts will be sent once final grades have been posted and you have graduated from Pope High School. Remember, your final acceptance to college is dependent on your final transcript!

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 18. 8:30AM.** Please contact Mrs. Ledbetter in the Counseling Office or by email 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, a check can be made out to the "Pope High School Baccalaureate". Please mail to Carole Noble, 3687 Bellegrove Ridge, Marietta 30062 or bring directly to the front office. **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. If you are able to volunteer please contact Ann White, 770-587-5075 or harecwhite@earthlink.net or contact Carole Noble at 770-565-3963 or cptnoble@earthlink.net.

APPLY FOR THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

If your senior has not already done so, they need to apply for the HOPE Scholarship. The eligibility requirements for the HOPE Scholarship are: College Prep Diploma – 3.0 GPA in core courses only; Tech/Career Diploma - 3.2 GPA in core courses only. Seniors should log on to their account at the GaCollege411.org website. If they have not established an account they will need to do so. Once they log on, click on *Applications and Transcripts*. Under *Applying for Financial Aid*, click on GSFAPPS. This brings up a page where you may choose Apply Online. Select the HOPE Scholarship and a window will open asking you to check that you want to apply for the HOPE Scholarship. Follow the prompts to complete the application. Students will need both their social security number and their GA Drivers License number. It will take approximately 10 minutes to complete the application.

FAFSA APPLICATION

Completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is also an application for the HOPE Scholarship. The Pope Guidance Office recommends that students complete both the GSFAPPS and FAFSA in preparation for the first year in college. Requirements for financial aid paperwork may vary from college to college. It is wise to contact the Financial Aid Office of the college or university where the student is applying for information about their procedures.

NOTE THIS...

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.

Jeff Dess will be presenting information on cyberbullying, Facebook and sexting at the Freshman Orientation parent meeting. It is recommended that young children not be in the audience due to the explicit nature of the information. We do, however, encourage the rising 9th graders to attend their orientation program held at the same time.

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.

AUTISM WORKSHOP SATURDAY, APRIL 25

The Cobb County School District's Autism Workshop will be held this Saturday, April 25, from 9AM-11AM in the East Cobb Middle School Theatre. Topics include Assistive Technology, Family/Sibling Support, Planning for the Future-Waivers, and The NEW Graduation Rule. Please contact the Cobb County Special Education Parent Mentor Office for additional information and registration: Judith Steuber, (770) 529-0046, judith.steuber@cobbk12.org, or Ijeoma Ajoku, (770) 520-0046, ijeoma.ajoku@cobbk12.org. ***Pre-registration is required for child care.

CLINIC NEEDS SUPPLIES

The Pope Clinic desperately needs saltine crackers, PB crackers, and always bandaids. Thanks for all previous donations!

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

X-CITING! X-CEPTIONAL! 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.

INTERACT CLUB MEMBERS

Interact Members, we will have a cookout on April 25 from 4PM-8PM at East Cobb Park. Please sign up for something to bring on the bulletin board in the 100 hallway. All members welcome!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEMBERS

There will NOT be a Build Day this Saturday. The house is completed! I am so sorry if you were not able to work this year. We will try to have a build day in the fall. The dedication of the house is Sunday May 3, at 2:00PM. We would like all of you to come and bring your parents to show them what you have done! The house is really beautiful and so many of you put in so much work to raise the money for the house and to build it! It is so nice for our homeowner when lots of students come to the dedication. If you would like to come, but don't have transportation, please let us know and we will try to find some parents to help with that. Directions to the house located at 115 Kerwood Court in Austell. Take I-75- to I-285 toward the airport. Take I-20 to the Six Flags Parkway exit and take a right at the end of the airport. Go through a 4 way stop. Go about a quarter of a mile and take a left on Hillcrest Drive. Go another quarter of a mile and turn right onto Satterlee Woods Drive then right onto Kerwood Court. Check out the pictures from the build on our website at www.popehabitat.com.

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.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Relay for Life, the philanthropic student group that raises money for the American Cancer Society, is hosting its annual Battle of the Bands event at Pope on Friday, April 24! The battle will feature eight local bands (including some Pope-affiliated bands) spanning multiple genres of music. It will be held from 6PM to 10PM in Pope's small gym. Tickets are \$7 at the door. T-shirts will also be available for purchase. All ages welcome to rock.

POPE NJROTC AWARDS BANQUET

The Pope NJROTC Awards Banquet will be on Friday, May 1, in the Lassiter High School Cafeteria. Dinner 6PM-7:30PM. Awards 7:45PM-9PM. Cost: \$15 per person (free admission for one cadet if CPO dues have been paid for the 2008/2009 school year). To reserve your seat, dinners must be prepaid. Please respond by filling out the bottom part of your invitation and returning it with your cadet by April 24. With questions call Claire Pelletier at 770-642-7714.

HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS / COMMUNITY NEWS

WE NEED YOUR OLD SNEAKERS!

In honor of Earth Day, the Pope Interact Club is collecting sneakers for the month of April to donate to the Nike Re-Use-A-Shoe program. The tennis shoes will be recycled and turned into playground surfaces for people in need. Place sneakers (no cleats) in white bin outside of PPO through April 30!

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 or call (706) 248-9784.

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. 11:00AM–12:30PM 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 **Girl's Lax** team. They qualified for the state play-offs by finishing second in their region. They will play at Lassiter next Wednesday, April 29, in the first round of the state play-offs. Please come and support these girls.

The **Baseball team** has improved their overall record to 17-4. They are 11-2 in region play. They are tied with Kell High School for 1st place. They have 5 games left to play. Please view their website for the dates and times. Please support them as they are contending for a region title and the state play-offs.

Please come and support the **Boy's Lax** teams this Friday, April 24. They are playing Walton at Pope – JV at 5:30PM and Varsity at 7:30PM. The winner of the varsity game will qualify for the state play-offs. Good luck and Go Hounds!

The region meet for the **Boy's Track** team is next Friday on 5/1/09 and the girl's region is the following week.

Congratulations to all of our other Spring sports. The soccer teams, tennis teams, and the golf teams had very good seasons. Please congratulate all of these student-athletes.

POPE SPORTS SPONSORED SUMMER CAMPS

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The 2009 Pope Summer Volleyball Camp will feature the new Georgia Tech Head Coach, Tonya Johnson, who led the Texas Longhorns to a 2006 NCAA Final Four. With Coach Johnson's expertise and Pope High's own experienced coaches, this promises to be a great summer camp. The camp will be June 8-11, 8:30AM to 2:30PM. Cost is \$160. For more information and to register, please go to the web-site at www.popevolleyball.net.

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

GO HOUNDS!

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