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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...

GREYHOUND CONNECTION 2009-2010 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Congratulations to the following for being named Greyhound Connection (SGA) Executive Board: President- Kyla Guenzerodt, Vice President- Pearce Lane, VP of Event Planning- Ashlyn Pederson, VP of Student Affairs- Jessica Hale, VP of Community Affairs- Logan Reed, VP of Publicity & Spirit- Darcy Hannon, Administrative Assistant- Kirby Cooperman, Parliamentarian- Madison Gray, Historian- Anita Hung.

2009-2010 ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR RISING SOPHOMORES

Next year we will be offering SAT Prep during our Academic Opportunity period to qualified sophomores only. To qualify, students must be in good academic standing (> 3.0 GPA). You must be willing to commit to 2 AO's per week for one semester. If interested, email Lorelee Hill at loralee.hill@cobbk12.org by May 15 with the student's name and semester preferred. Students that qualify based on available space will be notified prior to the end of this school year. This is a great opportunity to get help to raise your SAT score during the school day!

SUMMER READING LISTS

The Required Summer Reading Lists have been posted on the Pope website. Just click on Academics, choose English and click on the Summer Reading link in the upper left corner.

FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Seniors

Monday, May 18 3rd and 4th Blocks

Tuesday, May 19 1st and 2nd Blocks

Information regarding senior exam exemptions will be forthcoming. Senior students are expected to remain at school for the entirety of the day on May 18 (unless they receive permission for early dismissal from a parent/guardian). Seniors will be dismissed after their second period final on Tuesday, May 19. Transportation will not be provided. **Note: These are regular school days. The regular bell schedule will be followed.**

Freshmen-Juniors

Final Exams will be given May 21 (1st and 2nd Block) and May 22 (3rd and 4th Block)

- Every course will give an assessment on these dates.
- Cobb County School Board Rules prevent any teacher from giving a final exam early. Please make every effort to avoid scheduling vacations, trips, or appointments during final exam times.
- **Wednesday, May 20 (“B” Day-9th Grade Math/Biology)**- All “B” Classes will have their final during their normal class period; normal bell schedule.

Final Exam Bell Schedule

Thursday, May 21

1st BLOCK EXAM 8:25AM – 9:55AM
 Homeroom 10:00AM – 10:05AM
 2nd BLOCK EXAM 10:10AM – 11:40AM
 Lunch 11:45AM – 12:25PM
 Study Hall 12:30PM – 3:25PM

Friday, May 22

3rd BLOCK EXAM 8:25AM – 9:55AM
 Homeroom 10:00AM – 10:05AM
 4th BLOCK EXAM 10:10AM – 11:40AM
 Lunch 11:45AM – 12:25PM
 Study Hall 12:30PM – 3:25PM

Buses will run at the regular time each day.

Reminder: Cobb County School Board Rules prevent any teacher from giving a final exam early. Pope High School will host one final exam make-up session for those students who miss final exams. Make-up Exams will occur on Friday, May 29, at 2:00PM in the Pope Media Center. If you cannot attend at this time, you must make individual arrangements with the course teacher.

STUDENT EARLY DISMISSAL DURING FINALS (NOT INCLUDING SENIORS)

Students will be dismissed from school at 11:45AM after the second final exam of the day has been officially completed. Parents who **do not want** their student(s) to leave early must complete the form below and return it to Pope High School no later than Tuesday morning, May 19. **Early dismissal will be authorized for all students unless the school receives this form back by May 19.** A study hall will be provided on both Thursday and Friday for students who remain at Pope. Lunch will be served as usual and school buses will run at regular times.

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I DO NOT WANT MY STUDENT TO LEAVE EARLY ON EXAM DAYS

_____ My son/daughter may **not** leave school early on May 21 and May 22, 2009.

Home Phone Number Parent Cell Phone Number Parent Work Phone Number

Student’s Name (Please Print) Grade Parent’s Signature

Detach and return this form to the HOMEROOM TEACHER by Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

All students must attend homeroom each day at 10AM

GRADUATION UPDATES...

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. Thank 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. 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

"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

RENAISSANCE SAT – ACT RECOGNITION

The SAT/ACT Renaissance Board outside the Administration hallway is for recognizing any student that has received 1200 or higher on any sitting of the SAT or a composite of 27 or higher on the ACT. Please have the student come to the guidance office, Room 102, to fill out the paperwork to have their name engraved and added to the wall. All names need to be turned in by May 18 to go on the board this year. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Sabo in the Counseling Office.

SCHOOL COUNSELING PARENT SURVEY

As your School Counseling Department, we are interested in obtaining feedback from students, staff, and parents regarding how to structure our program, and we have developed a brief online survey for this purpose. We want to be certain that we are aware of the needs of our community in order to better support and improve our student achievements. Cobb County has adopted a Comprehensive School Counseling Program Model based on

the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) National Model for School Counseling Programs. This model strives for School Counseling Programs to deliver curriculum to our community in the following three domains:

Academic – Career - Personal/Social

This survey is an attempt to determine which areas our parent community feels are most important. We would greatly appreciate your taking a moment to complete our survey by clicking below (preferred method): http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7WvvQ_2f4sm_2fdrEqjCp4ok1Q_3d_3d"> or, if you prefer, you may download this survey as an Adobe file by clicking [here](#). Complete it, print it, and drop it off in the marked box outside of the PPO office, or mail it to us: Pope School Counseling Office, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062, ATTN: Parent Survey.

SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY OPPORTUNITIES

Traditional Summer School

Locations: Lassiter High School and Campbell High School

Dates: Tuesday, June 9 - Thursday July 9th

Classes Meet: Monday – Thursday

Times: 1st period – 8:00AM – 11:15AM

2nd period – 11:40AM – 2:55 PM

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is required at summer school. Only in the most extreme circumstances should a student be absent. Upon the third absence, a student will be withdrawn from class(es) without a refund. **DO NOT PLAN TRIPS, VACATIONS, OR APPOINTMENTS** that will interfere with attendance to class.

Registration: April 20 – May 15 in the Pope School Counseling office, Room 102

School Counseling Office Hours 8:00AM – 3:45PM

Applications for registration will be available in the Counseling Office.

Late Registration: June 2nd, 8:00AM – 12:00PM in Pope School Counseling Office

Cost: \$300.00 – ½ unit of credit

\$600.00 – 1 unit of credit

Cash or Money Order – No personal checks

Payment during early registration in April - May, must be in the form of cash, a

cashier's check, or money order payable to **POPE HIGH SCHOOL**. During the late registration period,

only cashier's checks or money orders payable to **COBB COUNTY SUMMER SCHOOL** will be acceptable for payment of tuition. Partial Payment will not be accepted.

Cobb Virtual Academy Summer Term

Online Registration: Monday, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. through Wednesday, May 20 at noon at

www.cobbvirtualacademy.org

Late Registration and Orientation (Walk-in): Thursday, May 28, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – noon at Wheeler High School Magnet Building

Cost and Payment: \$275 for 1/2 credit and \$550 for 1 credit. Payment by Credit card, electronic check (EFT) or Money Order made payable to the Cobb County School District. NO cash or checks will be accepted.

Classes Begin: Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Final Exams and EOCTs: Monday, July 6 - Wednesday, July 8, 2009

For information regarding Pre-/Post- Personal Fitness testing, CPR Skills test, Help Sessions, Final Exam and EOCT date, time and location, please go to the Cobb Virtual Academy website at www.cobbvirtualacademy.org.

For more information, please email: cobbvirtualacademy@cobbk12.org.

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.

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.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER MAY 6 IN THE MEDIA CENTER

Please come support Pope Basketball and become a SHOE HOUND! An Aerosoles Shoe Specialist will be at Pope on Wednesday, May 6, from 3:30-6:00PM in the Media Center to showcase this season's newest shoes. They will bring the RIGHT SHOE in MOST STYLES in EVERY SIZE for you to try on. BUY ONE PAIR AND RECEIVE EVERY ADDITIONAL PAIR AT 50% OFF! SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 15% OFF! Place your order and FREE delivery will be made to Pope within one week. Pope Basketball will receive 10% of TOTAL SALES for their girls' and boys' programs. Hope you will come and bring a friend.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY MEMBERS

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 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 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.

HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH –CAREER SPEAKERS NEEDED AT POWERS FERRY ELEMENTARY, OUR SISTER SCHOOL

Do you have an hour to talk to student groups about your career? Powers Ferry Elementary is inviting volunteers in the community to be “career speakers” during career exploration week, May 18-22, any time between 8AM and 1:30PM. Their students are interested in hearing about all kinds of careers—from baker to musician to lawn maintenance expert to store manager. If you can donate an hour or so of your time, please contact Aimee Pierre, School Counselor at Powers Ferry Elementary, by Monday, May 11, at aimee.pierre@cobbk12.org or 770-578-7939. This is sure to be a very fun, worthwhile experience!

OUTREACH DRIVE FOR POWERS FERRY STUDENTS

To help make their last week of school with their classmates memorable, we are holding a school-wide drive for outdoor “fun in the sun” items (new)—frisbees, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, beach balls, jump ropes, kick balls, nerf footballs, and any other items appropriate for elementary age students. Donations may be dropped off in the white bin across from PPO until Thursday, May 14. THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS LAST OUTREACH DRIVE OF THE YEAR A SUCCESS! Questions? Contact Debra Leon, 770-552-8091 or DebraTornes@aol.com.

POPE BLOOD DRIVE

Pope High School will host the Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 4, from 10AM-3PM in the gym lobby. Students can pick up a permission form in Room 306. Parents and teachers are also welcome to donate. Please contact Karen Joyce at karen.joyce@cobbk12.org if you have any questions.

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.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

The **Girl's Lax** team will play at Lassiter in the 1st round of the state play-offs. Congratulations on this accomplishment and Good Luck! Go Hounds!

The **Baseball** team has continued their winning ways. They are now 20-4 on the season and 12-2 in the region. They will be hosting the 1st round of the state play-offs on May 8. They will play a double header on Friday and game three on Saturday if necessary. Please come and support these players as they prepare to make a run into the state play-offs.

The **Boys' Track and Field** Regional Meet was held this past weekend. Congratulations to the following top finishers. Varsity – Will Blythe finished second in the high jump and qualified for the State meet; and Zack Tupper finished third in the 1600 meters and 5th in the 3200 meters. JV - The team of Alex Lake, Daniel Smith, Justin Christie and Michael Fleming won the 4x800 relay! Andres Izquierdo finished second in the triple jump, and Trevor Buhr finished 3rd in the shotput.

The **Girls' Track and Field** Regional Meet will be held this Friday/Saturday (May 1st/2nd) at Milton High School. Go Running Hounds!

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.

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