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

May 18 19	Senior Finals
May 21-22	Finals
May 22	Last day of School/Graduation

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

PARKING

REMINDER: NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS AND O PERIOD STUDENTS ARE INELIGIBLE FOR PARKING NEXT SEMESTER IF THEY HAVE 6 OR MORE UNEXCUSED TARDIES OR ABSENCES OR UNPAID PARKING FINES.

Applications for next year's parking will be available online; look for the link on the front page of the website. Students must also use the url address provided on the website that will ask for vehicle info and email addresses.

Parking registration will be July 29th and 30th FROM 8:30 - 12:00 AND 1:30-3:00. Make arrangements ahead of time if parent, adult relative, or adult family friend will be registering for a student who is out of town at the time of registration. They must have picture ID with them.

What to bring on JULY 29TH AND 30TH?

1. Copy of all three online forms with all information completed and signatures. The forms are: Cobb County School District Parking Permit Application and Vehicle Registration, Pope High School Rules and Regulations, and NOTIFICATION OF TRUANCY AND TARDY RULE CONCERNING PARKING PRIVILEGE
2. Copies of current license and current insurance (Check the dates on insurance cards)
3. \$50.00 cash or check; checks made out to Pope High School

ALL CARS MUST BE REGISTERED IN GEORGIA!

If you have additional questions please email jean.mason@cobbk12.org

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.

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 Loralee 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!

FROM THE CLINIC

Thank you to everyone who contributed supplies to the clinic this year. Please keep in mind, all medicines and personal supplies must be picked up from the clinic before the last day of school. Furthermore, there is info regarding "swine flu" on the Cobb County Web Site for parents and students. If you have any concerns please contact school nurse, Jackie Christie at ext 273.

PTSA NEWS

GET INVOLVED

PTSA has volunteer opportunities for any person that wants to become involved at Pope High School. To volunteer or for more information on available opportunities please contact Joyce Bahorich at joycepta@comcast.net or Karen Ponticelli at klpont@aol.com.

FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

Seniors

Monday, May 18 3rd and 4th Blocks and 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

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

Friday, May 22

3 rd BLOCK EXAM	8:25AM – 9:55AM
Homeroom	10:00AM – 10:05AM
4 th 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.



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...May 22, Roswell Street Baptist Church

With one week to go, please be sure that students have turned in their graduation contracts, paid their fines, COMPLETED THEIR CLASS ASSIGNMENTS and have the **three practices** on their schedules. The actual tickets for the ceremony will be distributed at the Friday practice along with honor cords to be worn that night.

PLEASE ALLOW TIME FOR FRIDAY EVENING TRAFFIC SO YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PARK. THE LOBBY CLOSSES AT APPROXIMATELY 6:15 PM TO FACILITATE GRADUATE LINE UP AND PROCESSION.

Graduates will **NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK** if not appropriately dressed. No flip flops, tennis sneakers etc. If in doubt - DON'T WEAR IT.

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.

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.

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

Baccalaureate is Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. The service and reception are at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church. Seniors should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and go to the small chapel to the left of the church entrance. Please wear graduation gown & honor cords. The graduation cap is reserved for graduation night. Please wear appropriate shoes, no flip-flops. Reception follows. Family and friends are invited. If you have more questions, please email at cptnoble@earthlink.net.

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.

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.

PARENT SCHOOL COUNSELING SURVEY

If you have not already done so, would you please take a moment to do a brief survey regarding our School Counseling program at Pope? It should not take more than five minutes to complete, and your feedback is very important to our program development. Click the link below to access the survey. Thank you!!

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=7WvvQ_2f4sm_2fdrEqjCp4ok1Q_3d_3d

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THE CLASS OF 2012

Students in the class of 2012 and beyond must pass their English, Math, and Science courses this year and earn at least five (5) credits in order to promote to the next grade level. For this class and subsequent classes, the required number of credits to promote to the junior level is eleven (11), and senior level is (17). If your child fails Ninth Lit/Comp and or Math I, and or Biology this year, they should **highly** consider retaking the course in summer school or via Cobb Virtual Academy this summer. Click below for information about these two summer credit recovery opportunities.

<http://popehs.typepad.com/files/2009-summer-school-information-1.doc>. If you have a conflict with your child attending summer school, please contact your child's counselor at (770) 578-7903 so they can discuss next steps.

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.

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.

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.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

BASEBALL

Congratulations to the baseball team. They defeated Woodstock in the 1st round of the state play-offs. The scores for the two games were 4-2 and 17-1. The baseball team will be back in action on Wednesday. They will play a double header against North Gwinnett on Wednesday starting at 5:00. If necessary, game three will be played on Thursday at 6:00.

POPE SPORTS SPONSORED SUMMER CAMPS

GIRLS LACROSSE SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Lady Greyhounds are sponsoring a Lacrosse Camp for all girls in rising 1st through rising 9th grades.

Dates: June 2, 3 & 4 at Pope High School

Times: 9:00 AM – 12:00PM

Cost: \$50.00 (includes t-shirt)

Learn skills, improve your skills and experience real game play with instruction. All proceeds from the camp will go to the Pope Ladies Lacrosse Booster Club to purchase new uniforms for the High School team. Please go to www.popeladieslax.com for a registration form. For information, email lisamorgan5254@bellsouth.net.

Come out, have fun and play lacrosse!

MENS LACROSSE SUMMER DAY CAMP

The Pope men's Lacrosse team will be hosting a three day Middle and High school Lacrosse camp on June 9, 10, and 11. Coach Mike Mahoney from St. Lawrence University will be coming in to conduct the clinic. Coach Mahoney has taken his team to the NCAA Division III playoffs for the last three consecutive years and has been the head coach at St. Lawrence since 1998. For information see Coach Pfaff or e-mail at carl.pfaff@cobbk12.org.

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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