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

May 22	Last day of School/Graduation
August 4	Fall Madness
August 10	First day of School

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

Dear Pope High School Parents, Students, and Community Members:

As many of you know, on May 13, 2009, the Cobb County Board of Education appointed me as the next principal of Hillgrove High School effective July 1, 2009.

While I am excited about the opportunity at Hillgrove, I will certainly miss Pope. I want to thank you for all of the support over the last four years. The students and parents of Pope High School are passionate about excellence and hold all of us at Pope to very high standards. While these standards may seem intimidating to some, I believe they have helped me to always work to do the very best I can.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your children, our most valued treasure. These last four years have been exciting, educational, and fulfilling. Thank you for the warm way you have treated my family and me from the moment I arrived at Pope.

I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Go Hounds!

Robert Shaw
Assistant Principal
Alan C. Pope High School

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER CENTER

9th, 10th, and 11th grade students - please turn in your service hours by the end of this semester. Remember, only hours earned through Pope clubs and organizations will be recorded for the Pope Service Honor Cord. See Mrs. McCrossen with any questions.

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.

GRADUATION UPDATES...May 22, Roswell Street Baptist Church

The actual tickets for the Graduation 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.**

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.

GRADUATION ATTIRE

Proper attire is required for graduation or a student may not be permitted to walk.

No flip flops, sneakers, boot or cowboy boots. Boys, slacks not shorts, should be khaki, black or navy and shoes. Dresses should not hang below the gown length and prints should not be visible through the gown. Ladies shoes should not be flashy ie: not hot pink, remember there are lots stairs! Should you have questions check with Ms Cotton, Ms Zarbnisky or Ms Clune during one of the three practices. We will be checking the graduates carefully before they are set to walk, so if in doubt, DON'T WEAR IT. We want this to be a dignified ceremony.

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!

FINAL EXAM INFORMATION

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.

Final Exam Bell Schedule

Thursday, May 21

1 st BLOCK EXAM	8:25AM – 9:55AM
Homerom	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
Homerom	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.

COUNSELORS' NEWS

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. 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.

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.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Will add something about the baseball team.

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.

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