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

August 23	College Admission Night-6:00pm
August 25	Early Release-1:30pm
August 26	PTSA General Meeting/ Open House-6:30pm

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

FROM THE CLINIC

For safety reasons, please inform the school nurse, as well as your student's teacher, if your student has a medical problem. Also, please review the Cobb County website referring to medication policies for Cobb County Schools. No medication will be dispensed at school unless the medication is supplied from home. Donations to the clinic are ***always appreciated***. Items needed include 6 oz paper cups, band aids, PB crackers, zip lock bags, saltine crackers, ginger ale, coke, tissues, Lysol wipes, and feminine supplies. If you have any concerns please contact school nurse, Jackie Christie, at 770-578-7900 ext 273.

X-BLOCK

Do you know what we are doing during X-Block? Do you know what X-Block is? Every Thursday, students will begin classes in their 1st period class at 9:35am. During this "late in" time, students have the option to come to school by regular means (bus, drive, or walk) or wait until 1st period. If a student chooses to come to school at 8:20am, they will be directed to the media center, cafeteria, outside picnic tables by the cafeteria, or the gym (only for overflow) for a time of study. Students will be allowed to work on the computer, study for an upcoming test, meet for a group project, or just hang out and drink coffee. All areas will be supervised and students are expected to stay in their designated location.

What are the teachers doing? They will meet in collaborative groups to: develop common unit plans, scope and sequence courses, collaborate on Best Practices in assessments, and ultimately enhance your learning experience here at Pope! Whether you choose to come to school at the normal time, or get a little extra sleep... we are always here for them. Due to congestion, please allow enough time in the parking lot and drop-off lines to get to the 1st period classroom by 9:35am.

PTSA NEWS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN POPE PTSA!

For those who have not yet joined the PTSA for 2010-2011, there is still time. Membership forms were sent home with students on the first day of school in the CCSD folder. Forms are also available on the Pope Website. Have your student give the completed form and payment to their AO teacher.

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@gmail.com.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Follow us on facebook at Alan C. Pope High School and on twitter at www.twitter.com/popehsptsa.

POPE STUDENT DIRECTORY COVER ART CONTEST

Pope students are encouraged to submit original black and white artwork on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper. Use black medium only (ink, pencil, charcoal, paint...), no color is allowed. Do not sign the piece of artwork on the front! Print your name and grade/AO teacher on the back of the artwork. Two winners will be chosen, one for the front cover and another for the back cover. Each winner will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate. Entries must be turned in to Mrs. Joy Johnson (in the Art Room) by **Friday, August 27**. Good luck and good drawing!

POPE FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Looking for a way to plug-in at Pope and learn your way around the high school? Volunteers are needed for Pope's front office for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Responsibilities include greeting parents and guests as they arrive for appointments and answering the phone. Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of one to two shifts per month. The morning shift is from 8:30am – Noon with the afternoon shift running from Noon to 3:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your slot, please contact Beth Wortham, PTSA Front Office Coordinator, at ehwortham@bellsouth.net. First-come, first-served, so reserve your time slot now!

POPE SPIRIT WEAR

Come and see our Pope SPIRIT WEAR every Friday at Pope. We have T-shirts, hoodies, sweat pants, pajama pants, and caps in Pope colors. Car magnets and Pope license plates are also available. We are set up in the Main corridor every FRIDAY MORNING between 7:00-8:30am. *Don't miss out on these cool, good quality, reasonably priced items.* You can also reach us anytime at 678-921-2015 or Gaby2457@aol.com.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Pope's Community Outreach service organization has scheduled two upcoming volunteer opportunities to support MUST Ministries. Interested students and parents please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com and provide volunteers' names, date of service, and contact information including e-mail and phone. MUST Ministries requires 1 adult per 7 student volunteers. Minimum age to volunteer is 10, and all volunteers under age 18 must complete a Youth Release Form with parent's signature to bring with them on the date of service. Directions and the Youth Release Form will be forwarded via e-mail to all volunteers upon sign-up. We will be supporting the MUST Warehouse/Donation Center on the following days (20 persons per date max): **Saturday, August 28**, 9:30am-1:30pm and **Saturday, October 2**, 9:30am-1:30pm.

Please note: the Donation Center is NOT air conditioned, so please dress comfortably and wear appropriate closed-toe shoes (no sandals, crocs or dress shoes) and bring a water bottle (or small cooler). Please wear a POPE T-SHIRT to show our Pope pride in the community. Pope students can earn community service hours for all MUST activities. If you have questions concerning the Community Outreach volunteer opportunities, please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com.

FROM THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

August 12 is International Youth Day: A day designated by the United Nations to bring attention to global issues that affect young people.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated to the Pope Foundation! To date, we have raised slightly over \$12,000. This money will be used towards our two major projects for this school year: a new Career Center and a facelift for the front entrance and façade of the school building. More detailed information on both of these projects, including drawings, is located in the front lobby of the school. There was also information in the packet that your student brought home on the first day of school!

Please be sure to check out the latest news about the Foundation on our newly updated website at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com. Here you can find information about Who We Are, What We Do, our Major Projects, our Board Members, and information on how to make a donation.

This year we are proud to announce that we also have a Facebook page – Pope High School Foundation. If you are a Facebook user, we encourage you to Become a Fan! This page is updated constantly with new and useful information about all things Pope related. It is a great resource for parents, students, PHS alumni, teachers, administrators and friends of Pope to stay close to what is going on at the school.

Stay tuned for more information from the Foundation!

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS NIGHT

College Admissions Night will be **Monday, August 23, 6:00pm** in the theater. This meeting is geared toward parents of seniors, but all are welcome! We will include the same information presented to the seniors in their guidance lesson such as how to order a transcript, how to request a counselor recommendation, and how to request a teacher recommendation.

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

INTERACT CLUB

If you are interested in the Pope Interact Club, our first meeting is in room 308 at **7:45am on Thursday, August 18**. Interact is a service club that accepts students from all grade levels. We do many local and international service projects. Coffee and donuts will be served!

COBB CHILDREN'S' THEATRE

CCT presents: Summer Stock 2010: Into The Woods. Music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. This show is up for the MAT awards. After each show performers sign autographs and pose for pictures. Shows times are **Friday, August 20** and **Saturday, August 21** at 8:00pm; **Sunday, August 22nd**, at 3:00pm at the Jennie T. Anderson Theatre-Cobb Civic Center. Online tickets for reserved seats (center stage seats) can be purchased for \$14 at www.cobbchildrenstheatre.org. General seats are \$12, seating is on either side stage. Tickets are \$16 at the door. Call for tickets/questions: Lisa Mallis: 770-587-3019 or lisa@malli.com.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

The football team has a scrimmage on Friday at Hillgrove. The game starts at 7:00pm. The football season will kick off against Wheeler on August 27th at Pope. This will be the season opener, and we will be using our brand new turf field for the first time.

The softball team will open their season in the Kell Tournament. They will play on Friday and Saturday. Good luck!

The volleyball team will start their season in the Sequoyah Classic. They will be playing on Friday and Saturday. Good Luck!

POPE FENCING CLUB, INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Looking for an exciting sport where you wear a really cool uniform, meet really nice people, AND run around with a pointed object in your hand? Consider joining us at the Pope Greyhound Fencing Club! We will be hosting an informational, organizational pizza dinner meeting on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18** in the media center at 6:15pm. We will provide information on the upcoming competition season, introduce the coaching staff, and review equipment needs. All interested students and parents are invited to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Wortham, ehwortham@bellsouth.net.

FOOTBALL NIGHT AT O'CHARLEY'S

As part of O'Charley's Sponsorship, we have 3 dine out dates where the football program receives 10% of the gross proceeds. They will give us the entire back section of the restaurant. We will also have the entire restaurant to handle whatever numbers we can bring in. The dine out dates will be on **Monday, August 30; Monday, September 27; and Monday, October 25**. Please make sure to tell your server that you are with Pope football so we will get the credit, and thank them for their sponsorship!

GO HOUNDS!

Please make ptsa@popehs.ptsamail.com "an acceptable email address." It is used to distribute Hound Highlights. We will still communicate and subscribe through houndhighlights@popeptsa.org. Hound Highlights will also be posted on the www.popehigh.com website each Friday.