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# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

August 25	Open House/PTSA Meeting
September 4	Pope Voice Deadline
September 7	No School

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### 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 9:40AM. 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 8:25, 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.

### CLINIC NEWS

Please inform the school nurse, as well as your student's teacher, if your student has a medical problem for safety reasons. 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. If you have any concerns please contact school nurse, Jackie Christie, at 770-578-7900 ext 273.

## PTSA NEWS

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN POPE PTSA!

For those who have not yet joined the PTSA for 2009-2010, there is still time. Membership forms were sent home with students on the first day of school in the CCSD folder. If you can't find yours, forms are available in the front office. Have your student give the completed form and payment to their AO/homeroom teacher.

## **OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:30PM, POPE THEATER**

August 25 is the first Pope PTSA Open House for the school year. The PTSA meeting will start at 6:30PM in the Theater followed by a few announcements from the administration followed by the opportunity to meet your students' teachers. When you're finished in the classrooms, everyone is invited to the cafeteria to meet the Pope administrators (old and new), PTSA officers and other parents. This will be a great opportunity to put names with faces, ask a few questions and enjoy some light refreshments!

## **FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Looking for a fun way to get involved and support the school? Your help is needed in the front office for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are a new parent to Pope or a veteran parent, this is a great way to get involved! The only job requirement is a smiling face to greet visitors and a pair of willing hands. Responsibilities include answering the phones and greeting parents and guests as they arrive for appointments. Volunteers are asked to work a minimum of 1-2 shifts per month. Both morning and afternoon shifts are available. Please email PTSA Chairperson Beth Wortham ([ehwortham@bellsouth.net](mailto:ehwortham@bellsouth.net)) or call (770-552-7708) with any questions and to sign-up! Reserve your time slot now! We need you!

## **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](mailto:joycepta@comcast.net) or Karen Ponticelli at [klpont@gmail.com](mailto:klpont@gmail.com).

## **COUNSELORS' NEWS**

### **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS NIGHT**

College Admissions Night will be Monday, August 24, 7:00PM in the theater. This meeting is geared toward parents of seniors, but all are very 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. IN ADDITION, admissions representatives from Emory University, George Washington University, and Furman University will give their perspectives on admissions to selective colleges.

### **BEYOND THE NUMBERS-A DISCUSSION ON THE COLLEGE SEARCH AND APPLICATION PROCESS**

The goal of all admissions offices is to build a community among its student body through the careful and thorough application review process. At competitive colleges and universities, admissions committees take more than the GPA, SAT/ACT and class rank into consideration. This highly interactive session will examine how admissions decisions are made so students can identify a "good fit" and to help them have a better understanding of the college search and admissions decision process. Come and learn how that is done when admissions committees look "beyond the numbers." Free and open to the public. Speakers will include, Carol Conchar, Regional Director of Admissions, George Washington University and Laura Simmons, Associate Director of Admissions, Furman University. Join us Sunday, August 30 at 4:00PM. Emerson UUC, 2799 Holly Springs Road, Marietta, GA 30062. For more information, call 770-578-1533.

## **HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS**

### **4 QUARTERS 4 RESEARCH**

Let's White Out the Stadium to Wipe Out Childhood Cancer! Our annual 4Quarters4Research event, in memory of Pope's own Matt Hobby #70, will take place this year at our home football game versus Roswell on September 11th. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Rally Foundation (founded by Pope Parent Dean Crowe), whose mission is to fund research to cure childhood cancer. All students, parents, and faculty members are encouraged to purchase a 4Quarters t-shirt to wear to school on September 11 and to the game that night to

White Out the stadium! T-shirts will be on sale in the cafeteria during lunch periods from Monday, August 17 through Wednesday, September 2. T-shirts are \$10 cash or check payable to Rally Foundation. You may also order online via Paypal.... find the link at [www.popefootball.com](http://www.popefootball.com). There are a wide range of sizes available, from Youth Small through Adult XXXXL. Questions? Contact Julie Hellman, 770-643-9709, [juliehellman@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliehellman@bellsouth.net) or Leila Ramsay, 770-650-8189, [Ramsay4501@aol.com](mailto:Ramsay4501@aol.com).

## **FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

We are expecting a fantastic year with Pope Athletics! The kick-off for fall sports will begin this week.

### **VARSITY FOOTBALL**

The football team kicks the season off on Friday, August 14th, at Pebblebrook High School at 7:30 PM. Come and support the 2009 Football Team. Go Hounds!

### **SOFTBALL**

The softball team will scrimmage at Pope on Thursday at 5:55 PM.

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Volleyball kick-off, the Sequoyah Classic, will be at Sequoyah on Friday and Saturday.

### **CROSS COUNTRY & CHEERLEADING**

Cross Country and Cheerleading will kick-off in a couple of weeks.

### **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 Fencing Club! We will be holding an informational and organizational meeting on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 in the media center at 7:00PM. 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 us at [greyhoundfencing@gmail.com](mailto:greyhoundfencing@gmail.com).

# **GO HOUNDS!**

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