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

Thursday, August 21 **PTSA Open House, 6:30PM, Theater**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty, staff, students, and parents for a very smooth opening of the school year. Everyone seems to have taken advantage of the summer and has returned refreshed and ready to give it their all. If you are on campus in the future, please feel free to take the time to stop by my office and say hello. I am looking forward to working with you this year. Go Hounds!!

I-PARENT TO BE REPLACED BY "PINNACLE"

The Cobb County School District and Pope High School are very excited about the implementation of a new online software program for grades and attendance. The new software, named Pinnacle, will replace the i-Parent portal that has been used in the past for parents and guardians to access grades and attendance for students. The Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV) is scheduled to be available on Friday, August 29. Sign-up and instructions for Pinnacle will be made available during the PTSA Open House on August 21. Feel free to visit the District's website at <http://www.cobbk12.org> for more information.

PTSA NEWS

OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 6:30PM, POPE THEATER

Next Thursday is the first Pope PTSA Open House for the school year. We'll start with our PTSA meeting at 6:30PM in the Theater, then have a few announcements from the administration and send you off 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!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN POPE PTSA!

For those who have not yet joined the PTSA for 2008-2009, there's still time. Membership forms were sent home with students on the first day of school. If you can't find yours, forms are available in the PPO and front office. Have your student give the completed form and payment to his/her homeroom teacher.

ZOO ATLANTA IS WILD ABOUT PTA!

Mention Georgia PTA when purchasing a Zoo Atlanta Membership by phone (404.624.WILD) or in person to receive \$10 off an Individual, Dual, Family, or Family Escape Membership. Sorry, but the discount is not valid for online purchases.

GUIDANCE NEWS

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Post-Secondary Options: What Should My Student (especially seniors) Be Doing Now? Join us Monday, August 25 at 7PM in the Pope Theater. Pertinent topics regarding post-secondary options including the college application process, how to request transcript requests, HOPE scholarship, and more.

NOTE THIS...

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Any female student interested in participating in the South Korean exchange program should plan to meet in the Media Center at 7:45AM on Wednesday, August 20th. Please see Ms. Allegood in the Media Center for an application.

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 Dixie cups, sandwich ziplock bags, Kleenex, Band-Aids of all sizes, ginger ale and coke. If have any questions, please feel free to contact Jackie Christie, RN at ext 273.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

FLOP (FOREIGN LANGUAGES OF POPE) CLUB

Students interested in learning more about different cultures and languages should join the FLOP (Foreign Languages of Pope) Club. Club members will celebrate Oktoberfest, Musica a la Mode, Dia de los Muertos, December Desserts, Mardi Gras, Spagetti Eis and Cinco de Mayo. In addition to these activities, students may also work with feeder schools to promote the study of world languages. Club applications may be picked up in room 77. The cost is \$20 (for membership and a club t-shirt) or \$10 (for membership only).

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Qualified juniors and seniors can pick up NHS applications in Room 89 (Mr. Sorensen) through Friday, August 22nd. Visit the Clubs/Organizations page of the Pope website (<http://www.cobbk12.org/~pope/activities.htm>) for qualifications and information . Forms are due back to Mr. Sorensen no later than Monday, August 25th.

POPE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our 1st meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, August 19th, 7:45AM in the Pope Theater. To join and get a t-shirt, please bring a \$30 check to the meeting (made out to Pope Habitat). Parent permission forms can be picked up on the rack outside of Room 120. Please bring this form with you Tuesday morning.

POPE INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, August 27th, at 7:45AM in Room 308. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Come hear about our scholarship opportunity and our local and international service projects. Everyone welcome!

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PARENTS OF POPE FRESHMEN STUDENTS

We're looking for a few good volunteers at Pope High School! Help is needed in the front office at Pope for the 2008-2009 school year. Now is the time to sign-up and get involved! 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, each shift being a 2 1/2 hour commitment (8:30AM-11AM, 11AM-1:30PM, & 1:30PM-3:45PM). Please call or email PTSA Chairperson Amy Fain with any questions and to sign-up (770/552-2966 or af909@aol.com). First come - first served, so reserve your time slot now!

SHOW A CHILD HOW MUCH YOU CARE

Become a volunteer classroom reader at our sister school, Powers Ferry Elementary. Spend 30 minutes to an hour with "your" class of adorable elementary school kids, and you will walk away smiling, guaranteed! Visit your class once a week, every other week, or even just once per month. For more information, contact Julie Hellman at 770-643-9709 or juliehellman@bellsouth.net.

HOUNDS HELPING OTHERS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE, AUGUST 18 - SEPTEMBER 10

Local food pantry supplies are LOW, but demand is high. Help is needed! The Pope PTSA Community Outreach Committee, along with several other area schools, has committed its support to help restock food shelves. Drop off donated food items in the bins across from PPO anytime from Monday, August 18 – Wednesday, September 10. Food items needed most: canned meats/stews/chili/beans, pasta sauces, pasta, canned tomatoes, mac & cheese, rice, peanut butter, boxed cereals and oatmeal. (No glass containers please.) Non-food items needed: TP, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, and diapers (larger sizes). **THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUT AND GIVE TO OTHERS IN NEED!** Questions? Contact Carolsjm@aol.com or DebraTornes@aol.com.

SPORTS TALK

The 2008-2009 athletic year is starting this week! Come be a part of Pope Pride...

The Football team will scrimmage Pebblebrook this Friday the 15th. Volleyball and Fastpitch Softball will also start competition on the 15th, and Cross Country starts on the 23rd. Please come and support your Pope Athletes!! **GO HOUNDS!!!!!!!!!!!!** Check the calendar for more dates and times.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCRIMMAGE THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 7:30PM

Let the "New Tradition" begin! Come back to Pope this Friday night at 7:30PM to cheer on the Pope varsity football team as they start their season with a scrimmage against Pebblebrook. Go Hounds!