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A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students
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Send submissions to houndhighlights@popeptsa.org ♦ Deadline: Tuesdays 5PM

IMPORTANT DATES

August 25	Open House/PTSA Meeting
September 4	Pope Voice Deadline
September 7	No School
September 15	Picture Retakes

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

OPEN HOUSE – TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 6:30 PM

We will begin with an introduction and brief meeting with Mr. Beaulieu, Pope Foundation and PTSA general meeting in the Theater. Parents will then proceed to their student's AO, where they will receive a copy of their student's schedule. During the AO Freshman parents will have an opportunity during this time to sign up for Pinnacle. You will need to show a picture ID to receive your registration.

- Parents are invited to go through their student's schedule and visit the café during their lunch period for refreshments provided by the PTSA.
- Please visit classes at scheduled times by period as teachers have 5 classes and there may be different information by period.
- This is an information session only- not a time to discuss your individual student questions/ needs. Please feel free to email teachers for that information at another time.

We look forward to seeing you Tuesday.

PINNACLE

Parents with older children at Pope can use existing account information. Pinnacle user name and passwords will be emailed to parents that complete user agreement within the week. Parents who received Pinnacle account information last year and have forgotten their passwords can email Kim.allen@cobbk12.org to obtain this information.

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.

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. Due to congestion, please allow enough time in the parking lot and drop-off lines to get to the 1st period classroom by 9:40AM.

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 outside of PPO. Have your student give the completed form and payment to their AO/homeroom teacher.

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) 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 or Karen Ponticelli at klpont@gmail.com.

FOUNDATION NEWS

DIG IN AND EXPERIENCE IT!

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you were excited to see the new look at Pope – the fresh landscape is a direct result of your generous contributions last year!

The Pope Foundation now invites you to support our 2009-2010 initiatives. Our fundraising efforts will focus on the following: Landscaping – Phase 2, Campus improvements and Support for Academic programs.

Please consider making a donation to support these causes. Mail your check, payable to the Pope Foundation, to 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062. Or, if you prefer to use a credit card, use our secure Paypal account by going to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com and clicking on the Make a Donation tab.

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.

CLUB NEWS

POPE FOOTBALL

Pope Football players will be out in the community this weekend for Patron's Day giving out magnets with the football schedule on it and asking for a donation of any size. Please support our team in their fundraising efforts.

POPE BAND – SALLY FOSTER

The Pope Band is selling Sally Foster gift wrap and gift items now through September 1. The band will receive 50% of all proceeds from the sale. Anyone wishing to purchase Sally Foster can either contact a band student or contact Shelly Taylor at brontesmom@gmail.com. You may also purchase Sally Foster online by going to www.sallyfoster.com. Simply shop online and then during checkout, click on the icon to give credit to a school. In the information fields, type Marietta, GA 30062. A list of participating schools will appear. Click on Pope HS Band Boosters, and the band will receive the proceeds. This upcoming season promises to be an exciting one for the band as we go out and represent Pope High School in the community and in the nation through appearances at such venues as a Braves Game and the Gator Bowl. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

POPE BAND NIGHT WITH THE ATLANTA BRAVES

The Pope High School band will be performing at Turner Field September 15. The Braves will be playing host to the New York Mets with game time set at 7:10PM. The Pope Band and Color Guard will perform a pre-game show on the field. Be sure to come out early to enjoy the festivities. Ticket prices are: Upper Pavilion \$6, Upper Box \$12, Outside Pavilion \$22. Ticket orders for this event will be taken at Pope during lunch, August 20-26. Orders will also be taken after band practice August 25. If you can not make these times, ticket orders may also be placed Saturday August 22 from 9-11AM at Pope. The actual game tickets will be available for pick-up the week of August 31 during lunch at Pope High School and on Saturday, August 29 from 9-11AM at Pope. If you have any questions please contact paulgski@bellsouth.net or call 678-596-2857.

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. There are a wide range of sizes available, from Youth Small through Adult XXXXL. Questions? Contact Julie Hellman, 770-643-9709, juliehellman@bellsouth.net or Leila Ramsay, 770-650-8189, Ramsay4501@aol.com.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the volleyball team. They won the Sequoyah Classic. They were a perfect 8-0, and they defeated Walton in the finals. This was the second straight year that they have won this tournament. Congratulations! They will be back in action on Thursday at Harrison, and they will play five matches on Saturday at Marist.

The softball team competed in the Kell tournament. They went 1-3, but all of the games were very close. They will be back in action on Tuesday at Pope. They will be playing McEachern.

The football team played in the pre-season scrimmage at Pebblebrook on Friday. They will open up their season at home on the 28th against Kenneseaw Mountain. The 2009 State Champion Baseball Team will be honored at half time.

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.

GO HOUNDS!

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