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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
Monday, August 25	Parent Info Night, 7PM, Theater
Friday, August 29	Deadline for Inclusion in Student Directory
Monday, September 1	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Friday, September 5	Deadline for Pope Voice newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

We are well into our second week of school and couldn't be more proud of our students and staff. Please come join us Thursday night at Open House. It will be a great opportunity to visit with your child's teachers and drop by the reception to meet the administrative team. We look forward to seeing you all!

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-ups and information will be made available to you as soon as possible. However, the County is not able to provide us with this in time for our Open House. Watch future Hound Highlights for details. Also, 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

This 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 administrative team. 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!

POPE 2008-2009 STUDENT DIRECTORY

Make sure you have turned in your contact information for inclusion in the 2008-2009 Pope Student Directory. The form to be used is the PTSA Membership and Order Form that came home in the first-day packets. (PTSA membership is not required. This is simply the form on which the information is captured.) The last day to

return this form is Friday, August 29. Anticipated distribution will be by mid-September. With questions, feel free to contact Sirpa Horstman at pikisworld@gmail.com.

POPE CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

For those of you who purchased a Pope Calendar at Fall Madness or later, there are several corrections to note. Inside front cover under School Administration: Ashley Jimerson's name is spelled incorrectly, should read Jimerson; under PTSA Officers: Co-President Becky Melton's email address should read beckymelton_popeptsa@comcast.net. 2008-09 Pope PTSA Board: Lisa Joyner should not be listed as Community Outreach Chairperson; Grants Committee should not be listed as the Treasurer is the Chairperson; Hospitality-Students, Cathy Strmac's email should read MarCatStrmac@aol.com; Staff Appreciation, Tonia Pondiscio's email should read pontonia@comcast.net. September: PTSA Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, at 9AM rather than September 9. February: Pope Voice Newsletter will be mailed on February 19 (deadline is February 6). Please make these changes on your copy. Sorry for the inconvenience!

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.

CRCT SCORE REPORTS

CRCT score reports that were received from Dodgen and Hightower Trail Middle Schools were returned to 9th grade students via their homeroom on Wednesday, Aug. 20th. Please ask your 9th grader to show you their CRCT score report. NOTE: Only 9th graders who had not picked up or been given a copy of their CRCT score report from their middle school earlier this year received a score report in Homeroom on Wednesday. If you have questions, please contact the Pope School Counseling Department at (770) 578-7903.

POPE FOUNDATION PROJECT

WANT TO HELP SPRUCE UP POPE'S CAMPUS? WANT TO POLISH OUR SCHOOL'S LOOK AND APPEAL?

Be a part of the Pope Experience! Support the Pope Foundation's landscape transformation project by making a donation now! Mail checks, payable to the Pope Foundation, to the school address, OR pay securely online using PayPal at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com.

NOTE THIS...

BACCALAUREATE

If you missed Fall Madness and would still like to make a donation, a check can be made out to the "Pope High School Baccalaureate" and then given to your student's homeroom teacher. The Baccalaureate is a "spiritual sending forth" of our 2009 graduates at Pope High School. It is a student-led, non-denominational service planned for Tuesday, May 19, at 7PM. A formal invitation will be mailed to each graduate and their family. At the reception hors d'oeuvres, cake and punch will be served. If you would like to help with this evening please contact Carole Noble at 770-565-3963 or by e-mail at cptnoble@earthlink.net. Senior parents are needed to come early that day to help set up. Freshman, sophomore and junior parents are needed to serve at the reception.

ROTC ANNUAL PICNIC

Who: NJROTC (Pope - Kell - Sprayberry - Lassiter)

What: "Annual Picnic" for Cadets, Alumni & their Families

Where: World Famous Navy Lake Site at Lake Allatoona

When: August 23, Noon – 4PM

Contact: Sirpa Horstman 678/461-0371 or check out our website www.lassiternjrotc.com

LOOK FOR THE COWS! – CHICK-FIL-A BISCUIT SALE ON FRIDAY

Find us in the hallways and at the concession stand. Those delicious biscuits are sold for \$2.50 each (*cheaper than in the restaurant!*) or get yourself a nice cup of cappuccino for \$1. Proceeds go to our Cross Country and Track & Field Teams.

CLINIC NEWS

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 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 22. 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 25.

POPE INTERACT CLUB

Interact Club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 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

GOT FOOD? COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE, AUGUST 18 - SEPTEMBER 10

Food pantries desperately need help from the community! Pope is one of several local schools participating in a "Community Outreach Food Drive" to restock the shelves at MUST Ministries. We need widespread support to help those who have been impacted by the economy, are struggling to make ends meet, and are forced to seek food assistance for the first time in their lives. Please join in and be a part of this food assistance network. Donations may be dropped off in the bins across from PPO through Wednesday, September 10. Items needed most: canned meats/stews/chili/beans, pasta and pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, boxed macaroni and cheese, rice, peanut butter, boxed cereals and oatmeal. Toiletries (including travel size) and larger size diapers are also needed. Let's get involved and take action to help the needy survive this silent emergency! THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Contact: DebraTornes@aol.com or Carolsjm@aol.com.

SPORTS TALK

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the fast pitch softball team who claimed their first victory of the year against Central Gwinnett on Monday in extra innings. Congratulations also to the Pope Volleyball team for winning the Sequoyah Classic Tournament this past weekend. They were a perfect 8-0 in the tournament, and they also recorded two more victories over Harrison and Sprayberry on Tuesday. This is a great start to the year!

A special thank you goes out to the Basketball, Wrestling, Volleyball, and Band programs for helping to renovate the gym lobby. It looks fantastic!

GREYHOUND ROLLER HOCKEY MEETING

Player and Parent Informational Meeting will be held on Monday, August 25, at 7PM in the Pope Cafeteria. For more information, contact Nick Summers at 770/993-5835 or nhsommer@us.ibm.com.

POPE VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

The Thursday, August 21, match is at Marietta High School: Pope vs. Marietta at 5PM; Pope vs. Chattahoochee at 6PM. Next Thursday, August 28, is a home match! Pope vs. Lassiter at 5PM; Pope vs. Marist at 7PM.

POPE ICE HOCKEY

Pope Ice Hockey has begun practices. There is a Varsity team and Junior Varsity team. Our preseason tournament begins the weekend of September 5, and the season runs from October to mid-March. If you are interested in playing ice hockey, please contact Gordon Wallin at gkwallin@gmail.com or 770-642-8870.

A MESSAGE TO THE POPE FACULTY & STAFF

POPE STAFF BBQ

The administration would like to invite all Pope staff and their family to the 12th Annual Staff BBQ catered by Williamson Bros. on September 5th. Join us in the cafeteria at 6PM and then head out to the football field to watch us BEAT LASSITER!!!

GO HOUNDS!

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