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HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

September 4	Pope Voice Deadline
September 7	No School-Labor Day
September 15	Picture Retakes

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

PINNACLE

Pinnacle user name and passwords will be emailed to parents that completed the user agreement at Open House 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.

H1N1 FLU

It is likely that you have read and heard a lot lately about the H1N1 flu and the role schools will play this fall as the virus impacts our community. While H1N1 remains a health concern, public health officials in Georgia and across the nation have downgraded the initial alarm about the virus. In Georgia healthcare providers are no longer testing every case specifically for this strain of influenza. A letter with more information was sent home with your child on August 25, if you did not get the letter it can be viewed at www.popehigh.com.

PTSA NEWS

SIGN UP FOR PENS ALERTS

Because one of PTSA's missions is child safety this year's PTSA would like to encourage you to become a PENS Pal. PENS is a police email notification system where our local police update the public about any criminal activity, thus keeping us all aware. To get these very important updates all you have to do is go to their website www.police.cobbcounty.ga.gov and click on the link "sign up for PENS alerts", put in your email address and click on Precinct 4. That's it! It only takes a few minutes to create awareness in our neighborhoods while keeping our kids safe.

POPE 2008-2009 STUDENT DIRECTORY

Make sure you have turned in your contact information for inclusion in the 2009-2010 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.) Anticipated distribution will be by mid-September. With questions, contact Sirpa Horstman at pikisworld@gmail.com.

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/homeroom 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, September 4th**. Good luck and Good Drawing!

PTSA BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

PTSA is in need of people that want to be involved at Pope. Currently we have openings on the board for Exceptional Children, Partners in Education and Diversity/Inclusion. To volunteer or for more information on these opportunities please contact Joyce Bahorich at joycepta@comcast.net or Karen Ponticelli at klpont@gmail.com.

POPE SPIRIT WEAR 2009

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 AM and 8:30 AM. *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.

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.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

PSAT INFORMATION

The PSAT will be administered on October 14 to the 10th and 11th graders. The State of Georgia will pay the \$13 test fee for all 10th graders but the 11th graders must pay his/her own fee in order for the test to be scored. This test is recommended for all eleventh grade students, especially those who wish to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Program. The PSAT is a great opportunity to practice before taking the actual SAT, and an excellent predictor of future SAT performance. Please bring \$13 in cash or a check made out to Pope High School to the Pope Counseling Office any Monday through Thursday from 7:45 until 8:15 through October 12. If you have any questions please contact Janet Callahan in the Pope Counseling Office.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP GPA STATUS

Student's grades 10-12 can now view their HOPE Scholarship status at www.gacollege411.org. Students must create a free account before they can view their HOPE status information. If they have any trouble accessing their information after creating their account, contact Angie Bruce at extension 236.

CRCT SCORES

If your freshman attended Dodgen or Hightower last year, and you did not receive your student's 8th grade CRCT scores during AO at Open House on Tuesday evening, they will be returned to students during Wednesday's AO. Please ask your child to show them to you. If you have any questions regarding your child's CRCT score reports, please contact the counseling office at (770) 578-7903 and ask to speak with your child's counselor.

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL 101

An informational meeting for Freshman parents will be held on Monday Sept. 21 in the Pope Theater at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing graduation and promotion requirements, Freshman Advisement dates, and resources to help your child be successful in high school and plan for the future.

FALL PROBE COLLEGE FAIRS

Don't miss an excellent opportunity to be exposed to and gather information from hundreds of institutions from the state of Georgia and institutions from outside the state:

Atlanta North Fair: Tuesday, Sept. 15 6-9:00 PM Northpoint Mall

Cobb North Fair: Tuesday, Sept. 22 6-8:30 PM Kennesaw State U. Convocation Center

Information on what to do before you visit a college fair can be viewed at:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/where-to-start/28841.html>

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 4:00 PM. Emerson UUC, 2799 Holly Springs Road, Marietta, GA 30062. For more information, call 770-578-1533.

CLUB NEWS

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.

NEWCOMERS CLUB OF COBB COUNTY

If you are new to the area, the Newcomers Club would like to welcome you to join them at monthly meetings and social events. Please contact Kari Wetche at 770-518-3317 for more information.

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 Pope Volleyball team. They defeated Lovett and Sequoyah on Monday. Their record this season is now 17-0. They are currently ranked #1 in the state. This past weekend, they competed at Marist against the state finalist teams last year. They finished the day with a 5-0 record. Keep up the great work!

The football team will kick off their season on Friday. They are hosting Kennesaw Mountain at 7:30 PM. During halftime, the 2009 state champion baseball team will be honored with their rings. Please come and support the football team and honor the baseball team. This will be the start to an exciting football season at Pope.

Cross country will also open their season this weekend. They will be competing in Gainesville on Saturday. Good luck!

VOLLEYBALL

The next Pope Volleyball home game is September 3 vs. Wesleyan and Walton. This will be the Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser....FREE T-SHIRTS to the first 100 Pope fans and other give-aways. \$1 RAFFLE TICKETS for great prizes like an iPod Touch. Come cheer on the Lady Greyhounds and help fight CF!

POPE BASEBALL – STATE CHAMPIONS 2009!

The ring presentation is set for halftime of the first football game on August 28. T-shirts will be on sale for \$10 during the game and at the Tailgate Party. Help us congratulate our Varsity Baseball players on this outstanding achievement! The State Champion Pope Greyhound Baseball Team announces their **11th Annual Golf Tournament** scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 at Indian Hills Country Club, Marietta, GA. Watch the Hound Highlights for more information.

POPE FOOTBALL “PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT” with THE MIKE VEAL BAND

Please join us as we kick off the new season. The Pope High School Touchdown Club will be hosting the 6th Annual “Party in the Parking Lot” at Montana’s Bar and Grill, located on 2995 Johnson’s Ferry Road on **September 19** starting at 7:30 PM. Featuring Live music by “The Mike Veal Band” and a Pig-Roast. Be sure to come out to enjoy the festivities. Tickets prices are: \$10 if purchased before the event; \$15 at the door unless you are wearing Pope Paraphernalia. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the gate for home games on August 28, September 11 and 18 as well as on-line at www.popefootball.com, Montana’s or at the door. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Nancy O’Reilly or Linda Horner @ noreilly@bellsouth.net/678-923-5012 , linda.horner@gmail.com/678-907-6604

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