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

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, August 29	Deadline for Inclusion in Student Directory
Monday, September 1	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
Wednesday, September 3	Sign-Up for Pinnacle Access, 5PM-8PM
Friday, September 5	Deadline for Pope Voice newsletter
Friday, September 5	Deadline for Student Directory Cover Art Contest

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

UPDATE ON NEW "PINNACLE" SOFTWARE

As you know, Pope High School will be using the new Pinnacle system for parents to access grades and attendance for their students. Access codes and instructions for parents to begin accessing grades will be distributed in the Pope High School Media Center on Wednesday, September 3, from 5PM-8 M. Please make sure you bring a photo ID. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Shaw.

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Join us at the Pope vs. Kennesaw Mountain football game this Friday night for Military Appreciation Night! Everything from military helicopters to Hummers and military personnel from all branches will be present. Helicopters will land at 6PM and take off at 7PM. Everyone is welcome to have their picture taken or just come see the action on the lacrosse field (just below the football field). All military personnel will get in the gate free of charge with military ID.

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

Pope's Student Government Association has decided it is our time to give back to the community! Our students will adopt economically disadvantaged children in the Cobb County School District and provide them with the opportunity to shop at the East Cobb Avenues during the holiday season. This year Kennesaw Mountain High School will donate \$500 to help Pope set up this event. Join us at the Pope vs. Kennesaw Mountain football game this Friday to see our SGA president, Madison Lamphere, accept the \$500 donation from Kennesaw Mountain High School's Mane Link (SGA president). Thank you Kennesaw Mountain High School for your generous donation!!

PTSA NEWS

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.

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 5. Good luck and good drawing!

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!

GUIDANCE NEWS

COLLEGE BOUND NIGHT INFORMATION

An informational meeting for College Bound Seniors was held on Monday, August 25. If you were unable to attend, the link <http://popehs.typepad.com/guidancedepartment/sophmores/index.html> will provide access to the information presented. Please call the Guidance office at 770-578-7903 if you have questions.

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, August 20. 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.

PSAT INFORMATION

The PSAT will be given on Wednesday, October 15. The state of Georgia pays for all 10th graders. The cost for 11th graders is \$13. Test fees can be paid in the Guidance Office any day except Friday beginning September 2 and ending October 2. Please contact Janet Callahan, 770-578-7903, ext. 233, if you have any questions.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS – VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 16

SPLOST III

On September 16, Cobb County residents will have a chance to vote on extending SPLOST, the 1-cent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax that is due to expire December 31, 2008, and is used to fund capital improvements within the Cobb County School District. The Eastern Cobb County Council of PTAs, of which Pope is a part, has passed a resolution in support of renewing SPLOST. For more information on SPLOST III and what previous SPLOSTs have accomplished, go to <http://www.cobbk12.org/SPLOST/>. To see what Pope and its feeder schools will get if SPLOST III passes, go to http://www.cobbk12.org/SPLOST/splost3_pope.pdf.

EARLY VOTING FOR SPLOST III

If you are unable to go to the polls on September 16, you can vote early from September 8 to September 12. The nearest early voting location to Pope is the East Cobb Government Center at 4400 Lower Roswell Road. To view other locations, hours, and driving directions, go to <http://www.cobbelections.org/files/announcements/AV%20Locations%20and%20Directions%20SEPT.pdf>.

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.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

DESIGNER HOME TOUR BENEFITS HABITAT

Pope Habitat and Walton Habitat will be the beneficiary of ticket sales from a Designer Home Tour this weekend. The home is in the Renaissance neighborhood on Sewell Mill Road between Roswell Road and Piedmont Roads. Tickets for the tour are \$10. The hours of the tour are 11AM to 7PM on Saturday, August 30, and 1PM to 7PM on Sunday, August 31. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

NOTE THIS...

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

They'll be grazing in the hallways and at the concession stand. Those delicious biscuits are sold for \$2.50 each (*such a beastly bargain*) or get yourself a nice cup of cappuccino for \$1. Proceeds go to our Cross Country and Track & Field teams. Thank you for your support!

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.

HIGHTOWER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL FOUNDATION HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Save the date: November 15. That is the date of the 2nd Annual HTMS Husky Foundation Holiday Shoppe. If you are interested in having a booth as a vendor please contact Debbie Gaynor at Gaynor8@att.net or 770-645-0206.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed in the front office for the 2008-2009 school year. This is a great way to get involved, especially for parents who are new to Pope! 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!

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 Lady Greyhound Volleyball Team. They are 12-0 and ranked #1 in the state, and they are nationally ranked as well! They play two undefeated teams at home on Thursday, August 28. Please come and support them.

The football team kicks the season off on Friday, August 29, at Kennesaw Mountain. Come and support the new coach and the 2008 Football Team. Go Hounds!

GREYHOUND ROLLER HOCKEY

Greyhound Roller Hockey player tryouts/evaluations are next Wednesday, September 3, from 7PM to 9PM at The Cooler. For more information, contact Nick Summers at 770/993-5835 or nhsommer@us.ibm.com.

POPE JV VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, August 23, the JV Volleyball team claimed the Sequoyah Classic Championship going undefeated.

POPE ICE HOCKEY

Play cool, play ice hockey... Experience teamwork, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and self-discipline. The unique combination of athletic ability, team strategy, and raw emotion is thrilling and captivating. This is one of the most exciting athletic disciplines! It's not too late to join the fastest team sport in the world - right here at your school. Contact Gordon Wallin at gkwallin@gmail.com or 770-642-8870. Our preseason tournament is around the corner. Varsity and Junior Varsity teams are getting ready for their first challenge.

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.