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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

September 5

No School – Labor Day

September 6

College Admission Night, 7:00pm

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Wednesday, October 12th will be a full school day, due to PSAT testing.

**Friday, October 14th will be a late in morning,
due to the Thursday night home football game.**

School will start at 9:30 AM

Please Note: If you are dropping off your student, please do so in the back of the school near the gym. The buses will run at the normal time on both days for those students who need to ride the bus. If your student arrives early, they need to report directly to the media center or cafeteria.

POPE SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council will meet in Mr. Beaulieu's office on **Monday, September 12** from 5:00-6:00pm. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

TEST DATES

Please contact the referenced administrator with any questions about the particular testing. You can reach Ms. Hill or Mr. Craft at 770-578-7900.

EOCT Makeup Test (Hill)

September 19-23 for any student that missed the spring 2011 EOCT or is attending Pope this year as a new student in order to get credit for an EOCT course.

GHS GT Retest (Hill):

September 12-16 and October 31-November 4

Required review sessions will begin in AO on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the week of August 29.

GHS WT for all juniors (Craft):

September 27 with makeup day on September 28

PSAT for all 9th, 10th, and 11th (Craft):

October 12

Benchmark Testing for Economics (Craft):

September 12-30

Benchmark Testing for 9th Lit, Amer Lit, Alg GPS, Math 2, Biology, Physics, and US History (Craft):

October 24-November 11

EOCT for fall semester Economics, Accel Math 2, and all NovaNET (Hill):

December 12-16

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in working with students and what's happening at Pope High School? You can come and volunteer in PPO, the Pupil Personnel Office. For those of you that don't know it's the front office for the students! We have a volunteer schedule with morning and afternoon shifts. The following regular shifts are available: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Tuesday one slot afternoon shift (11:30am to 3:30pm) 1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday two slots morning shift (7:45am to 11:30am) 2nd & 4th Wednesday one slot afternoon shift (11:30am to 3:00pm) Early release days 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thursday one slot – morning shift (7:45am to 11:30am) If you have any questions or would like to join our awesome group of volunteers as a regular or a sub, contact Peggy Hatcher at peggyhatcher@bellsouth.net or 770-998-8802 for more information.

FROM the COUNSELING OFFICE

College Admissions Night Tuesday, September 6 7 pm in the Theater

The meeting will include a brief overview of the Seniors lesson presented on August 26 & August 29 and a Q & A panel of college admissions representatives. The colleges who will be represented are Georgia Tech, George Washington University, Syracuse University, Emory University, and Oxford University. We encourage anyone who is interested to attend and bring your questions!

COUNSELOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities for Dual Enrollment for 10th & 11th graders to pursue next year!

Dual Enrollment gives an 11th or 12th grader the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits by attending a local university for part or all of the school day. Pope Counselor, Kathryn Sax, will hold an information meeting for interested students and parents on Tues October 18th at 7:00pm in the Career Center, room 104. Kennesaw State University is holding information sessions very soon, on Sept 6 and Oct 3 at 7:00pm. KSU starts accepting application for 2012-13 dual enrollment beginning Nov 1st and will only accept the first 150 students who meet their admissions criteria. See the counseling office in room 102 for a flier about KSU's Honorview sessions or go to <http://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/dehp/index.html> to register for one of the info sessions. Other colleges that offer Dual Enrollment locally are Southern Polytechnic, Georgia Perimeter and Chattahoochee Tech which have later deadlines than KSU.

SAT Prep opportunity for 11th & 12th graders!

Pope will host an SAT Prep program conducted by Princeton Review this fall starting Sept 24 (for the Saturday diagnostic test) and classes on Wed during Early Release time beginning on Sept 28th. The cost is \$375 and the classes will run through Nov 30th with Thanksgiving week off. This is targeted for students wishing to take the December or January SAT. We still plan to offer Princeton Review SAT prep classes in the spring semester targeting the May test date as well. Please tune in to Hound Highlights for registration details very soon!

ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - Mercer University

Any senior interested in the Mercer University School of Engineering should see Ms. Sabo in the counseling office for a scholarship opportunity. Scholarships available are for engineering or technical communication.

PTSA NEWS

PLEASE SUPPORT AND JOIN POPE PTSA!

For those who have not yet joined the PTSA for 2011-2012, there is still time. **The number one reason to join PTSA is to benefit your child.** In doing so, you also help your school. But there are more advantages. A PTA membership provides many benefits to a card-carrying PTA member. For all PTA membership benefits go to www.georgiapta.org/membership-benefits.html. To join, please click here to download the PTA Membership Form. [Hound Highlights\PTSA Membership Form.jpg](#) Have your student give the completed form and payment to their AO teacher. Forms are also available on the Pope Website

HEARING AND VISION SCREENING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hearing and vision screening is required by the state for all sophomores and students new to Cobb County, and screener training is coming up **Wednesday, September 7**. We need volunteers to supplement the Pope staff during our late October H&V screening. Even if you don't have time to train and volunteer as a screener, we still need you to help with crowd control and pulling students from classes for individual screenings. For further information, contact Beth Grimshaw, PTSA Hearing and Vision Liaison at bethgrimshaw@mindspring.com
Thanks for stepping up!

PTSA BOARD POSITION

Please consider volunteering to serve on the PTSA board as Chairman of the Exceptional Children Committee. To volunteer or for more information please contact Kim Vanderzee-Smith at kvsmith@bellsouth.net or Karin Welte at rkjbk@bellsouth.net.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLUB

Volunteer Opportunities: If you are interested in volunteering for any of the following activities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers, Community Outreach Chair at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com. Letters confirming community service hours will be provided to all students at the completion of an event.

Foster Care Support Foundation: Community Outreach needs 12 volunteers (minimum age 15) to staff Foster Care's Thrift Store on **Saturday, September 10**, from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM, or a portion thereof. Please visit their website <http://www.fostercares.org> for needed items that can be donated Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at the distribution center located at 115 Mansell Place in Roswell.

Mostly Mutts Pet Adoptions: Help Mostly Mutts facilitate their pet adoptions at the Kennesaw PetSmart located at 860 Cobb Place Blvd (near Sports Authority) on **Saturday, September 17**. Shift times are 10:15 AM-2:15 PM and 2:00 PM-6:00 PM. **Minimum age 16**. Volunteers will be asked to purchase a Mostly Mutts volunteer T-shirt for \$6. Release forms will be provided to all confirmed volunteers.

Ongoing Drive : Please save soda can, soup can, and all other aluminum can tabs for Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses. A collection "house" is located on the bookshelf near PPO, or you may place large bags of tabs in the large white bin near PPO. The money earned from recycling the tabs helps offset the expenses for the families who stay at Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald houses each year.

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

Pope High School Chamber Music Society (CMS) is an organization designed to provide students an opportunity to experience the small ensemble setting while helping out the community. Any charitable organizations interested can email popechamber@gmail.com.

THE POPE HIGH SCHOOL BAND PINE STRAW SALE

As a part of our continued fundraising activities, we are having another pine straw sale. This sale, along with other fundraising events, helps sustain this internationally recognized band program. Your purchase helps ensure that students in the school district are provided with the opportunity to participate in an award-winning program, both now and in the future. Thank you for your support.

Please download the order form here: [Pine Straw Form 2011 Fall.doc](#)

POPE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM & LEADERSHIP CLASS – CONSTRUCT A CURE

The Pope High School Football team & Leadership class would like you to join their crew to help Construct a Cure for Childhood Cancer.

Former Pope High School student and football player Matt Hobby requested that we rally to support 4 Quarters 4 Research to help eliminate childhood cancers. All Pope High students, teachers, parents, siblings, family, and friends can help this effort by buying a t-shirt to wear to the Pope vs. Kell game on Friday, September 30. T-shirt sales begin on August 31 during lunch periods in the Pope Café. Bring your \$10 and buy a t-shirt. Help us for the 6th year reach our overall goal of \$75,000!!!

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE - HELP VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IRENE

Many people across a number of states were recently in the path of Hurricane Irene. The Red Cross has launched one of the largest relief operations in recent memory. One way you can make an immediate and direct impact is by making a donation to the Red Cross disaster relief fund. Just go to the Red Cross website at <http://www.redcross.org> and click on "*Hurricane Irene - Your Help is Needed.*"

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Congratulations to the Football team. They defeated Wheeler 31-7 on Friday night. The home opener will be this Friday on 9/2/11 at 7:30. Pope will be playing Kennesaw Mountain. This is also our Hall of Fame game. We will be inducting three new members before the game. We are anticipating a huge crowd. When our lot reaches capacity, we will run a shuttle bus from Hightower Middle School. Please do not park in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Congratulations to the Cross Country teams. Both teams ran very well this weekend. A special congratulation goes out to Molly Schenck. She set the school record with a time of 15:42. This is a great accomplishment, ***Congratulations!!!!***

The volleyball team will be hosting Walton this Thursday 9/1/11 at 6:00. Please come and support the girls in this match. Both teams are the defending state champions in their respective classifications. We need a huge crowd to have the home court advantage.

The Softball team is currently tied for 1st place in the sub-region. Congrats to the great start.

Please continue to check the Pope athletic calendar for the game times for all of our Fall sports.

GO HOUNDS!

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