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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 15	Picture Retakes
September 16	Rachel's Challenge Assembly
September 18	Pope Cool School Rally
September 25	Report Cards Distributed

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

EAST COBBER PARADE

Come out and cheer on the Pope Marching Band and Teacher of the Year, Mr. Dan Sorenson this Saturday at 10:00 AM. The parade route is along Johnson Ferry Road between Roswell Road and Lower Roswell Road.

CBS 46 FEATURES POPE HIGH SCHOOL: A COOL SCHOOL

Pope High School will hit the airwaves September 18 as one of this year's Cool Schools on CBS Atlanta's Better Mornings Atlanta. Reporter Mike Robinson will report live from campus, showcasing why it's better in the Hound Pound! Parents and students are welcomed to join us for the celebration pep rally on September 18 beginning at 5:00 AM. Join us by 4:45 AM in the main gym to be ready for air time. You've earned it, Pope - come dressed in your game gear and be on TV to celebrate your Greyhound Pride!

PPO AUTOMATED CALLS

In an effort to keep parents informed, PPO has automated calls that go to the home phone number daily if a student misses one or more periods during that day. You can then look on Pinnacle to determine which period(s) they missed; 8th period is AO (homeroom), 9th period is "Zero period." If your student only missed one block and you believe this is an error, please contact that teacher directly.

FOOTBALL PARKING

Cobb County Police Department had complaints about parking problems from the last home football game. Please understand that if you park in a neighborhood that is posted as "NO PARKING" you will receive a citation and your vehicle may be towed.

BENCHMARK TESTING

During the weeks of October 12 - 23, students enrolled in 9th Lit, Math I, Math II, Biology, and Physics will take the county mandated Benchmark Test #1. These tests will be taken during their normal class meeting times. A specific schedule will be forthcoming so your student knows which day(s) and period(s) to expect the test. These tests are used to analyze mastery of the standards throughout the year in preparation for the End of Course Test (EOCT) in May. There will be a second benchmark test in January in each of the above subjects to monitor progress and readiness for the EOCT on material learned up to that point. Stay tuned for more information.

PTSA NEWS

POPE 2009-10 STUDENT DIRECTORY

The Pope Student Directory will go into print next week, and once they are ready they will be passed out in AO/homeroom. Every student who turns in their paperwork to the front desk by Friday, September 11 will be included in the directory. Please contact Sirpa Horstman at pikisworld@gmail.com with any questions.

Artists from all grades participated in the Cover Contest and everyone should be proud of their efforts! The front cover will display artwork by Rebecca Martin, the back cover by Sarah Hoefler. Because it was not easy to choose just two winners, Ari Tohar's drawing was chosen for the inside cover. Thank you to our art teacher, Ms. Johnson, who graciously coordinated the directory cover contest again this year.

2009-10 REFLECTIONS PROGRAM THEME: "BEAUTY IS..!"

PTSA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create and submit works of art for fun and recognition in six areas: **dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage)**. Entries will also be accepted in the Georgia Special Artists division, a division for students with special needs. Pope winners will receive a gift card and advance to the county level. All participants will receive recognition.

Information flyers are located in the Media Center. The **due date for entries is October 12**. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wardlaw at kasjw@bellsouth.net or Sharon Dershowitz at shadersh@aol.com.

FREE PARENTING PROGRAM ON "CURRENT TEEN TRENDS" OFFERED BY GEORGIA PTA AND RIDGEVIEW INSTITUTE

Wednesday, September 16, 10-11:30 AM at Ridgeview Institute, 3995 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna (770-434-4567).

Ridgeview staff will talk to parents about current substance abuse by teens, how teens get involved in substance abuse, what you as parents can do to avoid children from getting involved in substance abuse, and strategies and talking tips to your children. Q & A discussion will follow. No RSVP required. Directions: Ridgeview is located off I-285 at Exit 15 (South Cobb Drive). From Exit 15, travel north on South Cobb Drive about 2.5 miles. Ridgeview is on the right. Alternatively, take Windy Hill out to South Cobb Drive and turn left. Ridgeview will be on your left about 1 mile.

FOUNDATION NEWS

GET INVOLVED WITH THE 2010 GREYHOUND GALA

The Pope Foundation is getting geared up for the 2010 Greyhound Gala which will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. We are currently looking for committee chairs in the following areas: Sponsorships, Publicity, Silent Auction, and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, please email info@popehighschoolfoundation.com (corrected email) and we will be in touch with you.

DO YOU GROCERY SHOP?

Just about everyone has to go to Kroger or Publix at some time or another....but did you know that by shopping at either of these places you can actually earn money for Pope?

When you're at Kroger, simply ask the cashier to scan your Kroger Plus Card and link it to Pope! They keep a notebook at the register with bar codes for each local school and can easily scan your card for Pope. You only have to do that ONCE and it will stay linked until the end of next summer. It's as simple as that!

Publix has supplied us with scannable cards for on your keychain that will automatically generate money for Pope. Everyone received a key fob in the packets sent home on the first day of school. If you can't find yours, there are plenty in the front office at school, AND right inside the door at Publix. Look for the ones that say Pope High School Foundation. Your friends and relatives can use these also – these cards work at any Publix in the southeast.

Thank you for supporting Pope!

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.

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.

KSU JOINT ENROLLMENT

For Juniors and parents interested in Kennesaw State University's Joint Enrollment Honors program, there are information sessions Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the KSU Center. KSU Center is located on George Busbee Parkway in Kennesaw, Behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, 3333 Busbee Dr, Kennesaw, GA, 30144. You can register for a session at: http://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/jehp_admission_honorview.html

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:

South Cobb/Marietta Fair: Monday, September 14 6:30-8:30 PM Marietta High School

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

Cobb North Fair: Tuesday, September 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>

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

RALLY FOUNDATION - WIPE OUT CHILDHOOD CANCER

This Friday's home game, Pope vs Roswell on September 11, is **Pope High's Annual 4Quarter4Research Childhood Cancer fundraiser in honor of Pope football player, Matt Hobby, who passed away in 2006 due to bone cancer.**

Did you know that childhood cancers are underfunded by 30 million dollars a year? Though not commonly know, this fact became very real to Matt and his family as they discovered that his cancer had not been researched in 10 years. He was left with very few treatment options. In his final days, Matt asked that he be remembered by his teammates and Pope/Hightower family by raising funds for childhood cancer research to help those left behind still battling cancer.

We have 8 kids who have in the past or are currently battling childhood cancer coming to the game. They are the "faces" that represent the need for research today...so they and many others like them, will have a chance for survival tomorrow. **Three of them are future Greyhounds!**

We are "Whiting Out" the stadium as we symbolically "Wipe Out" childhood cancer! Buckets will be passed during the 4Quarters of the game, please bring your extra change to donate to Rally Foundation for Childhood Cancer Research and **Wear White!** See you there!

POPE HABITAT

Our first activity is helping with the East Cobb Festival. On Friday, September 11 there are opportunities to help set up for the festival and on Saturday, September 12 we have volunteer times available to help with selling water, taking tickets at rides and manning games. The sign up sheets are posted on the Habitat bulletin board which is on the main hall across from the cafeteria. Pope Habitat members should wear their Habitat shirts for their volunteering at the East Cobb Festival. We always need parent volunteers to help with our events. Please email Carol Martin at carol.martin@cit.com to volunteer. We are asking our members to bring in bottled water on Friday, September 11. Please bring the water to the stone wall entrance to the school. Members will receive one service point for each 12 pack of water donated. We will sell the water on the parade route on September 12. If your student wants to become a member a Pope Habitat, please send a check to Pope Habitat for \$30 (\$20 is for dues and \$10 for the t-shirt). If you have questions, please email Carol Martin, Tracy.Merriman@cobbk12.org or Deborah.Peterson@cobbk12.org.

TRITT ELEMENTARY SECRETARY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Tritt Secretary Susie Adams will be retiring on September 30 after 19 years with the Cobb County School District. Sixteen of those years were spent at Tritt and Susie will truly be missed. We're putting together a "Book of Memories" to present to Susie at her retirement party in September. Notes can be handwritten or typed....any size paper will do....use note cards or 8-1/2 x 11 sheets...include pictures if you'd like. Since this is a SURPRISE, please "discreetly" get your notes to Suzanne Alea at Tritt Elementary by Friday, September 18th. You may e-mail your notes to Suzanne.Alea@cobbk12.org or deliver them to Suzanne at Tritt.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the Softball team. They defeated North Springs last night. They are currently riding a 5 game winning streak. They are now 6-5 on the year, and they are 2-0 in the region. The JV team is 4-1 on the season. Both teams will be in action at Centennial on Wednesday, and they will play at Pope on Thursday.

The volleyball team will be in action at Pope starting at 5:00 PM on Thursday.

The football team will be playing on Friday at Pope. They are looking to rebound after a tough 32-31 OT loss last Friday. Friday night is also our Matt Hobby/Rally Foundation night. Please bring your change to contribute to the battle against childhood cancer. This is a great cause, and it will be a fantastic night.

WSB-TV POLL POPE V. ROSWELL

Please click on the link below and vote for WSB-TV to film the Pope v. Roswell game this Friday. The school that gets the most votes WINS! Vote as many times as you can...every 5 minutes! Voting continues until 11:00 AM Friday.
<http://www.wsbtv.com/surveyresults/20717036/index.html?taf=atl>

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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