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A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students
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IMPORTANT DATES

September 6	No school – Student & Teacher Holiday
September 7	Freshman Parent Meeting
September 11	East Cobber Parade
September 20 – 24	No school – Student & Teacher Break

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents,

I need your help! We are experiencing some problems with compliance to the Cobb County dress code at our school ... and they have us outnumbered. We will begin a dress code compliance campaign beginning next week which will include the following:

1. A call-out to all parents asking for better monitoring of what their child is wearing when they leave home. Also, please review the student handbook with your child about what is appropriate and inappropriate for school.
2. A call out to all parents asking to patrol what your child leaves home wearing. Also, to review the student handbook with your child about what is appropriate and what is inappropriate.
3. Regular announcements reminding students about the dress code.
4. Announcements during AO for teachers to send students that are inappropriately dressed to the main office. They will be given clothes to wear for the remainder of the day. Students will not be allowed to call home or go home to remedy their problem. Also, PPO will not accept clothes dropped off for students. **Students refusing to comply with our requests will be suspended for 2 school days for insubordination.**
5. All clothes that are given to students must be returned the following day to PPO. Any clothes that are not returned will be billed to that student.

Another problem we are facing is that students are not cleaning up after themselves in the lunch areas. Examples include students leaving their entire lunch tray on the table and leaving wrappers and lunch bags lying around. I know that all of our students have been taught by their parents about cleaning up after themselves, yet many are not doing that at school. Please talk with your student about taking pride in their school and being respectful to those who have to clean up after them.

On a better note, school is off to a great start and a week of vacation is just around the corner. I hope you are all doing well and thanks for the help.

Sincerely,
Rick Beaulieu

PTSA NEWS

GENTLY USED CLOTHING DRIVE

Both Pope and Hightower Trail Middle schools have an immediate need for gently used teen clothing. These clothes will be used for students who may need clothing due to unforeseen circumstances, or for those students who arrive at school dressed inappropriately. Please place all clean, gently used clothing in the large white bin adjacent to PPO.

MUST MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE

MUST Ministries have an URGENT need for jelly and canned protein, i.e., ham, chicken, tuna and salmon. They also need cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned pasta, canned vegetables, canned & dry beans, macaroni & cheese, baby food, rice, and boxed meals. Please place donations in the large white bin located near PPO during the month of September.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Community Outreach Service Club will be supporting MUST Ministries on the following days: **Saturday, October 2**, 9:30am-1:30pm: MUST Warehouse/Donation Center (20 volunteers). **Sunday, October 3**, 12:30pm-3:30pm (6 volunteers) & 3:30-6:30pm (8 volunteers): Food Collection at North Georgia State Fair, Jim Miller Park. Interested students and parents, please contact Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com and provide volunteers' names, date of service, and contact information including e-mail and phone. Minimum age to volunteer is 10, and all volunteers under age 18 must complete a Youth Release Form with parent's signature and bring with them on the date of service. Directions and the Youth Release Form will be forwarded via e-mail to all volunteers upon sign-up. Please wear a Pope T-shirt to show our pride and active participation in serving our community. Wear appropriate closed-toe shoes, and bring a water bottle.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE TAB COLLECTION

Please continue saving your soda can, soup can, and all other aluminum can tabs for the children of Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses. This is a year-around collection drive. A collection "house" is located on the bookshelf next to PPO, or you may place large bags of tabs in the white bin near PPO. The money earned from collecting and recycling the tabs helps offset the expenses for the families who stay at Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses each year.

FROM THE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Labor Day is observed on the first Monday in September, and pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894.

FOUNDATION NEWS

The Pope Foundation is raising money for two great projects that will impact every Pope student and we need your help!

- Career Center – to be located near the Counseling Center at Pope, this facility will be open to all students to research a variety of subjects: career options, colleges and scholarships, just to name a few.
- Front Entrance and Façade Improvements – this will involve an overhaul of the front door area by the entrance to PPO, as well as enhancements to the façade of the building, down towards the stone wall. The proposed improvements will tie into the new SPLOST sponsored Culinary Arts building initiative.

Pictures of both of these proposed projects are located in the lobby of the school. Please stop by to see them! If you have any questions related to these efforts, please email info@popehighschoolfoundation.com.

How can you help? Make a donation! To make a donation to the Foundation, send a check, payable to the Pope Foundation, to 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062 or go to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com and go to the Make a Donation Tab to use PayPal.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

Freshman Parent Meeting **Tuesday, September 7** at 7:00 pm in the Pope theater to hear about high school expectations, graduation requirements, the PSAT and more!

DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION MEETING

Interested Pope Parents & Students join us **Wednesday, September 29** at 7:00 pm in the Career Counseling Center, room 104 for an informational meeting about Dual Enrollment. Students in 11th and 12th grade can earn college and high school credits at the same time through Dual Enrollment at local colleges. This meeting is targeted to students currently in 10th and 11th grade who would like to hear more about Dual Enrollment opportunities. Kennesaw State University is holding its own information sessions about Dual Enrollment at KSU on September 7 and October 4. For more information, see www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/dehp.

COLLEGE FAIR

PROBE College Fair will be held at North Point Mall on **Wednesday, September 29** from 6:00-9:00 pm. See www.probe.org for details of colleges sending representatives.

SAT UPDATE

One of the biggest changes in the SAT world is the new website: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/home>. The new site simplifies and organizes SAT topics into three areas: practicing, registering, and viewing/sending scores. Additionally, there are several innovative new features to help your student better understand and become familiar with the SAT and the SAT testing procedure. These include a Test Day Simulator, Answers Imagined, and an SAT Study Plan.

CLUB AND COMMUNITY NEWS

NJROTC CAR WASH

NJROTC will be having a car wash on **Saturday, September 4** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Wendy's on Shallowford Road (in front of Home Depot). Donations requested. Proceeds go to support the Drill, Academic, Rifle and Orienteering Teams. For more information visit our website: <http://www.lasiternjrotc.com/car-washes.html>.

PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE

The President's Roundtable is a meeting hosted by the SGA for all club presidents (or a representative) to attend. The goal is to help coordinate service projects but also involve all clubs in school wide events like homecoming. The first meeting will be in room 400 on **Thursday, September 9** at 8:45 am. Coffee and donuts will be served. All clubs are encouraged to attend.

INTERACT CLUB

Attention to any students interested in joining Interact. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 8** at 7:45 am in room 308. We will hear more details about our international water project and how to earn a service hour cord for graduation. Pick up permission forms from Ms. Ragland (308) in the am. Bring them signed, along with your check for \$15 made out to PHS. Dues include a t-shirt.

4 QUARTERS 4 RESEARCH

Many of you have heard of Matt Hobby, #70. He was known at Pope for his passion and determination both on and off the football field. Devastatingly, Matt was diagnosed with a rare form of childhood cancer, Ewing's sarcoma, which took his life May 30, 2006. His legacy lives on through Pope's fifth annual Matt Hobby 4 Quarters 4 Research game on **Friday, September 10** verses Villa Rica.

You can help us "Wash Away" childhood cancer as we "Blue Out" the stadium by buying a Matt Hobby StandTough t-shirt. Shirts are \$10 (cash or check payable to Rally Foundation) and available in the cafeteria during lunch through September 8. Shirts can also be purchased on line at popefootball.com. All proceeds benefit Rally Foundation which raises funds for childhood cancer research.

POPE HIGH SCHOOL THEATER PRESENTS: "POPE'S GOT TALENT!"

Join us for a fun night at Pope High School for a showcase of talent! Students, teachers, and parents will compete on **Saturday, September 11** at 7:00 pm in the Pope theater for celebrity judges and prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and audience favorite! Tickets: \$5.00 for students and teachers with I.D and children; \$10.00 for adults. This is a fundraiser for the Pope Theater Booster Club.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Congratulations to the football team. They started the season by defeating Wheeler High School 21-6. We had a great crowd and it was an awesome atmosphere. They will be back in action at Kennesaw Mountain on **Friday, September 3**. Please come and support the team as they try to win their 7th straight game.

Congratulations to the softball team. They are currently 4-0 in the region. They are off to a great start.

The volleyball team is still undefeated. They are currently riding a 30 match win streak. Congratulations and keep up the great work.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the XC team for the strong showing last Saturday at the season opening meet, the Bob Blastow Early Bird Invitational. Varsity girls placed 3rd, JV girls 2nd, and varsity boys 7th. Many athletes set personal records. Next week the varsity athletes travel to Berry College to compete in the Clara Bowl. Good luck and bring home another trophy.

INLINE HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Pope/Greyhound Inline Hockey Tryouts will be held at the Northeast YMCA on **Monday, September 13** from 7:00-9:00 pm. Hockey equipment must be worn by all players, including Helmet/Face Mask/Mouth piece, Shin Guards, Gloves, Elbow Pads and Inline Skates. We are looking for goalies and skaters of all skill levels and there is a nominal \$5 charge to participate in this tryout. This tryout is only available to Pope High School students and team rosters will be set by **Friday, September 17**. Please plan on attending if you are interested in playing this upcoming season that will start around October 8. For more information contact Joe Empric at empric825@gmail.com. Looking forward to another strong showing for Greyhound Inline Hockey.

GO HOUNDS!

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