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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 25	Report Cards Distributed
September 30	Georgia High School Writing Test
October 1	Makeup date for GHSWT
October 10	Homecoming Dance
October 12	Reflections Entries Due

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

HOMECOMING COURT – VOTE ONLINE

Online voting for Homecoming Court will begin on Monday, September 28 at 8:00 AM and will end on Thursday, October 1 at 10:00 PM. You can access online voting from the Pope website under "Resources". Use your last name for the username and your student I.D. number for the password. If you have any problems please see Mrs. Kelly in room 118.

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

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.

BLOOD DRIVE

Parent volunteers are needed October 19 to pass out drinks and snacks to the blood donors. We need 2 parents for each 2 hour shift: 9:30-11:30; 11:30-1:30; 1:30 -3:00. Please contact Pam Ziskend at 770-645-7763 or pamziskend@yahoo.com.

FOUNDATION NEWS

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE!

No doubt that by now you've seen the damage at the front entrance of Pope. Please know that the Foundation is working directly with Oak Hill Landscape Group, Inc. to repair the landscape damage. As soon as fill dirt is available and the weather permits, we hope to begin restoring the front entrance to its former state. Of course, if you'd like to make a financial donation to support this effort, we would be happy to accept it! You can mail a check, made payable to the Pope Foundation, to 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062 or use PayPal at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com.

HELP BUILD POPE PRIDE!

Help us continue to build Pope pride both inside our four walls as we are recognized for Academics – Arts – Athletics – Service and Leadership, and on the outside as we continue to beautify our campus. The Foundation is proud to support Pope through our 2009-2010 initiatives:

- 1) Greyhound Gala (February 27, 2010)
- 2) Vendor partners (Kroger, Publix and Target)
- 3) GNG TrueBlue Schools
- 4) Golf Marathon
- 5) Landscape Project Part II

Be a part of building Pope pride by contributing to our initiatives! Make a donation or get more information at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com. Thank you!

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

PROJECT 2400

Project 2400, sponsored by the Cobb County Education Foundation, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, and the Cobb County School District, is an opportunity for students who are currently juniors at Pope to participate in a Princeton Review SAT Preparatory course for free. Students who participated in the project last year saw wonderful gains on their SAT scores. A mandatory meeting will be held on Thursday October 15 at 7:00 PM in the Pope theater. Attendance at the meeting is a prerequisite for your child's participation in the program. Information regarding requirements and how to apply for the class are available in the Pope Counseling Office or by going to www.popehigh.com, select Academics, School Counseling, and the Counseling Website. Click on the *Project 2400* page. Please download information about the class and the forms needed to apply for the class. Pay particular attention to the deadlines for turning in the signed POPE GUIDELINES, the STUDENT AND PARENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, and the PARENT RELEASE FORM to Mrs. Ledbetter in the Counseling Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ledbetter in the Counseling Office at 770-578-7903 or by email at Janie.ledbetter@cobbk12.org. We are very excited that this opportunity is available for our juniors. The information and application forms will also be available at the October 15 meeting.

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. 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. 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.

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL 101 – NEW DATE

An informational meeting for freshman parents will be held on Monday, September 28 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 is an information session 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

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

CLARKDALE ELEMENTARY DONATIONS NEEDED

Monetary donations for the Clarkdale Elementary School Relief Fund may be made through the Cobb Schools Foundation. <https://ssl.4goodcause.com/cobb/donation1.aspx?id=1&fundid=69>

The foundation's secure donation web site accepts credit/debit cards, or donations may be mailed to: Cobb Schools Foundation, 514 Glover St., Marietta, GA 30060.

If you would like to donate a gift card from a local store (i.e. Walmart, Target, Kroger, Publix, School Box), please bring it to the front office at Pope.

If you have school supplies you would like to donate for Clarkdale Elementary, you can drop them off at any School Box store location through Sunday. The closest School Box Store is located at 1205 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta (behind the Chick Fil A).

HTMS HUSKY FOUNDATION HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Come join the fun at the HTMS Husky Foundation's Holiday Shoppe, Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 10 AM–3 PM. Hightower Trail Middle School, 3905 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta. Booths are available for vendors. Contact Debbie Gaynor at gaynor8@att.net with questions.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

FOOTBALL

Varsity football game will be played on Saturday at 7:30 PM at Kell High School.

CROSS COUNTRY

Molly Schenck and Zach Tupper are the reigning county champions who helped lead the Hound Cross Country team to great performances on Saturday, September 18 at the Cobb County XC Championship meet! Despite the rain and muddy conditions, the Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity teams each earned a 2nd Place finish. Pope had top 10 finishers and medalists in each race. Congratulations to the 1st place runner Molly Schenck and Junior Varsity runner Nicole Rose who placed 8th. In the boys races, we congratulate Varsity runner Zach Tupper for a 1st place finish and John Chambers on his 5th place finish. We have rising stars on the Junior Varsity team with Kyle Ross and Patrick Fleming finishing 4th and 5th.

BASKETBALL

Please join the Pope Basketball Tip-Off Booster Club in welcoming back AEROSLES SHOES for another exciting FALL SHOE SALE, all at OUTLET prices. Receive 15% off the outlet price of 1-3 pairs of shoes, and 20% off 4 or more pairs. Teachers receive an additional 15% off. Please join us on Thursday, October 1 from 3:30-6:00 PM in the media center and bring a friend.

GO HOUNDS!

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