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# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

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January 18	No School – MLK Jr. Holiday
January 21	Open House and PTSA Meeting
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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

The Cobb County School District is conducting its annual School Improvement Survey to give individual feedback to schools as to how each is performing according to its stakeholders in the areas of: curriculum, assessment, instruction, planning and organization, professional learning, leadership, school culture, student, family and community. Please take the time to give us feedback as to how we are doing as a school. We value your input and seek to improve continuously. The surveys are anonymous and the results will be returned to the school at the end of April. Please pick up and return all forms (one per family) to the collection bin located at the PPO desk or complete the survey online at <http://www.cobbk12.org/sisurvey> by February 12. Forms will also be available during Open House.

### MATH INFORMATION MEETING

We will have a meeting for all interested Math 1 and Math 2 parents after the PTSA Open House on **Thursday, January 21**.

## PTSA NEWS

### PTSA GENERAL MEETING/OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the second semester Open House and PTSA General Meeting, **Thursday, January 21** at 6:30 PM in the Pope theater. Come and meet your students' teachers. PTSA will provide cookies and lemonade during your students' lunch period in the cafeteria. We will also have Pope Spirit Wear available for purchase.

### FROM THE PTSA DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day** - Not just another day off from work and school, MLK Day has evolved from a federal holiday to a national day of service. The national Martin Luther King Day of Service was initiated by former Pennsylvania U.S. Senator Harris Wofford and Atlanta Congressman John Lewis who co-authored the King Holiday and Service Act. The federal legislation challenges Americans to transform the King Holiday into a day of citizen action volunteer service in honor of Dr. King. The federal legislation was signed into law by President Bill Clinton on August 23, 1994. Let's do our part to honor Dr. King through acts of service and charity. Check out this link for more information about the MLK Day of Service. <http://www.mlkday.gov/>.

### PTSA COMMITTEE CHAIR OPENINGS

We have two openings on the PTSA Board. If you would like to get involved we are looking for chairpersons for the Exceptional Children and Legislative Committees. For more information, contact Joyce Bahorich at [joycepta@comcast.net](mailto:joycepta@comcast.net) or Karen Ponticelli at [klpont@gmail.com](mailto:klpont@gmail.com).

## FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a great volunteer opportunity at Pope? We are looking for volunteers to work in the front office in the following shifts: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday – afternoon shift (2/2, 3/2, and 5/4), 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – morning shift (2/9, 3/9, 4/13, and 5/11), and the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday – morning shift (1/25, 2/22, 3/22, and 4/26). The morning shift is from 8:30 AM – Noon and the afternoon shift is from Noon – 3:25 PM. Training will be provided. If you are interested in joining a wonderful group of volunteers, please email Beth Wortham at [ehwortham@bellsouth.net](mailto:ehwortham@bellsouth.net).

## FOUNDATION NEWS

The Pope Foundation is looking for sponsors for the second annual Greyhound Gala on **Saturday, February 27**. There are a variety of sponsorship levels available to accommodate any budget. If you, or your company, are interested in becoming a sponsor, or know of a business who might be interested, please contact co-chairs Julie Pederson at [barefootedone@aol.com](mailto:barefootedone@aol.com) or Dania Tarquino at [daniatarquino@comcast.net](mailto:daniatarquino@comcast.net). For you Facebook users, there is now a Greyhound Gala page that you can become a 'Fan' of! Next time you're on Facebook, join the fun by becoming a fan of "Pope High School Foundation Greyhound Gala".

## SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

### QUEST COLLEGE FAIR

This fair will take place in our own back yard at Lassiter High School on **Wednesday, January 20** from 7:00-8:30 PM. Over 100 colleges from the Southeast and other parts of the country will have admissions representatives on hand to share information with you about their colleges and programs. There will be representatives from several trade programs, professional programs, the military, and Job Corps in attendance. There will also be breakout sessions covering financial aid and the HOPE scholarship, the college admissions process, and NCAA student/athlete information. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS!**

### PSAT RESULTS/GAcollege411 WORKSHOP

On **Thursday, January 21** in the Pope cafeteria at 5:45 PM (before spring Open House), we will hold a meeting to discuss the PSAT results. **BRING YOUR CHILD'S PSAT SCORE REPORT WITH YOU TO THIS MEETING.** The PSAT results were distributed to Juniors prior to winter break, and Sophomores will be getting their results next week during AO next week.

### NACAC COLLEGE FAIR

The NACAC College Fair in Atlanta will be held **Sunday, January 24**, from 12 noon – 4:00 PM at the Georgia International Convention Center. Make plans now to attend the fair. Idea!! Print a page of labels with your name and contact information to use instead of having to write that information every time you stop by a college's table!

### FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Financial Aid Night will be **Tuesday, January 26**, at 7:00 PM in the Pope Theater. A representative from the Georgia Student Finance Commission will present financial aid information including instruction in regard to completing the FAFSA. Bring all your financial aid questions! All parents are encouraged to attend.

## SENIOR NEWS

### COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION REQUESTS

Any senior who has a college admissions or scholarship deadline requiring a counselor or teacher recommendation form or letter in January needs to submit their request to their counselor and teacher **NOW**. The beginning of any term is extremely busy for our staff. We need at least three weeks from the time the student makes the request for form or letter completion until the date when it is due to the college or scholarship office. Any **counselor** recommendation form or letter requires the student to complete a "yellow packet" of information for their counselor and distribution of three to four "green sheets" to teachers/activity sponsors that teachers complete and return to counselors to use to complete/write recommendations. These forms can be obtained in the counseling office in Room102. Any questions, please contact the counseling office ASAP.

## CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

### BLOOD DRIVE

Dodgen Middle School will be hosting a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, January 26** from 2:30 PM -7:30 PM in the Dodgen cafeteria. LifeSouth Community Blood Centers will be handling the drive. Students, age 16 may donate with parental permission, and students age 17 and older may donate without parental permission. Donors may choose either a Georgia Bulldog or GTech Yellowjacket tshirt to show what colors they "bleed". Appointments are preferred but not required. Please contact Marge Cavitt, [vicepresident@dodgenptsa.org](mailto:vicepresident@dodgenptsa.org) , for more information.

### POPE NJROTC

There will be a general meeting **Thursday, January 14** January at 7:00 PM in the NJROTC room at Lassiter High School. All parents and cadets are encouraged to attend.

### CHARITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Charity Soccer Tournament will be held on **Saturday, February 6**: Arctic Thunder (Pope)...Nigerian Nightmare (Walton)... Spartan Heroes (Wheeler).... Join the action as these teams and others face off for a fun round of soccer tournament play. Students from area high schools will join founders Andrew Fennell (Pope HS Class of 2011) and Ben Holley (Wheeler HS Class of 2011) at the McCleskey East Cobb YMCA starting at 9:00 AM. Although a winner will definitely be declared, the real winners will be kids who might have had to miss summer soccer camp this year due to these tough economic times. It's just \$15 for advance registration, and \$25 the day of. Bring a team or join one that already exists. Go to <http://www.active.com/soccer-league/marietta-ga/charity-soccerthon-2010> to register. 100% of net proceeds will go to the YMCA to fund summer camp scholarships; hope you can join us. For more information or questions send an email to [benefit.soccer@gmail.com](mailto:benefit.soccer@gmail.com).

## FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

### BASKETBALL HOMECOMING

Come cheer on the Pope teams against Kell. Girls Varsity plays at 6:00 PM. Boys Varsity plays at 7:30 PM.

### POPE GREYHOUND FENCING

For the second year in a row, the Pope Greyhound Fencing Club had a fencer qualify for the Junior Olympics. Sophomore **Chloe Bowman** will compete in Memphis on February 12. Also participating in the Junior Olympic Qualifiers at the Atlanta Fencing Club were **Alexa Berkowitz, Mike Grimshaw, Harrison Shapiro, Stefan Shook, Matt Stephens, and Jake Wachtel.**

## GO HOUNDS!

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