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

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 3	No School – Election Day
November 9	Report Cards Distributed
November 9-20	Canned Food Drive
November 23-27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 12	Shop With A Greyhound (SWAG)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

SPRING SEMESTER 2010 REGISTRATION

Registration for spring semester 2010 began on Monday, October 26, 2009. Forms were distributed in AO and are **due back, signed by a parent or guardian, by Friday, October 30, 2009**. Students have been placed in the "B" part of all their academic courses as well as their electives. Changes to electives should be done on the registration forms. Any academic core course placement changes will be done based on teacher /parent /student collaboration on an individual basis. Please be sure to discuss and sign the registration form with your students. **No changes will be made after the October 30 deadline.** Questions may be directed to your student's Guidance Counselor or to Ms. Clune or Ms. Allen in the Curriculum office. **Thank you for your attention to this important process for your student.**

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND (SWAG)

We are well on our way to raising over \$10,000 and taking 100 children from Clarkdale and Brumby Elementary on the experience of a lifetime. It's still not too late to donate. Please mail all checks to Pope High School for SWAG. "One Child" can be sponsored for only \$100. Please see the informational letter attached at the end of this newsletter for more details about SWAG. Student's online applications are now being accepted. Visit the Pope High School website and click on SWAG from now through November 20!!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OPTIONS PRESENTED

Below are four options for the District's school calendar for the next three years. If you would like to submit your opinion about these options, visit http://www.cobbk12.org/generalinfo/calendars/ccsd_Calendars.aspx.

Current Calendar - Most closely resembles the 2009-2010 school year calendar; First day of school is second week of August; last day of school one week before Memorial Day.

Mid-August Start Date Calendar - First day of school begins one week later in August; three-day Thanksgiving; Winter Break shortened three days; last day of school one week before Memorial Day in 2010-2011 & 2011-2012.

Current Calendar Plus February Vacation - Resembles current calendar but adds week off in February; last day of school is Friday before Memorial Day.

Balanced Calendar - First day of school is first week of August; one-week vacation breaks at mid-term in September and February; last day of school is Friday before Memorial Day.

PTSA NEWS

NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week presents a great opportunity for parents to talk with their children about the real issues around drug use and abuse. We, as parents, are much more powerful than we think. Upsetting us is the number one reason why kids do not use drugs, and kids who learn about drug risks from parents are only half as likely to start using. The important thing is to start conversations about alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs with your children. It may not be easy, but the truth is they need to hear from you. Use blocks of time, such as after dinner, and take advantage of everyday teachable moments to talk about drugs and why they're harmful. It isn't a five minute talk-it's about building an ongoing dialogue. The better you communicate, the more at ease your teen will feel about discussing drugs and other sensitive issues with you. Most importantly, be absolutely clear that you don't want them using drugs.....ever! Don't leave room for interpretation.

FOUNDATION NEWS

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 scan 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.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

HOPE STATUS CHECK

On the GAcollge411 website, you can check the status of your student's HOPE GPA standings. This feature will be temporarily removed from the website in November and will not be available until around February 2010. If your student has not created their account at GAcollge411 (<http://www.gacollge411.org/>), please register now. As a reminder, this is the website where a student will apply for the HOPE scholarship and you must have an account in order to do so.

TUTOR LISTS

Tutor lists can now be accessed through the Pope Website under "Counseling/Guidance". There are five lists from which to choose: English, Foreign Language, Math, SAT/ACT and General, and Science. We will still provide students with hard copies in the School Counseling Office. We will also email them to parents/students upon request. Questions, or feedback on tutors you've used, may be directed to Marlene Henderson in the Counseling Office, (770)578-7903 Ext. 264, or Marlene.Henderson@cobbk12.org.

ONLINE EDUCATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Georgia Virtual School (GAVS) division of the Georgia Department of Education has expanded its course offerings to meet the demands of middle school students as well as those in high school. The courses follow Georgia Performance Standards and are taught by highly-qualified certified teachers. The 9-week courses are preceded by an orientation that familiarizes the student with the online platform. Students can register for classes in math, science, language arts, Spanish, French, and electives in health care science or career management. Registration is now open for spring courses. Tuition fee is \$150 for each course. For more information, go to <http://www.gavirtualschool.org/>.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE FAIR

A convenient opportunity to participate in a college fair is through College Week Live at <http://www.collegeweeklive.com/>. Register at the website to participate in the next fair on November 4-7!

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

APUSH SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT

Students in Advanced Placement US History at Pope are participating in a semester long service learning project. Each class is collecting items for MUST and families at Clarkdale Elementary. The items needed are: clean used clothing; canned food, dried beans or pasta; first aid items; men's and women's toiletries; and items for newborns (diapers, wipes, etc.) These items can be placed in the white donation box near the PPO office. Thank you!

POPE HORTICULTURE – FALL PLANT SALE

Our 8th annual fall plant sale will take place on HALLOWEEN, October 31, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The Greyhound Greenhouse has thousands of blooming pansies, snapdragons, sweet williams, and much more for your fall garden! This year's crop looks great! All proceeds help to support Pope Horticulture! Our Plants Rock!

MARCHING BAND

Pope High School Marching Band is proud to present its Fourth Annual "End of Season Community Exhibition Performance" 7:00 - 8:00 PM on Monday, November 9. The event will start with a full performance of this season's show "Go", followed by "The Making of Go" comments by Director of Bands, Mr. Gary Gribble and Associate Director of Bands, Mr. Josh Rudolph. Come learn how a high school marching band performance is put together. Following the director's remarks, the full show will be performed again. Admission is \$5 (adults and high-school) and free to middle school students and younger. SPECIAL "THREE FOR FREE" BONUS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS: you get in for free and you can bring two family members for free. Just tell us at the gate you're thinking about joining the Pope Marching Band and we'll let three of your party in for free! Any questions contact: Felicia Andrew Felicia.a@comcast.net.

FOOTBALL COOKBOOK

Football, Food & Fun Facts, the Pope Touchdown Club cookbook, is here! Over 170 wonderful recipes! Famous football quotes! Interesting facts about PHS! Only \$10.00! These cookbooks make great gifts for the holidays! Limited number printed...get yours before they are gone! To order or for more information, please email Windsor McFadden at Windsor123@bellsouth.net or go to www.popefootball.com.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the volleyball team. They defeated Greenbriar in the elite eight and Northview in the final four. They will be playing for the state championship this Saturday, October 31. They are playing Walton for the 7th time this year. We are 4-2 on the year against Walton. The match will start at 7:00 PM at Marietta High School. Please come and support the girls as they compete for the state championship. Good Luck!

Congratulations to the football team. They defeated Alpharetta 14-7 last Friday. They are currently riding a 3 game win streak. They will play Milton at Milton on Friday at 7:30 PM. Please come and support the guys.

The cross country team will be competing in the region meet this Saturday. Good luck!

The cheerleading competition team will also be competing at Woodstock this Saturday. Good luck!

GO HOUNDS!

Please make ptsa@popehs.ptsamail.com "an acceptable email address." It is used to distribute Hound Highlights. We will still communicate and subscribe through houndhighlights@popepts.org. Hound Highlights will also be posted on the www.popehigh.com website each Friday.



Shop with a Greyhound

Pope High School has made a commitment to achieve Excellence in: Service & Leadership, Student Achievement, Athletics, and Fine Arts. Within Service & Leadership, our goal is to serve others as leaders of Pope High School and our community.

What is SWAG?

Last year was our first year for Shop With a Greyhound, or as we fondly call it.... SWAG. We raised \$10,000 in donations by students, parents, Partners in Education, local businesses, and the community. Pope had over 200 students volunteer to take 75 underprivileged children shopping at The Avenues East Cobb where they joyously spent a \$100 gift card. The day was filled with waffles from National Honor Society, shopping, pizza, fun, and friends!

When is the big day?

On December 12, 2009 at 2:00 PM we will kick off Shop with a Greyhound. Again, this year we have partnered with The Avenue of East Cobb to provide our adopted children an opportunity to shop at their establishment. Pope SGA will oversee the setup, operation, and clean up of the day's events. Other Pope clubs and organizations are participating in the set up, shopping, performing, and cleaning up, such as Leadership and NHS.

Why do we do this?

It is our belief that we exist to provide service and leadership to our community. Shop with a Greyhound is a great community service outreach project which yields community service hours and provides the less fortunate with a treat for the holiday season.

How can you get involved?

Students will be asking for donations before the event through: donation buckets at lunch, football and basketball games, donation letters, visiting local businesses, bagging groceries, and many other ways. Your monetary donation is tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:
Pope High School
3001 Hembree Road
Marietta, GA 30062
(for SWAG)



For further information please visit our blog at http://popehs.typepad.com/shop_with_a_greyhound/

The Pope website at www.popehigh.com

Or contact Ashley Jimerson, Administrator, at 770-578-7900 x 275

We would love for you to assist us and provide 100 children with the experience of SWAG!