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

November 19	4A – 5A, Community Forum, 6:30
November 23-27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Senior Ad Deadline for Yearbook
December 11	Fine Arts Showcase
December 12	Shop With A Greyhound (SWAG)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

FALL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final exams will be held Tuesday through Friday, December 15-18. Please see the schedule posted on the Pope website for exam periods and adjusted class schedules during those days.

SENIOR EXAM EXEMPTION INFORMATION

Students should check directly with teachers about exemption eligibility. If approved, he or she will receive a signed yellow form which will need to be returned to PPO by Friday, December 11.

If a student request is not approved, he or she will need to appeal the decision. Students are encouraged to meet with their teachers early in case he or she needs to complete an appeal form. All appeal forms need to be returned to PPO by Monday, December 7. PPO will review the appeal and send an approved yellow form to the student. Approved students will need to bring the signed yellow appeal form to PPO by Friday, December 11.

SPRING PARKING

ALL students must submit a new application for a spring parking pass. The forms and information are now available on the Pope website. Forms need to be returned to PPO by Friday, December 15. Parking passes will be assigned in the following priority: Eligible seniors, students enrolled in RISE and mentorship programs, regardless of grade, and the top ten juniors based on GPA. We will not know until after December 5 if there will be parking available for other juniors.

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

Thank you to the Pope community for helping us raise \$4,000! We are well on our way to the \$10,000 goal which will allow us to provide for 100 children from Clarkdale and Brumby Elementary with a joyous holiday shopping spree at The Avenue East Cobb on Saturday, December 12. Please make sure your student is registered with all forms and fees returned to Ms. Jimerson or Mrs. Kelly by Friday, November 20. Groups of 3 - 5 students will be accepted to participate in the event. SWAG

T-shirts will be distributed the week after Thanksgiving during all lunch periods.. Get Your SWAG ON!! (Karen, please put the donation form in.)

If you have not sent in your donation, it is not too late. Simply complete the attached form, print, and mail your tax-deductible check to Pope High School, 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062, Attention: Ms. Jimerson for SWAG.

NEW BUS FORMS

Effective immediately, the Cobb County School District transportation department has a new form to be used for bus notes. The form is available on the Pope website under "Important Announcements" on the home page. Please download it and save for future use.

BUILDING LED SIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you want to tell your child happy birthday or send a message to a friend for a special occasion? Advertise on the electronic board near the PPO entrance for \$3.00 a day. Mail checks payable to Pope High School Attn: L. Hickey/Sign Announcements or pay in person. **One week advance notice is required along with payment - no exceptions.**

SENIOR AD DEADLINE

The deadline for senior ad submissions to the yearbook is Monday, November 30 at 3:30 PM. Ads must be postmarked by the US Postal Service or received by Yearbook Adviser Chris Canter by November 30 for inclusion in the yearbook. Due to tight deadlines with our publisher, late submissions will not be accepted. All submissions received after November 30, which contain a postmark of December 1 or later will be returned to sender by USPS. Please email Mr. Canter at john.canter@cobbk12.org if you have any questions.

PTSA NEWS

FACULTY & STAFF HOLIDAY DESSERT BUFFET

The annual faculty & staff Holiday Dessert Buffet will be on Wednesday, December 9. The Staff Appreciation Committee is looking for parents and/or students to donate a **HOMEMADE** sweet treat to this annual event. We need a variety of pies, cakes, candies, fudge, cookies, sweet breads, brownies, and more! Please bring your dessert, in a disposable container, to school by 9:30 AM on December 9 - there will be a cart outside PPO. Also include a copy of your recipe - we get requests every year! This event is a highlight for our teachers and staff and your participation is greatly appreciated. Please email Tonia Pondiscio pontonia@comcast.net or Linn Hodges linnhodges@aol.com and tell us what you'll be making!

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER/BECOME A FAN ON FACEBOOK

The Pope PTSA received permission from the school's administration to set up a Twitter account and a Facebook fan page for Pope, so now you can find breaking news about the school on your favorite social networking sites. Follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/popehsptsa>. Become a fan on Facebook at bit.ly/4coBBm. The links are also available on the Pope PTSA web page at www.popeptsa.org.

PTSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Stuffed Animal/Teddy Bear Drive: Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) needs your help! Originally started over five years ago by current senior Lesley Hanley, and continues to grow thanks to your generosity. Teddy bears and stuffed animals are distributed by CHOA staff to comfort scared and sick children as they arrive at the hospital, as well as to children suffering with long-term illnesses. Please help Lesley and CHOA by purchasing a teddy bear or stuffed animal to donate before the holidays. All stuffed animals must be **NEW** with tags attached. Please bring your teddy bear or stuffed animal to the white bin by the PPO Office before **December 18**.

Toy Drive and Stocking Drive: AP US History and PTSA Community Outreach are supporting MUST Ministries and Cobb Christmas by sponsoring a toy and stocking drive for Cobb County children in need. New, unwrapped toys for newborn to age 18 are needed, as well as small items to fill stockings. Specifically, toys are needed for boys of all ages, and teenage girls. Toy suggestions include sports balls, action figures, board games, tool sets, hot wheel cars, videos, video games, CDs, watches, backpacks, wallets, photo albums/scrapbooks, cosmetics, and health/beauty accessories. Diapers are always appreciated for infants. No gift cards, candy, or toy weapons, please. Suggested stocking items include the following: socks, gloves/mittens, small toys/games, coloring books, playing cards, books, puzzles, miniature toiletries, disposable cameras, pencils, crayons, or other similar items appropriate for either gender. Please place all toy and stocking donations in the white bin by the PPO Office before **December 15**.

Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Drive: Please start saving your soda can, soup can or any other aluminum can tabs for the children of Atlanta's Ronald McDonald House. Collection boxes will soon be placed all around the school for this year-round collection drive. The tabs contain pure high-quality aluminum and are completely recyclable. The money earned from the tabs help offset the House expenses. By collecting and recycling the tabs, you will help care for the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House each year. If you have questions concerning any of the Community Outreach activities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com

ACCIDENT AVOIDANCE WORKSHOP

Sponsored by Lassiter High PTSA, this new-driver training in vehicle control and extreme defensive driving is coming right to Lassiter High School! Accident Avoidance Workshop is a 7 hour, hands-on, one-of-a-kind, parent ride along program which gives your student experience with vehicle control under the limits of their OWN car's capabilities. So, when they are inevitably faced with an emergency, they will have already practiced how to handle it! Program is comprised of one 3 hour classroom session to be held at Lassiter High School on Thursday, December 10, 6:25 to 9:10 PM, and a 4 and a half hour driving session held in the Mabry Middle School parking lot on Saturday, December 12 or Sunday, December 13 (two session options offered per day). Cobb County School students are eligible for a reduced program cost of \$195 (vs. regular program cost of \$249). PLEASE CALL 770-971-0571 TO REGISTER!

FOUNDATION NEWS

GREYHOUND GALA

Attention all Pope organizations, coaches, booster club presidents and Pope club leaders! The Pope Foundation once again invites you and your organization to participate in the annual Greyhound Gala, scheduled for February 27, 2010. The time is NOW to start planning this wonderful event! The format will be generally the same as last year, and will include a silent auction to benefit all participating organizations.

Please plan to attend the Kick-Off meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 PM in the Pope media center. We will discuss important changes to this year's event and the protocol for silent auction submission. It is imperative that you and/or your organization's Gala representative plan attend this important meeting to receive your information packet.

If your organization cannot be represented at this meeting and you want to participate, please contact Kim Wagner at kimbo880@bellsouth.net or 404-906-8692.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

Any senior who has a college admissions deadline in January needs to submit their request for the official transcript and, if applicable, the counselor and teacher recommendations, prior to the end of this semester. All requests must be made by December 18, 2009. This includes seniors who are applying to UGA for the regular deadline.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

13th ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF THE ARTS

Pope High School Fine Arts Department Presents: *A Showcase of the Fine Arts*, on Friday, December 11, at the Bailey Performance Center at Kennesaw State University. Come enjoy the combined performances of the Pope Chorus, Advanced Orchestra, and Symphonic I Band. There will be two performances this year: 6:00 PM. and 8:30 PM. Tickets are on sale now (pick up a form in the Band Room). Additional ticket will be on sale outside the cafeteria during lunch on **December 8-11**, \$7 for adults, and \$5 for students. Checks should be made payable to PBPA. Tickets will not be available at the door.

FOOD DRIVE

SGA is teaming up with FBLA and Interact for a school wide food drive. Students can bring food items to AO periods through Friday, November 20. The grade with the most donations will win a hat day! All food will go to the Center for Family Resources who will provide a Thanksgiving meal to over 1,000 Cobb families. Suggested items are dressing mix, cranberry sauce, canned or instant potatoes, canned green and yellow veggies, graham cracker pie crust mix, and pumpkin pie mix, dried or canned milk, and roasting pans. In addition to these items, CFR welcomes dried beans, peanut butter, canned meat, tuna, rice, pasta, soup, and canned fruit.

NJROTC BENEFIT RUN

Lassiter, Pope, and Kell NJROTC are proudly hosting a 5K benefit run on Saturday, December 5, 2009 in the Lassiter High School stadium. The run will take place from 8:00 – 11:00 AM with a minimum \$20 participation fee. This year's beneficiary will be the brother of our own Naval Science Instructor 1st Sgt. Lorenzo Cox, USMC (Ret.) who was recently injured in a devastating car accident. All proceeds will go toward medical expenses. Contact Lassiter High School at 678-494-7863, Ext. 249 for more information.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ...

CLASSIFICATION COMMUNITY FORUM

There will be a 4A/5A Classification Community Forum in the Pope Theater, tonight, November 19 at 6:30 PM.

Congratulations to Milan Ivory, Will Kendall, and Stevie Wilkerson. The athletes accepted college scholarships this past week from: Milan Ivory, Iowa State (Gymnastics), Will Kendall, Auburn University (Baseball), and Stevie Wilkerson, Clemson University (Baseball). Congratulations!

The wrestling team starts their season against Kennesaw Mountain this Friday, November 20. The match will be at Pope at 6:00 PM. Good Luck!

Congratulations to the basketball teams. Both the boys and girls defeated Kennesaw Mountain in the scrimmage game this past Friday! We are expecting great things this season.

The swim and dive team will also be in action this Thursday, November 19. They will be competing against Lovett at 5:00 PM. Good luck!

BASKETBALL NEWS

Want a reserved seat for all home basketball games? Buy a stadium chair from the Basketball Tip-off Club and we will reserve your favorite seat AND buy you a hotdog and Coke at each home game! Order soon as they're going fast!! Go to www.popebasketball.com and click on the link "order chair", you can pay via PayPal with a credit or debit card. We'll see you December 1, at our first home game!

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

The Powder Puff Football games will be Friday, November 20 on the main football field. Freshmen vs. sophomore game will be at 6:30 PM and the junior vs. senior game will be at 7:30 PM. We will be collecting donations, and all proceeds go towards the Special Olympic Foundation. This is going to be a fun social event and we encourage everyone to come and cheer for their grade/children.

POPE GREYHOUND FENCING

The Pope Greyhound Fencing Club hosted the Georgia High School Fencing League monthly tournament on Saturday, November 14. The Pope women scored season points for Pope with a 2nd place finish by Chloe Bowman, 9th by Imani Anderson, 11th by Alexandra Berkowitz, and 12th by novice Katey Crockett. The Pope men celebrated with a 6th place finish by Harrison Shapiro, 8th by novice Nick Shook, 9th by Matt Stephens, and 11th by Mike Grimshaw. Congratulations and light 'em up Hounds!

GO HOUNDS!

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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