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

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IMPORTANT DATES

December 21-January 4

No School – Winter Break

January 18

No School – MLK Jr. Holiday

January 21

Open House and PTSA Meeting

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

SPRING SEMESTER 2010 SCHEDULE UPDATE

Students will receive their spring schedule in their AO the first day back to school on January 5, 2010. **No zero period classes will meet on Tuesday, January 5.** Please remember that with the exception of the year long classes (New Math and AP Econ / AP Gov), student requests are placed in the computer and then the schedule is generated. **Your student's teachers and/or class periods may or may not have changed.** Please understand that we cannot honor teacher or class period change requests. All changes in course levels have been teacher generated as well. If you have questions, feel free to contact me at loretta.clune@cobbk12.org. Have a safe and enjoyable Winter Break.

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND (SWAG)

The Student Government Association (SGA) would like to sincerely thank all of the students, staff, Partners in Education, and the Pope community for supporting Shop With A Greyhound this year! With your help, we raised \$25,000! It is with your support that this day was possible. Thank you all for assisting in collecting donations and volunteering your time to support a wonderful cause. Don't miss out next year on the event of the year!

SPRING PARKING

All parking information is on the Pope HS website – www.popehigh.com.

PTSA NEWS

PTSA GENERAL MEETING/OPEN HOUSE

Plan to attend the second semester Open House and PTSA General Meeting, **January 21, 2010** at 6:30 PM.

POPE SPIRIT WEAR

Looking for that last minute holiday gift? Pope Spirit Store will be open on Friday morning from 7:00 AM til 8:30 AM in the main corridor. You can buy T-shirts, hoodies, PJ pants and other Pope items. Questions about what's available? Contact the McDonalds at 678-921-2015.

PTSA COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Volunteer Opportunities:

Cobb's Center for Family Resources and the Cobb County Department of Family and Children's Services need our help at the Cobb Christmas toy distribution on **Saturday, December 19**, 8:30 AM-1:00 PM or 12:30-5:00 PM, and **Sunday, December 20**, 8:30 AM-2:00 PM at Jim Miller Park. Cobb Christmas will serve nearly 4,000 children this year thanks to volunteers like you!

MUST Ministries needs volunteers during their Toy Shop on **Monday, December 21** at the MUST Offices located at 1407 North Cobb Parkway/US 41. Shift times are 9:00 AM-2:00 PM (assist families with shopping), 2:00-5:00 PM (restocking only) and 5:00-8:30 PM (assist families with shopping, restocking & clean-up). Other responsibilities include front desk (greeting clients); shoppers (helping the families select their allotted number of items per child); stockers and sorters (sort items and keep shelves filled); and runners (assisting families to their cars).

If you are interested in working any of these volunteer opportunities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers, Community Outreach Co-Chair at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com and provide event, volunteers' names, desired shift time and a contact phone number. All students under age 18 volunteering at MUST Ministries must complete a Youth Release Form with parent's signature that will be provided upon registration. Community Outreach Club activities are open to all students and volunteering at any Community Outreach club sponsored-event will provide you with service hours for your honor cord. Thank you for your support!

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**.

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 be arriving soon.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

QUEST COLLEGE FAIR

This fair will take place in our own back yard at Lassiter High School on **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 **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 your students in AO.

NACAC COLLEGE FAIR

The NACAC College Fair in Atlanta will be held **Sunday, January 24**, from 12 noon - 4 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

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS

Seniors applying to colleges on-line need to submit them, ASAP. If the college requires a counselor or teacher recommendation, the counselor/teacher will not be able to access the electronic form until the student has submitted their application. Please check on this process with your child to avoid missing deadlines.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMON APPLICATION

The Counseling office was sent this message from the Common Application website. If your child is using the Common Application to apply to any colleges, please read on ... "Important School Forms Information - a **Common App member institution (colleges) will not receive counselor or teacher forms and recommendation letters if submitted electronically unless the student has submitted a Common App Online for that college or university.** If your student uses the paper version of the Common App, an institutional application, or a pre-populated online application, you must communicate with your teacher(s) and your counselor that they need to **mail** a hard copy of your school forms to the college. Please provide them with an addressed/stamped envelope when you inform them of this need ASAP.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED

The economy has been hard on many of our Pope families. Please bring in gift cards for Target or WalMart for those in need during the holidays. Often there are many programs for small children, but teenagers like to get gifts too. Please bring gift cards to Teresa Reddick in PPO who will get them to Pam Kretzmer, our school social worker.

LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS?

Remember Pope Band students are selling HoneyBaked gift cards as well as Publix and Kroger cards. For more information on the HoneyBaked gift cards, contact Eddie Scarbrough, volfaneddie@yahoo.com. For more information on Publix and Kroger gift cards, contact Kim Naber, mail@naberonline.net. There are several amounts available for all cards! Help the band! Decrease your shopping time!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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