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

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 20	5K Fun Run/ Pancake Breakfast
February 24	Heroes Deadline
February 27	2nd Annual Greyhound Gala
March 5	Deadline to register for AP Exams

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

CLINIC

Parents, please review the Cobb County policies regarding medication at www.cobbk12.org. Click General information, then School Health Services. Two areas of interest are: Is my child well enough to come to school? (JLC-6) and Medication (JLCO-13). No medications are supplied at school. No student is allowed to carry prescription medications. If you have questions or concerns please contact the school nurse, Jackie Christie.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS (GHS GT)

Please check out the Pope website for all information regarding the upcoming GHS GT for juniors the week of **March 22 - 26**. It is our "one stop shopping" for parents and students for information and resources to study. Online Express is a program now available for all students. This flyer is on the website under GHS GT information; "Online Tutorial for Science and Social Studies." Students will need their Georgia Testing ID number (10 digit) to GHSTas well. Students will need their Georgia Testing ID number (10 digit) to register, and this can be obtained from any teacher or staff member. At -risk students have been identified in all four content areas. Letters will be mailed home to report those scores and placement into mandated content specific AO's for the remaining 6 weeks prior to the test. It is also strongly encouraged that these students attend the after school sessions which will start on **Monday, February 22**. See the last page of this newsletter for the after school review times.

Please contact Lorelee Hill (Lorelee.Hill@cobbk12.org) with any questions or concerns regarding GHS GT preparations or the administration of the test.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION

AP students are to register online at www.popehs.TotalRegistration.net, print 2 copies of their confirmation page, and bring one confirmation page with their payment to any AP teacher. The deadline for registration is **Friday, March 5**.

THEFT

There has been a rapid increase in thefts in Cobb County schools. Please advise your student to keep their property in their possession while at school or leave valuable items at home. If something is stolen, report your loss to Officer Vick and provide him with the serial # from the item. The school provides local pawn shops with a list of stolen items.

PTSA NEWS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLUB

The Community Outreach Club sponsored a Valentine's Day card drive for our sister school, Powers Ferry Elementary in east Cobb County, whose enrollment is comprised of over 90% students on free or reduced lunch, and a transiency rate around 55%. In addition to receiving boxed card donations from our Pope families, the Community Outreach Club received generous financial assistance from Target and Wal-Mart, as well as Pope's SGA, NHS, and FFA organizations. This outpouring of support allowed us to donate 450 boxes of valentine cards to Powers Ferry Elementary, enough for each child to exchange valentine's with classmates on February 12. Thanks to everyone for their contributions!

HEROES ESSAY CONTEST

The PTSA is conducting an "Honoring Our Heroes" essay contest. Entry forms and instructions are available in the Media Center. Heroes are everywhere! Parents and teachers, encourage your students to think about their "real life" heroes. Challenge them to think of someone who has made a difference in their life by exhibiting qualities such as compassion, courage, dedication, generosity, perseverance, commitment, integrity, etc? Perhaps they are their parents, grandparents, siblings, or friends. Did a policeman, fireman, teacher, counselor, social worker, nurse, or doctor impact their life directly or indirectly? Encourage them to let their hero know what he or she means to them by entering the "Honoring Our Heroes" essay contest! Completed entries can be returned to the Heroes Box in the Media Center by 4:00 PM on **Wednesday, February 24**. Questions? Contact Susan Tupper 770-578-6358 or njtupper@comcast.net

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

February is Black History Month. It originally began as "Negro History Week" created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. The month of February was chosen to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Learn more at <http://www.history.com/content/blackhistory> and <http://www.biography.com/blackhistory/index.jsp>.

PTSA LOOKING FOR OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

It is that time of year again...time to find individuals to lead our wonderful Pope PTSA! The 2010-2011 Nominating Committee is currently looking for candidates for officer positions for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone you know, please contact the POPE PTSA Nominating Committee chair, Kim V. Smith at kvsmith@bellsouth.net. She can also be contacted at 404-316-2209. Thanks!

FOUNDATION NEWS

GREYHOUND GALA!

The second annual Greyhound Gala is **Saturday, February 27** at the prestigious Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre. Invitations were mailed in early February to all Pope families. The event will be an evening of fun, food, and fundraising and we would love for you to join us! Please return your RSVPs as soon as possible.

One of the highlights of the evening is the Silent Auction. Many Pope clubs and organizations have solicited over 250 fabulous items for the auction. The best news is that 100% of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will be returned to the donating club. Come and shop – some interesting items include:

- NASCAR autographed helmet and tickets for a race of your choice
- Studio time for your vocal or musical artist including sound mixing and production of a CD
- Use of an Airstream trailer over Memorial Day weekend at Callaway Gardens

- Many, many autographed sports memorabilia items
- Fabulous dining and family fun entertainment opportunities
- Luxurious health, fitness, and beauty opportunities to pamper yourself

If you have specific questions about the Gala, please check the Foundation website at www.popehighschoolfoundation.com or email info@popehighschoolfoundation.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Greyhound Gala Committee is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event. We need help in three areas: setting up for the Silent Auction on Saturday afternoon, helping with the Silent Auction during the event, and cleaning up after the event. Please contact Karen Ponticelli at klpont@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out with any of these times.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

TEST ANXIETY REDUCTION WORKSHOP

The School Counseling department will be offering a workshop for any student that struggles with test anxiety. The workshop will focus on how to reduce anxiety for tests and other life events. Any interested student is encouraged register in the School Counseling Office in room 102 ASAP. Our first meeting will be this coming **Wednesday, February 24** at 3:30 PM in the Guidance Conference Room. The program will consist of four 45-minute after-school sessions starting February 24, then March 3, 9, and 17. Students must attend the February 24 session in order to attend other sessions. We'll be using the Westside Psychology Test Anxiety Reduction program. You can access further information about this program at <http://www.peacewithmyself.com/test.htm> or call the School Counseling Office and ask to speak with Angie Bruce or Leslie Shearstone.

SENIOR NEWS

FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS MONTH

Do you need help completing your FAFSA? Come to one of Georgia Student Finance Commission's FAFSA Nights. Click the link below for location and times: http://www.gsfc.org/main/ga411info/financial_aid_month.cfm.

POPE PTSA COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention College Bound Seniors! Pope PTSA sponsors 6 community service scholarships of \$500. Selection for the scholarships is based on an essay describing your role in a community service project. Applications are available in guidance and submissions are **DUE Friday, March 26**. You must be a PTA member to join, but it is not too late! Contact Susan Hinck at mhinck@comcast.net about joining today! Winners will be announced at the Honors Night Ceremony on May 12. If you have questions, please call Lisa Joyner at 404-641-7831.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

We invite you to join us on **Thursday, May 20** at 7:00 PM at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church for the 2010 Senior Baccalaureate Service. A reception for the graduates and their guests will follow in the Fellowship Hall. For 15 years, Baccalaureate has signaled the beginning of graduation festivities with a 'spiritual sending forth' of the graduates of Pope High School. It will be a student-led, non-denominational celebration of the past four years, with inspiration and reflection given by students, faculty, and community speakers. We hope this celebration with family and friends will be an uplifting start to the graduation festivities. It is also a wonderful opportunity to

include those people who may not be able to attend graduation. Baccalaureate is funded entirely by donations. We would welcome your support. If you would like to contribute, checks should be made payable to Pope Baccalaureate and sent to: Beth Watkins, 1818 Murdock Road, Marietta, GA 30062. If you have any questions, please contact Beth at sbjbj@comcast.net.

TIMBER RIDGE WIDENER-BEGA SCHOLARSHIPS

The Timber Ridge PTA is pleased to announce the Widener-Bega Scholarships, available to graduating seniors at Pope and Walton High Schools, who are also Timber Ridge alumnus. The scholarships are awarded to the graduating seniors who best exemplify the Timber Ridge motto of **"Learning, caring, and sharing together"**. The scholarship is named the Widener-Bega Scholarship in honor of its founders, former principal, Mary K. Widener and former PTA President, Beth Bega. There are three \$500 scholarships available—one each to a Pope and Walton graduating senior and a third to a graduating senior from either school who has achieved an outstanding record and has been identified with a diagnosed learning disability. We attempt to send a notice to all Timber Ridge Alumni in the senior classes at Pope and Walton. Applications are available in the guidance department.

Completed applications are due March 22, 2010. Scholarship winners will be notified in the middle of April and the awards will be presented on April 29, 2010 at the PTA general meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret Kollias, Timber Ridge Elementary School PTA, Grants and Scholarship Committee Chair at 678-461-5656 or magsdk@bellsouth.net.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

5K, FUN RUN & PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Join us for the 2nd Annual Shake, Rattle & Run 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run. Registration forms can be found online at www.popelacrosse.com. You can mail them in or bring them the morning of the event. Sign-in begins at 7:30AM; 5K & Fun Run begin at 8:30AM. The one-mile Fun Run is only for kids 10 and under. Registration is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for Fun Run. Both include a T-shirt and Pancake Breakfast afterward. Not a runner or jogger? Support Pope Men's Lacrosse by attending the Pancake Breakfast from 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM. Hot, delicious pancakes, coffee and juice for only \$5! Family maximum \$15. Tickets for the breakfast may be purchased at the door or from any Pope Men's Lacrosse player. For more information, contact Kathy Sommerfeldt at sommerfeldt4@bellsouth.net.

INTERACT CLUB

Interact members; don't forget about the Interact District Conference held at Riverwood HS on **Saturday, February 27** from 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM. The Pope Interact Club has won awards for the past two years and we plan on winning another this year! All members welcome. The conference will have free food and prizes and lots of fun speakers. Sign up on the bulletin board on the 100 hallway by **Friday, February, 19**. Meet at the wall at 8:15 if you need a ride. Otherwise, directions are on the board. Wear your Interact t-shirt!

PROMOTE SAFE TEEN DRIVING AND WIN A CHANCE AT AN IPOD or Wii!

Teens who take the Safe Driver Pledge online with their parents understand how to avoid the common mistakes and distractions that lead to car accidents – the #1 cause of teen deaths. The more teen drivers who take the pledge, the safer the roads are for them and for everyone else. After you pledge at www.teensafedriverpledge.com, you'll be entered for a chance to win one of 14 Nintendo Wii's, one of 90 iPod shuffles, and one of 200 iTune cards. In addition, the high school with the most teen-parent pledges will have a chance to win \$25,000, \$10,000 for second place or \$5,000 for third place. Let's all promote Safe Teen Driving so everyone wins!

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Check the Pope website for the athletic calendar. Come out and support all of our fine athletes.

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.

GHS GT After School Reviews

2/15/10 through 3/23/10

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

- Monday - Science (see separate schedule for teacher and rooms).
- Tuesday - Social Studies, Mrs. James room 201
- Wednesday - Math, Mrs. Benzin room 112
Social Studies, Mrs. Johnson room 208
- Thursday- English, Ms. Joyce room 306

GHS GT After School Review - Science schedule only

2/15/10 through 3/23/10

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Tuesday 2/16- Physical Science, Mrs. Seay room 119

Monday 2/22- Biology, Mrs. Biga room 117

Tuesday 2/23- Physical Science, Mrs. Seay room 119

Monday 3/1- Biology, Mr. Coleman room 117

Thursday 3/4- Physical Science, Mrs. Cotton room 318

Monday 3/8- Biology, Mr. Coleman room 117

Thursday 3/11- Physical Science, Mrs. Cotton room 318

Monday 3/15- Biology, Mrs. Epps room 119

Thursday 3/18- Physical Science, Mr. Pfaff room 97

Monday 3/22- Biology, Mrs. Epps room 119

Tuesday 3/23- Physical Science, Mr. Pfaff room 97