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

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IMPORTANT DATES

February 27	2nd Annual Greyhound Gala
March 5	Deadline to register for AP Exams
March 10	Early Release 1:25 PM
March 22-26	GHSHT Subject Tests
March 25	No X Block – School begins at 8:25 AM

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

Gimme 5 for Education

On Monday, March 1, each student will receive a Gimme 5 for Education envelope via their AO. This annual fundraiser by the Cobb Foundation provides scholarships for our students, grants for teachers, and much, much more! Please join us by donating just \$5 by **Friday, March 5**. You can either return your envelope with your child to the front office bin or bring it in yourself. Pope has the opportunity to receive 20% of your donations collected or if 75% staff & students participate, we will receive 50% of your donations collected! Thank you in advance.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY PASSES FOR MEDIA CENTER

Starting **Friday, February 26**, Media Center Academic Opportunity passes will not be given out until 8:00 AM. This will allow all students equal opportunity to check out passes. Also, due to increased demand, students will only be able to check out a pass for the Media Center once per week.

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. The clinic is also in need of basic supplies; crackers, juice, small paper cups, etc.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION –REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, MARCH 5.

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.

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.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS (GHSGT)

Please check out the Pope website for all information regarding the upcoming GHSGT 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 GHSGT 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 GHSGT preparations or the administration of the test.

PTSA NEWS

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. The event will be an evening of fun, food, and fundraising. 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!

SCHOOL COUNSELING-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.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

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. Meet at the wall at 8:15 if you need a ride. Otherwise, directions are on the board. Wear your Interact t-shirt!

NIKE REUSE-A-SHOE COLLECTION

The Interact Club is once again collecting old sneakers so that they don't go into landfills. During March only, bring your worn out sneakers and place them in designated bins near PPO. Any athletic brand of shoe is accepted. No cleats, no sandals, nothing containing metal. Since 1990, Nike has recycled over 21 million pairs of shoes and used the foam, fabric and rubber to make sport surfaces for kids worldwide.

POPE BAND ELECTRONICS, RECYCLING AND PAPER SHREDDING FUND RAISER

The Pope High School Band Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding Fund Raiser has been re-scheduled for **Saturday, March 13** from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Donations are \$10.00 (minimum), plus \$5 per TV, and \$5 per box of paper. The recycling event provides a valuable community service, is good for the environment, and provides much needed funds for this worthy high school band program. We can accept Electronic parts, working & non-working computers, monitors, flat panels, network equipment, computer parts, hard drives, CD-ROM/DVD drives, loose PC boards, cables, telephone equipment, test equipment, home electronics - stereo systems, game systems & tape players. We are also offering pickup service! For businesses, it is a \$25 donation plus \$5 per device (CRT, fax machine, computer, printer etc.). This is a great tax deduction and enables a business to shed unused or obsolescent electronic equipment. Tell your IT department! For residences, pickup is \$25 for any and all electronics, plus \$5 per TV. Sorry - we cannot accept electronics in wood cabinets; kitchen/bathroom electronics, or small appliances. Join us Saturday, February 13 at Pope High School. For more information, contact Brad Roberts at (phone: 770-565-1194, email: nilesrob@gmail.com).

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 iTunes 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.

GHSGT After School Reviews

Now 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

GHSGT After School Review - Science schedule only

Now through 3/23/10

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

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