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# HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

September 18	Pope Cool School Rally
September 25	Report Cards Distributed
September 30	Georgia High School Writing Test

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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

### CBS 46 FEATURES POPE HIGH SCHOOL: A COOL SCHOOL

Pope High School will hit the airwaves September 18 as one of this year's Cool Schools on CBS Atlanta's Better Mornings Atlanta. Reporter Mike Robinson will report live from campus, showcasing why it's better in the Hound Pound! Parents and students are welcomed to join us for the celebration pep rally on September 18 beginning at 5:00 AM. Join us by 4:45 AM in the main gym to be ready for air time. You've earned it, Pope - come dressed in your game gear and be on TV to celebrate your Greyhound Pride!

### BENCHMARK TESTING

During the weeks of October 12 - 23, students enrolled in 9th Lit, Math I, Math II, Biology, and Physics will take the county mandated Benchmark Test #1. These tests will be taken during their normal class meeting times. A specific schedule will be forthcoming so your student knows which day(s) and period(s) to expect the test. These tests are used to analyze mastery of the standards throughout the year in preparation for the End of Course Test (EOCT) in May. There will be a second benchmark test in January in each of the above subjects to monitor progress and readiness for the EOCT on material learned up to that point. Stay tuned for more information.

## PTSA NEWS

### 2009-10 REFLECTIONS PROGRAM THEME: "BEAUTY IS..!"

PTSA believes all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflections Program. The program offers students the opportunity to create and submit works of art for fun and recognition in six areas: **dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage)**. Entries will also be accepted in the Georgia Special Artists division, a division for students with special needs. Pope winners will receive a gift card and advance to the county level. All participants will receive recognition.

Information flyers are located in the Media Center. The **due date for entries is October 12**. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wardlaw at [kasjw@bellsouth.net](mailto:kasjw@bellsouth.net) or Sharon Dershowitz at [shadersh@aol.com](mailto:shadersh@aol.com).

### BLOOD DRIVE

Parent volunteers are needed October 19 to pass out drinks and snacks to the blood donors. We need 2 parents for each 2 hour shift: 9:30-11:30; 11:30-1:30; 1:30-3:00. Please contact Pam Ziskend at 770-645-7763 or [pamziskend@yahoo.com](mailto:pamziskend@yahoo.com).

# FOUNDATION NEWS

## HELP BUILD POPE PRIDE!

Help us continue to build Pope pride both inside our four walls as we are recognized for Academics – Arts – Athletics – Service and Leadership, and on the outside as we continue to beautify our campus. The Foundation is proud to support Pope through our 2009-2010 initiatives:

- 1) Greyhound Gala (February 27, 2010)
- 2) Vendor Partners (Kroger, Publix and Target)
- 3) GNG TrueBlue Schools
- 4) Golf Marathon
- 5) Landscape Project Part II

Be a part of building Pope Pride by contributing to our initiatives! Make a donation or get more information at [www.popehighschoolfoundation.com](http://www.popehighschoolfoundation.com). Thank you!

## 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 scannable 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

## COLLEGES VISITING AT POPE HIGH SCHOOL

FYI...on the Pope website, please look under the Counseling section for information on Colleges/Universities/Career options for your student. We have the colleges that will be visiting Pope as well as Open Houses off campus for many colleges and universities. Students may obtain passes for colleges/universities visiting Pope by stopping by the Counseling Office.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

We have many scholarship opportunities listed under the Counseling section on the Pope website. Also listed are loan websites and college information websites.

## PSAT INFORMATION

The PSAT will be administered on October 14 to the 10th and 11th graders. The State of Georgia will pay the \$13 test fee for all 10th graders but the 11th graders must pay his/her own fee in order for the test to be scored. Please bring \$13 in cash or a check made out to Pope High School to the Pope Counseling Office any Monday through Thursday from 7:45 until 8:15 through October 12. If you have any questions please contact Janet Callahan in the Pope Counseling Office. This test is recommended for all eleventh grade students, especially those who wish to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Program. The PSAT is a great opportunity to practice before taking the actual SAT, and an excellent predictor of future SAT performance.

## FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL 101

An informational meeting for Freshman parents will be held on Monday Sept. 21 in the Pope Theater at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing graduation and promotion requirements, Freshman Advisement dates, and resources to help your child be successful in high school and plan for the future.

## **KSU JOINT ENROLLMENT**

For Juniors and parents interested in Kennesaw State University's Joint Enrollment Honors program, there is an information session Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the KSU Center. KSU Center is located on George Busbee Parkway in Kennesaw, Behind the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, 3333 Busbee Dr, Kennesaw, GA, 30144. You can register for a session at: [http://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/jehp\\_admission\\_honorview.html](http://www.kennesaw.edu/admissions/jehp_admission_honorview.html)

## **FALL PROBE COLLEGE FAIRS**

Don't miss an excellent opportunity to be exposed to and gather information from hundreds of institutions from the state of Georgia and institutions from outside the state: Cobb North Fair: Tuesday, September 22 6-8:30 PM Kennesaw State U. Convocation Center. Information on what to do before you visit a college fair can be viewed at: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/csearch/where-to-start/28841.html>

# **CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS**

## **INTERACT CLUB**

Interact Club Bring your \$15 dues to the general meeting on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:45 AM in room 308. We will have a guest speaker about an upcoming service project. New members still welcome! See bulletin board on the 100 hallway for new member forms.

## **"SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER" COMMUNITY FEST**

Join us Saturday, September 19 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM rain or shine for a huge community garage sale, an arts show featuring the Cherokee Heights Artists Association and other local artists, and tours of the adjacent Jean and Elwood Wright Environmental Education Center. The community fest is on the Chestnut Ridge Christian Church campus, 2663 Johnson Ferry Road, Marietta, 30062 at the corner of Post Oak and Johnson Ferry roads. Admission is free and there will be information about community activities, a moon walk, food for sale, and fun for the whole family. For more information contact Debbie Abernathy at [debbie@esmithair.com](mailto:debbie@esmithair.com) or at 770-843-6100. Don't miss the fun, See You in September!

## **TRITT ELEMENTARY SECRETARY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT**

Tritt Secretary Susie Adams will be retiring on September 30 after 19 years with the Cobb County School District. Sixteen of those years were spent at Tritt and Susie will truly be missed. We're putting together a "Book of Memories" to present to Susie at her retirement party in September. Notes can be handwritten or typed....any size paper will do....use note cards or 8-1/2 x 11 sheets...include pictures if you'd like. Since this is a SURPRISE, please "discreetly" get your notes to Suzanne Alea at Tritt Elementary by Friday, September 18th. You may e-mail your notes to [Suzanne.Alea@cobbk12.org](mailto:Suzanne.Alea@cobbk12.org) or deliver them to Suzanne at Tritt.

# **FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

## **POPE FOOTBALL "PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT" with THE MIKE VEAL BAND**

Please join us as we kick off the new season. The Pope High School Touchdown Club will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Party in the Parking Lot" at Montana's Bar and Grill, located on 2995 Johnson's Ferry Road on **September 19** starting at 7:30 PM. Featuring Live music by "The Mike Veal Band" and a Pig-Roast. Be sure to come out to enjoy the festivities. Tickets prices are: \$10 if purchased before the event; \$15 at the door unless you are wearing Pope Paraphernalia. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time at the gate for home games on August 28, September 11 and 18 as well as on-line at [www.popefootball.com](http://www.popefootball.com), Montana's or at the door. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Nancy O'Reilly or Linda Horner @ [noreilly@bellsouth.net/678-923-5012](mailto:noreilly@bellsouth.net/678-923-5012) , [linda.horner@gmail.com/678-907-6604](mailto:linda.horner@gmail.com/678-907-6604)

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