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HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

A Weekly PTSA E-Newsletter for Pope High School Parents and Students
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Send submissions to houndhighlights@popeptsa.org ♦ Deadline: Tuesdays 5PM

IMPORTANT DATES

September 4	Pope Voice Deadline
September 7	No School-Labor Day
September 15	Picture Retakes

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

On September 8 at 12:00 PM, President Obama will host a special address directed to students which will be broadcast live on the Internet and on television. The speech will focus on encouraging students to set educational goals and take responsibility for their learning. Cobb County School District has issued a letter from Superintendent Fred Sanderson as well as an opt-out form. Both documents can be found on the Pope website under "Upcoming Events". Parents who do not wish for their child to view the Presidential address or participate in any class discussion may complete the opt-out form and return it to the 4th period teacher by Tuesday, September 8. For more details, visit the school website.

PPO AUTOMATED CALLS

In an effort to keep parents informed, PPO has automated calls that go to the home phone number daily if a student misses one or more periods during that day. You can then look on Pinnacle to determine which period(s) they missed; 8th period is AO (homeroom), 9th period is "Zero period". If your student only missed one block and you believe this is an error, please contact that teacher directly.

FOOTBALL PARKING

Cobb County Police Department had complaints about parking problems from last Friday night's football game. Please understand that if you park in a neighborhood that is posted as "NO PARKING" you will receive a citation and your vehicle may be towed.

VOLUNTEER CENTER

Students interested in a Service Honor Cord must earn an average of 30 service hours per academic school year (120 hours cumulative over 4 years). The service hours MUST be earned through a Pope club or organization. Outside hours will NOT count toward the 120 cumulative hours. Forms to document hours are available from any club sponsor, on Mrs. McCrossen's website, or in the folder outside the Special Education office. Contact Mrs. Karen McCrossen for information.

H1N1 FLU

It is likely that you have read and heard a lot lately about the H1N1 flu and the role schools will play this fall as the virus impacts our community. While H1N1 remains a health concern, public health officials in Georgia, and across the nation have downgraded the initial alarm about the virus. In Georgia healthcare providers are no longer testing every case specifically for this strain of influenza. A letter with more information can be viewed at www.popehigh.com.

MR. GREEN BLOGGING FROM THE ARCTIC

Starting next week, Mr. Green will be teaching his horticulture students from a remote location ...in the Arctic! Mr. Green was recently chosen to participate in an expedition sponsored by the Earthwatch Institute. He will be stationed for 11 days in Churchill, Manitoba for a professional research assignment titled **Climate Change on the Arctic Edge: Live From the Field**. While in the Arctic, he will be communicating his findings with his students via a blog site and through Skype telecommuting to the classroom. Students and parents are invited to visit the blog site or post their comments or questions during Mr. Green's time there. The web address for the blog site is <http://www.earthwatch2.org/LFF/mrgreen/>.

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 or Sharon Dershowitz at shadersh@aol.com.

SIGN UP FOR PENS ALERTS

One of the mission statements of PTSA is child safety. PTSA would like to encourage you to become a PENS Pal. PENS is a police email notification system where our local police update the public about any criminal activity, thus keeping us all aware. To get these very important updates, all you have to do is visit their website <http://police.cobbcountyga.gov/pens/> Click on the link "sign up for PENS alerts", enter your email address, and click on Precinct 4. That's it! It only takes a few minutes to create awareness in our neighborhoods while keeping our kids safe.

POPE 2008-2009 STUDENT DIRECTORY

Make sure you have turned in your contact information for inclusion in the 2009-2010 Pope Student Directory. Please use the form "PTSA Membership and Order Form" that came home in the first-day packets. PTSA membership is not required. This is simply the form on which the information is captured. Anticipated distribution of the directory will be mid-September. Please contact Sirpa Horstman at pikisworld@gmail.com with any questions.

POPE STUDENT DIRECTORY COVER ART CONTEST

Pope students are encouraged to submit original black and white artwork on 8-1/2" x 11" white paper. Use black medium only (ink, pencil, charcoal, paint...), no color is allowed. Do not sign the piece of artwork on the front! Print your name and grade/AO the back of the artwork. Two winners will be chosen, one for the front cover and one for the back cover. Each winner will be awarded a \$25 gift certificate. Entries must be turned in to Mrs. Joy Johnson (in the Art Room) by **Friday, September 4th**. Good luck and good drawing!

PTSA BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

PTSA is in need of people that want to be involved at Pope. Currently we have openings on the board for Exceptional Children and Diversity/Inclusion. To volunteer or for more information on these opportunities, please contact Joyce Bahorich at joycepta@comcast.net or Karen Ponticelli at klpont@gmail.com.

POPE SPIRIT WEAR 2009

Come and see our Pope SPIRIT WEAR every Friday at Pope. We have T-shirts, hoodies, sweat pants, pajama pants, and caps in Pope colors. Car magnets and Pope license plates are also available. We are set up in the Main corridor every FRIDAY MORNING between 7:00 AM and 8:30 AM. *Don't miss out on these cool, good quality, reasonably priced items.* You can also reach us anytime at 678-921-2015 or Gaby2457@aol.com.

FOUNDATION NEWS

GET INVOLVED WITH THE 2010 GREYHOUND GALA

The Pope Foundation is getting geared up for the 2010 Greyhound Gala which will be held on Saturday, February 27, 2010. We are currently looking for committee chairs in the following areas: Sponsorships, Publicity, Silent Auction, and Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in helping out in any of these areas, please email info@popehighschoolfoundation.org and we will be in touch with you.

DIG IN AND EXPERIENCE IT!

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you were excited to see the new look at Pope – the fresh landscape is a direct result of your generous contributions last year! The Pope Foundation now invites you to support our 2009-2010 initiatives. Our fundraising efforts will focus on the following: Landscaping – Phase 2, Campus improvements and Support for Academic programs. Please consider making a donation to support these causes. Mail your check, payable to the Pope Foundation, to 3001 Hembree Road, Marietta, GA 30062. Or, if you prefer to use a credit card, use our secure Paypal account by going to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com and clicking on the Make a Donation tab.

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

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. 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. 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.

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP GPA STATUS

Student's grades 10-12 can now view their HOPE Scholarship status at www.gacollege411.org. Students must create a free account before they can view their HOPE status information. If they have any trouble accessing their information after creating their account, contact Angie Bruce at extension 236.

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 are information sessions Tuesday, September 15, 2009 and Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. 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

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:

South Cobb/Marietta Fair: Monday, September 14 6:30-8:30 PM Marietta High School

Atlanta North Fair: Tuesday, September 15 6-9:00 PM Northpoint Mall

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 NEWS

INTERACT CLUB

The Interact Club's next meetings will be in room 308 at 7:45 AM on Wednesday, September 9. Interact is a service club open to all grades. We will collect dues at this meeting which are \$15 and covers a cool t-shirt. We will also have sign up sheets for Fall Festival, Adopt A Mile, SAT breakfast, Bingo and more. Permission forms are located on the Interact bulletin board in the 100 hallway or see Ms. Kretzmer or Ms. Ragland.

NEWCOMERS CLUB OF COBB COUNTY

If you are new to the area, the Newcomers Club would like to welcome you to join them at monthly meetings and social events. Please contact Kari Wetcher at 770-518-3317 for more information.

POPE HABITAT

Our first activity is helping with the East Cobb Festival. On Friday, September 11 there are opportunities to help set up for the festival and on Saturday, September 12 we have volunteer times available to help with selling water, taking tickets at rides and manning games. The sign up sheets are posted on the Habitat bulletin board which is on the main hall across from the cafeteria. Pope Habitat members should wear their Habitat shirts for their volunteering at the East Cobb Festival. We always need parent volunteers to help with our events. Please email Carol Martin at carol.martin@cit.com to volunteer. We are asking our members to bring in bottled water on Friday, September 11. Please bring the water to the stone wall entrance to the school. It can also be brought to the next meeting which will be on Wednesday, September 9 in the theater. Members will receive one service point for each 12 pack of water donated. We will sell the water on the parade route on September 12. If you have questions, please email Carol Martin, Tracy.Merriman@cobbk12.org or Deborah.Peterson@cobbk12.org If your student wants to become a member a Pope Habitat, please send a check to Pope Habitat for \$30 (\$20 is for dues and \$10 for the t-shirt).

EAT AT CHILI'S TO SUPPORT THE POPE BAND!

Every WEDNESDAY is CHILI'S Day for Pope Band. CHILI'S will donate 10% of the sales from Pope Band Supporters who dine in or take out at CHILI'S East Cobb on Roswell Road. This offer is good all day long and is an easy and tasty way to raise money for the band. You do not have to be a band member, but be sure to tell your server you support POPE BAND so we receive the donation. Tell your friends.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Congratulations to the Varsity softball team. They defeated Walton 4-1 to open up region play. They are playing Roswell at home on Thursday. Their overall record is 3-5 but they are 1-0 in the region. Good luck this week.

Congratulations to the Pope Volleyball team. They are 19-0 on the season, and this is the best start in school history. They have a huge match against Walton and Wesleyan at home on Thursday. They start at 5:00. All of the proceeds for this game will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation. Please come and support these players and this great cause.

Congratulations to the Varsity Football team. They defeated Kennesaw Mountain 35-7 in the first game of the season. They will play at Lassiter on Friday at 7:30. This is the first region game of the year. Please come and support the football team as they play the state ranked Trojans. The 9th and JV teams will start their season at Roswell on Thursday at 5:00.

Congratulations to the boys and girls cross country teams. They had a great showing in the first meet of the season. They will be back in action on Saturday at Berry College. Good luck.

VOLLEYBALL

The next Pope Volleyball home game is September 3 vs. Wesleyan and Walton. This will be the Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser....FREE T-SHIRTS to the first 100 Pope fans and other give-aways. \$1 RAFFLE TICKETS for great prizes like an iPod Touch. Come cheer on the Lady Greyhounds and help fight CF!

POPE BASEBALL – STATE CHAMPIONS 2009!

The State Champion Pope Greyhound Baseball Team announces their **11th Annual Golf Tournament** scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2009 at Indian Hills Country Club, Marietta, GA. Watch the Hound Highlights for more information.

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 6th 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, 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 , linda.horner@gmail.com/678-907-6604

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