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

February 12	School Improvement Survey Due
February 15	No School – Teacher Workday
February 22	Heroes Deadline
February 27	2nd Annual Greyhound Gala

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

The Cobb County School District is conducting its annual School Improvement Survey to give individual feedback to schools as to how each is performing according to its stakeholders in the areas of: curriculum, assessment, instruction, planning and organization, professional learning, leadership, school culture, student, family and community. Please take the time to give us feedback as to how we are doing as a school. We value your input and seek to improve continuously. The surveys are anonymous and the results will be returned to the school at the end of April. Please pick up and return all forms (one per family) to the collection bin located at the PPO desk or complete the survey online at <http://www.cobbk12.org/sisurvey> by **Friday, February 12**.

SOPHOMORE CLASS RING INFORMATION

On **Wednesday, February 3** the sophomore class will have a Class Ring meeting during AO. Rings will be displayed during lunch. **Monday, February 8** is Parent Night in Cafeteria from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. **Wednesday, February 9** Herff Jones will be available during lunch for ring orders.

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TESTS (GHS GT)

During the week of March 22 – 26, Pope Juniors will be taking the GHS GT. Check out the GHS GT link on the Pope website for all things related to the upcoming GHS GT tests in English, math, science, and social studies. You will find practice questions and tests for all four content area tests as well as helpful tips for preparing for the GHS GT. You can apply for login and password information for helpful resources such as usatestprep, skills tutor, online assessment system, and more. Videos and Power Point strands are available for science and social studies. Look for upcoming events at Pope to help you obtain your best possible score. For additional information or questions, please contact Loralee Hill (Loralee.Hill@cobbk12.org).

PTSA NEWS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLUB

Valentine’s Card Drive for Powers Ferry Elementary: Community Outreach is asking for your generosity by purchasing boxes of Valentine’s Day cards for the children at Powers Ferry Elementary. We need over **500 boxes** of Valentine’s Day cards so each child can participate in their class Valentine Day exchange on February 12. Please bring your NEW boxes of Valentine’s Day cards to the white donation bin behind PPO no later than **February 8**.

Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Drive: Collection boxes will soon be placed near the vending machines for this year-round collection drive. In the interim, please place any tabs you've already collected in the box inside the white collection bin behind PPO. Money earned from recycling the tabs will help offset expenses for the families who stay at Atlanta's two Ronald McDonald Houses each year.

If you have questions concerning any of the Community Outreach activities, please e-mail Cassie Rogers at cassie.n.rogers@lmco.com

HEROES ARE EVERYWHERE!

The PTSA is conducting an "Honoring Our Heroes" essay contest. Entry forms and instructions are available in the Media Center. 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 must be returned to the Heroes Box in the Media Center by **Monday, February 22**.

POPE SPIRIT WEAR 2009 AND STUDENT DIRECTORIES

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.

EATING DISORDERS WORKSHOPS

In February, PTSA will offer two opportunities for you to attend a workshop addressing the issues of eating disorders. Eating Disorders affect both male and females and with prom, spring break and summertime around the corner this is a very timely topic for parents. The first date will be **Wednesday, February 10** from 10:00 AM-11:30 AM at the Ridgeview Institute. The second date will be **Wednesday, February 17** from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM at Dodgen Middle School ALT Lab. The information and handouts will be the same on both dates.

FOUNDATION NEWS

GREYHOUND GALA!

The Greyhound Gala is just a month away...and hopefully **Saturday, February 27** is penciled in on YOUR social calendar! Invitations will be mailed within the next ten days to all Pope families for this fun and exciting evening. If you would like more details about the location and time prior to receiving your invitation, please go to www.popehighschoolfoundation.com and select the Greyhound Gala tab.

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 - SENIOR NEWS

GRADUATION DATE ANNOUNCED

Graduation will be **Friday, May 21, 2010** at 6:30 PM at Roswell Street Baptist Church.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many scholarships available in the Counseling Office and on the Counseling website. Please check out the website or stop by the Counseling Office to see Ms. Sabo. We want these scholarships to go to our Pope students! Deadlines are approaching very quickly! Don't wait!

Margie Hatfield Community Service Scholarship: Do you know a Pope high school senior who has done an outstanding job with community service and citizenship during his or her high school career? Encourage him/her to apply for the ECCC PTA Margie Hatfield Scholarship. The Eastern Cobb County Council PTA created the Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund in order to honor the dedication and years of service given by Mrs. Hatfield to the youth of our Council PTA. She is a Past President of the ECCC PTA who served three consecutive terms. A great emphasis will be placed on the service records and citizenship of the winning applicants, as this embodies the philosophy of the PTA. The Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund will award a \$1,000 scholarship to each of the six winners, one from each ECCC PTA high school. Applications are now available online at www.ecccpta.org. Applications must be postmarked no later than **January 30, 2010**. Winners will be notified by March 12, 2010 and honored at the March 30, 2010 General Meeting of the Eastern Cobb County Council PTA. Don't let this incredible opportunity slip by a deserving student from Pope!

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

CHARITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Second Annual Charity Soccer Tournament will be held on **Saturday, February 6:** Arctic Thunder (Pope)....Nigerian Nightmare (Walton).... Spartan Heroes (Wheeler).... Join the action as these teams and others face off for a fun round of soccer tournament play. Students from area high schools will join founders Andrew Fennell (Pope HS Class of 2011) and Ben Holley (Wheeler HS Class of 2011) at the McCleskey East Cobb YMCA starting at 9:00 AM. It's just \$15 for advance registration, and \$25 the day of. Bring a team or join one that already exists. Go to <http://www.active.com/soccer-league/marietta-ga/charity-soccerthon-2010> to register. 100% of net proceeds will go to the YMCA to fund summer camp scholarships; hope you can join us. For more information or questions send an email to benefit.soccer@gmail.com.

NOTEWORTHY 5K RUN/WALK

Come join us **Saturday, February 20** at 8:00 AM for a benefit run for the Cobb Symphony Orchestra. It doesn't matter if you run allegro or walk andante, you won't fall flat. Your tempo will be welcome and you will be a key participant supporting one of Cobb's finest musical organizations in this signature event. Enjoy door prizes and refreshments, and pre-register to be guaranteed a sharp T-shirt! There will be fun for the entire family, with special awards to first overall male and female winners, overall masters male and female winners, and awards three deep in 15 semi-decade age groups. View all of the race day information, register on-line or download the registration form and fax, mail or e-mail it in. Join others to sponsor and help raise funds for the Cobb Symphony Orchestra and all of its affiliated programs. For information visit <http://cobbsymphony.org/noteworthy.htm>.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR...

Congratulations to the wrestling team. The team won the Cobb County Championship for the 3rd year in a row. We had 10 wrestlers qualify for the finals with four individual championships. Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Swim and Dive team. They had another great weekend of competition. They will be competing in the Cobb County Championship this weekend. Good Luck!

Congratulations to the basketball teams. They swept Lassiter this past Friday. They are playing at Roswell on Friday and at Sprayberry on Saturday. Good luck!

Congratulations to Pope Greyhound Fencing Club member, **Jake Wachtel**, for being named to the All-Academic First Team (3.85-4.00) of the United States Fencing League.

GO HOUNDS!

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