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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

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| October 5-10 | Homecoming Week |
| October 12 | Reflections Entries Due |
| October 19 | Blood Drive |
| October 21 | Early Release – 1:25 PM |
| November 3 | No School – Election Day |

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

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.

HOMECOMING COURT – VOTE ONLINE

Online voting for Homecoming Court will begin on Monday, September 28 at 8:00 AM and will end on Thursday, October 1 at 10:00 PM. You can access online voting from the Pope website under “Resources”. Use your last name for the username and your student I.D. number for the password. If you have any problems please see Mrs. Kelly in room 118.

HOMECOMING WEEK

Please join us as we kick off the best week of Homecoming activities ever!

Monday- SGA Drive in Movie, 7:00 PM

Tuesday- FLOP Music a la Mode, 5:30 PM

Wednesday- Car Painting, 5:30 PM, Bonfire/Pep rally, 8:00 PM

Thursday- NHS Wings Bash, 6:00 PM

Friday- Pope Football Game, 7:30 PM

Saturday- Homecoming Dance, Pope Cafeteria, 7:30 – 11:00 PM

On Wednesday, October 7, come join us to light up the night! We have two special activities to celebrate Homecoming week. Show your support by wearing your Pope spirit wear. At 5:30 PM, we will be decorating cars in the school parking lot – bring your car, paint pens, streamers, etc. Let’s show our school spirit by having all of the cars decorated for Homecoming! At 8:00 PM, plan to attend a bonfire in the school parking lot – all Pope community members are invited! If you have any questions, please contact Julie Pederson by email at barefootedone@aol.com.

SHOP WITH A GREYHOUND

It's that time of year again where SGA asks all clubs, students, parents, local businesses, and the community to help raise funds for underprivileged children. Last year, during our first year, you helped us raise \$10,000 and over 200 Pope students took 75 elementary children shopping at The Avenues East Cobb where they joyously spend a \$100 gift card on themselves and others for the holiday season. This is year two and we are eager to do just as well, if not better! Our theme is "One Child!" We are asking you to sponsor ONE child for \$100. Your gift is tax deductible and will make the day of one deserving child. Help make this holiday season special!!! The big day is Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 PM. Mail checks to Pope High School for SWAG. Please see the informational letter attached at the end of this newsletter for more details.

PTSA NEWS

POPE VOICE NEWSLETTER

The Pope Voice Newsletter was mailed home to all Pope families on Thursday, September 17, via U.S. mail. However, due to new bulk mail delivery procedures, we seem to be experiencing delivery delays. If you have not yet received your newsletter, you may pick up a copy in the Front Office, PPO Office, or School Counseling office.

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.

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.

FOUNDATION NEWS

GOLF MARATHON

Many of you may already be aware of the Foundation's Golf Marathon, scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the Marietta Country Club. On that day, representatives from 15 different booster clubs and the Foundation will be playing 54 holes of golf in ONE day....all while trying to raise much needed funds for their clubs. This golf marathon is similar to a walk-a-thon or jog-a-thon with players (and their booster club members) soliciting pledges based on the number of holes that the golfer completes. What does this mean for YOU? We hope that when asked, you will agree to pledge your support in the form of a donation per hole, or even a flat donation. You'll receive an invoice after the event with your total amount due, based on your pledge. If you would like to sponsor a Foundation golfer in this fundraiser, please contact us at info@popehighschoolfoundation.com and we will be in touch with you to provide you a pledge form. Thank you in advance - from all the participating booster clubs and the Foundation - for supporting this Fall fundraiser.

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. Please bring \$13 in cash or a check made out to Pope High School to the Pope Counseling Office. 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.

PROJECT 2400

Project 2400, sponsored by the Cobb County Education Foundation, the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, and the Cobb County School District, is an opportunity for students who are currently juniors at Pope to participate in a Princeton Review SAT Preparatory course for free. Students who participated in the project last year saw wonderful gains on their SAT scores. A mandatory meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 PM in the Pope theater. Attendance at the meeting is a prerequisite for your child's participation in the program. Information regarding requirements and how to apply for the class are available in the Pope Counseling Office or by going to www.popehigh.com, select Academics, School Counseling, and the Counseling Website. Click on the *Project 2400* page. Please download information about the class and the forms needed to apply for the class. Pay particular attention to the deadlines for turning in the signed POPE GUIDELINES, the STUDENT AND PARENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, and the PARENT RELEASE FORM to Mrs. Ledbetter in the Counseling Office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ledbetter in the Counseling Office at 770-578-7903 or by email at Janie.ledbetter@cobbk12.org. We are very excited that this opportunity is available for our juniors. The information and application forms will also be available at the October 15 meeting.

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL 101 – NEW DATE

An informational meeting for freshman parents will be held on Monday, October 19 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

2010 COLLEGE TOUR PROGRAM

School Daze...Wake Up! Spring Break April 5-8, 2010

The purpose of the College Tour Program is to provide high school students with the opportunity to visit institutions of higher learning. Students will gain early exposure to campus life to assist with making an informed decision about college and career choices. High school students in grades 9-12 are eligible and encouraged to apply. The planned schedule of schools to visit includes University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, Vanderbilt University, Auburn University, and the University of Alabama. Additionally, we will visit historically black colleges and universities including Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Alabama A&M University, and Tuskegee University. The cost of the trip is \$350 which includes ground transportation to the colleges/universities, lodging, College Tour T-shirt, workbook, and educational workshops (prior to the tour). We invite you to attend our information meeting on Sunday, October 4, 2009 at 2:30 PM at Decatur Library, 215 Sycamore Street, Decatur, Georgia 30030. This meeting is an opportunity for students and parents to learn more about the College Tour and the overall program.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

CLARKDALE ELEMENTARY DONATIONS NEEDED

Monetary donations for the Clarkdale Elementary School Relief Fund may be made through the Cobb Schools Foundation. <https://ssl.4agoodcause.com/cobb/donation1.aspx?id=1&fundid=69>. the foundation's secure donation web site accepts credit/debit cards, or donations may be mailed to: Cobb Schools Foundation, 514 Glover St., Marietta, GA 30060.

If you would like to donate a gift card from a local store (i.e. Walmart, Target, Kroger, Publix, School Box), please bring it to the PPO office at Pope.

HTMS HUSKY FOUNDATION HOLIDAY SHOPPE

Come join the fun at the HTMS Husky Foundation's Holiday Shoppe, Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 10 AM–3 PM. Hightower Trail Middle School, 3905 Post Oak Tritt Road, Marietta. Booths are available for vendors. Contact Debbie Gaynor at gaynor8@att.net with questions.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We had a very successful day at the East Cobber Festival on September 12, 2009. We sold over 700 bottles of water and received a \$500 donation from Jump and Slide for helping with their games and slides. Please note the following important change: Our Make A Difference project which was originally scheduled for October 24 will now happen on Saturday November 7. We will go the Habitat neighborhood in Austell where we have built three homes and work on helping the homeowners get their yards spruced up and "flowered" for a gigantic celebration that will take place in that neighborhood, called Hillcrest East and West on the next Saturday. With the last two houses that are currently being built, the neighborhood will be finished. We will give more information at the October 20 meeting, but wanted to give everyone notice of the change in date! Also, please keep in mind that we are starting to collect auction items for the Greyhound Gala in February, 2010.

7th ANNUAL NADER PARMAN II MEMORIAL RUN, RACE & REMEMBER

Join us on Sunday, October 18 at MJCCA Shirley Blumenthal Park, 8:00 AM - 5K Road Race/Fitness Walk, 12:45 PM - 1-mile Youth Run & 50 Yd Tot Trot. For more information visit: <http://www.atlantajcc.org/npr>.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

BASKETBALL

Please join the Pope Basketball Tip-Off Booster Club in welcoming back AEROSOLETS SHOES for another exciting FALL SHOE SALE, all at OUTLET prices. Receive 15% off the outlet price of 1-3 pairs of shoes, and 20% off 4 or more pairs. Teachers receive an additional 15% off. Join us on Thursday, October 1 from 3:30-6:00 PM in the media center and bring a friend.

CHEERLEADING

The cheerleading competition team will be in action on Saturday at Kennesaw Mountain.

EQUESTRAIN TEAM

Congratulations to the Pope Equestrian Team for winning 6th place and scoring 14 points last Saturday at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association Point Show hosted by Milton High School at Foxcroft Farm. There were 10 high school teams competing from the metropolitan area. The IEA show season goes through mid-February with finals in March. Future show dates will be posted on the Club's board in the hall. It's not too late to join the club and IEA, there will a meeting in Room 86 on Monday, October 5 at 3:30 PM.

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to the softball team. They defeated Campbell 12-0. They also won two games on Saturday in the Lassiter tournament. They will play the 1st round of the region tournament on Thursday. Good Luck!

VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the #1 ranked volleyball team. They defeated Walton on Saturday winning the Cobb County Championship for the second year. Congratulations to Katie Bange for being named the MDJ Female athlete of the week. Keep up the great work.

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.



Shop with a Greyhound

Pope High School has made a commitment to achieve Excellence in: Service & Leadership, Student Achievement, Athletics, and Fine Arts. Within Service & Leadership, our goal is to serve others as leaders of Pope High School and our community.

What is SWAG?

Last year was our first year for Shop With a Greyhound, or as we fondly call it... SWAG. We raised \$10,000 in donations by students, parents, Partners in Education, local businesses, and the community. Pope had over 200 students volunteer to take 75 underprivileged children shopping at The Avenues East Cobb where they joyously spent a \$100 gift card. The day was filled with waffles from National Honor Society, shopping, pizza, fun, and friends!

When is the big day?

On December 12, 2009 at 2:00 PM we will kick off Shop with a Greyhound. Again, this year we have partnered with The Avenue of East Cobb to provide our adopted children an opportunity to shop at their establishment. Pope SGA will oversee the setup, operation, and clean up of the day's events. Other Pope clubs and organizations are participating in the set up, shopping, performing, and cleaning up, such as Leadership and NHS.

Why do we do this?

It is our belief that we exist to provide service and leadership to our community. Shop with a Greyhound is a great community service outreach project which yields community service hours and provides the less fortunate with a treat for the holiday season.

How can you get involved?

Students will be asking for donations before the event through: donation buckets at lunch, football and basketball games, donation letters, visiting local businesses, bagging groceries, and many other ways. Your monetary donation is tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:

Pope High School
3001 Hembree Road
Marietta, GA 30062
(for SWAG)



For further information please visit our blog at http://popehs.typepad.com/shop_with_a_greyhound/

The Pope website at www.popehigh.com

Or contact Ashley Jimerson, Administrator, at 770-578-7900 x 275

We would love for you to assist us and provide 100 children with the experience of SWAG!!