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HOUND HIGHLIGHTS

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 9	Report Cards Distributed
November 9-20	Canned Food Drive
November 23-27	No School – Thanksgiving Break
December 12	Shop With A Greyhound (SWAG)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATION...

TARDIES TO SCHOOL

As a result of the entrance construction issues, tardies to school officially began as of Monday, November 2, 2009. Consequences for unexcused tardies to school are as follows:

7th unexcused tardy: 1 X-Block detention and loss of parking permit (if the student has one)

10th unexcused tardy: 2 X-Block detentions

13th unexcused tardy: Saturday School

15th unexcused tardy: Referral to the Social Worker

SPRING REGISTRATION

Spring registration forms were due on Friday, October 30. If you have not signed off and returned your form, please get it turned in ASAP. If you need another form, contact Kim Allen at kim.allen@cobbk12.org, so we can reprint one for you. NO CHANGES will be made once the registration form is submitted.

DISTRICT CALENDAR OPTIONS PRESENTED

Below are four options for the District's school calendar for the next three years. If you would like to submit your opinion about these options, visit http://www.cobbk12.org/generalinfo/calendars/ccsd_Calendars.aspx.

Current Calendar - Most closely resembles the 2009-2010 school year calendar; First day of school is second week of August; last day of school one week before Memorial Day.

Mid-August Start Date Calendar - First day of school begins one week later in August; three-day Thanksgiving; Winter Break shortened three days; last day of school one week before Memorial Day in 2010-2011 & 2011-2012.

Current Calendar Plus February Vacation - Resembles current calendar but adds week off in February; last day of school is Friday before Memorial Day.

Balanced Calendar - First day of school is first week of August; one-week vacation breaks at mid-term in September and February; last day of school is Friday before Memorial Day.

PTSA NEWS

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 updates, log on to <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.

ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION WORKSHOP

Depressive disorders, which include major depressive disorder (unipolar depression), dysthymic disorder (chronic, mild depression), and bipolar disorder (manic-depression), can have far reaching effects on the functioning and adjustment of young people. Among both children and adolescents, depressive disorders confer an increased risk for illness and interpersonal and psychosocial difficulties that persist long after the depressive episode is resolved; in adolescents there is also an increased risk for substance abuse and suicidal behavior. Georgia PTA and Ridgeview Institute will be hosting Adolescent Depression and Suicide workshop on Wednesday, November 11 from 10:00 -11:30 AM at Ridgeview Institute located at 3995 South Cobb Dr., Smyrna, GA 30080. The presentation is designed to provide insight into the behavior of a teen that struggles with a mood disorder but may not be expressing his or her feelings. For more information please contact, Pat Giuliani at 404-409-9112 or at jimpatgiul@aol.com.

FOUNDATION NEWS

GOLF MARATHON

A great big thank you to everyone who solicited and/or made pledges to support the participating booster clubs. A special thank you to all the golfers who braved the elements to participate in the Golf Marathon last week in the pouring rain out on "Lake Marietta Country Club!" We are now in the process of collecting the pledges and will report on our success soon.

GREYHOUND GALA

The Pope Foundation is looking for a chairperson to spearhead sponsorships for the second annual Greyhound Gala which will be held on February 27, 2010. If you are interested in this position, please email us at info@popehighschoolfoundation.com.

COLD WEATHER IS COMING!

Before you know it, cold weather will be upon us, and that means turning on your heat! If you would like to save money on your gas heating bills and make money for Pope at the same time, please consider switching to Georgia Natural Gas (GNG). Because of a special relationship between GNG and Pope, GNG will pay us \$40 for each new customer who changes to GNG...AND \$5 a month for every month they stay a customer. It's a simple process to change. Call 1-866-ONLY-GNG and a customer service representative will assist you. Once you have a GNG account number, you can then 'link' your card to Pope. You'll start saving, AND earn money for Pope!

If you are already a GNG customer, please take a few minutes to link your GNG account to Pope. Go to www.popehigh.com and click on the Georgia Natural Gas logo scrolling across the bottom. Then, click on the TrueBlueSchools tab, then Existing Customer. Complete the required information and send it, and you'll be on your way to helping Pope!

SCHOOL COUNSELING NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the Pope High School Counseling Department on their recent award! The Pope Counseling Department received the honor of being a Finalist in the Public Schools division of the 2009/10 Standards Medal Online Excellence in Secondary School College Counseling. "The Standards Medal for online excellence in secondary school college counseling is a value initiative aimed at recognizing engagement of AND resource relevancy for college-bound students. The selection process identifies superior content, organization and programs contained within the college counseling section of a school's website. These criteria strongly reflect the overall quality of a school's commitment to assisting college-bound students." View the award at <http://www.southerncollegetours.com/community.php>.

CLUB & COMMUNITY NEWS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Pope Habitat for Humanity members will work at the Habitat neighborhood in Austell on Saturday, November 7, 2009. There will be a bus to the work site which leaves the Pope parking lot on Saturday at 7:50 AM and returns to school at 2:30 PM. Habitat members must have a parent permission form on file to participate. Please bring work gloves. We will go to do this project, rain or shine, so wear appropriate clothing. If you have questions, please contact Deborah.Peterson@cobbk12.org.

MARCHING BAND

Pope High School Marching Band is proud to present its Fourth Annual "End of Season Community Exhibition Performance" 7:00 - 8:00 PM on Monday, November 9. The event will start with a full performance of this season's show "Go", followed by "The Making of Go" comments by Director of Bands, Mr. Gary Gribble and Associate Director of Bands, Mr. Josh Rudolph. Come learn how a high school marching band performance is put together. Following the director's remarks, the full show will be performed again. Admission is \$5 (adults and high-school) and free to middle school students and younger. SPECIAL "THREE FOR FREE" BONUS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND STUDENTS: you get in for free and you can bring two family members for free. Just tell us at the gate you're thinking about joining the Pope Marching Band and we'll let three of your party in for free! Any questions contact: Felicia Andrew Felicia.a@comcast.net.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ...

Congratulations to the Pope Volleyball Team. They defeated Walton High School in 5 sets to win their 1st State Championship. It was one of the most exciting sporting events that I have ever witnessed. The girls overcame a 13-8 deficit in the fifth set to win the match 15-13. Congratulations to the team! The team finished the year with a 52-2 record. Thank you to all of the wonderful fans that made the trip to Marietta.

Congratulations to the football team. They defeated Milton 45-14 on Friday night. They will host Walton this Friday at 7:30 PM. This game is also Pope's Senior Night. Please come and support these student athletes as they are playing for a potential playoff spot. If Pope wins and Kell loses, Pope will qualify for the state playoffs.

Congratulations to Zach Tupper and Molly Schneck. They qualified for the state meet in cross country this Saturday. Zach finished 2nd and Molly finished 3rd. Congratulations to all of the members of the cross country team for a great season. Good luck at state!

Good luck to the cheerleading competition team. They are competing at the region meet this Saturday at Woodstock High School. Good luck!

AAAAA vs. AAAA

Mr. Beaulieu and I will hold a forum to discuss the upcoming issue of AAAAA vs. AAAA classification. As of now, the state will classify Pope High School as an AAAA school. Pope High School will have to decide to appeal if the school wants to remain in AAAAA. There are no guarantees on the appeal process. As soon as we set a date, we will notify everyone when the meeting will occur. We will try to answer any and all questions.

GO HOUNDS!

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