

TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR YOUR WEEK AHEAD September 5, 2023

Pope Dual Enrollment Night is Tonight!

All NEW families and students interested in the Dual Enrollment process for NEXT YEAR are encouraged to attend Pope's Dual Enrollment Night TONIGHT, September 5th at 7 pm in the PAC. Attending this presentation is required for everyone who would like to participate for the 2024-25 school year. A recording will be posted soon after the event. Other presentations (such as those provided by a college or the CCSD Summit) do NOT fulfill the requirement to view the Pope presentation since we have specific guidelines that must be followed. The application process starts NOW, so don't delay, as some schools may require SAT/ACT testing! If you are currently taking dual enrollment classes, attendance is NOT required. Questions? Email Jamie.hamrick@cobbk12.org.

College Board National Recognition Program Awardees



Congratulations also to Tyler Sinclair, National African American Recognition Program recipient. We apologize for the omission in last week's announcement.

Senior FutureFocus



Pope Counselors have been implementing **FutureFocus** during AO over a six week period -- a series of relevant lessons to help seniors look beyond high school to their futures! The first two lessons focused on the college application process, how to use Naviance for necessary college processes, how to request transcripts/letters of recommendation, and more. These lessons, along with the corresponding Senior Parent Night Presentations, are uploaded in the **Class of 2024 Counseling CTLS** and also on the Pope

Counseling Website.

The next several **FutureFocus** sessions were centered on seniors completing **YouScience**, a SKILLS-BASED career assessment to help them discover their strengths and how those can lead them to a great fitting career, in addition to learning good information about who they are, how they interact with others, and how to play to their strengths in the classroom, work, and more. The results from YouScience can be used by seniors for writing college essays, developing resumes with personalized "power adjectives," and simply validating and confirming strengths students already know they have, which can build confidence. Recommenders can also use YouScience results to more accurately and articulately describe students in their letters; this will be covered in this Thursday's lesson.

Last week, we had a unique opportunity for Seniors to view a live virtual presentation of the **Peach State Tour** – a collaborative presentation from Georgia State, Augusta University, UGA, and GT.

Today, students heard from Herff Jones about ordering caps/gowns, announcements, and other graduation items.

Keep watching the Tuesday Telegraph for information on each week's upcoming lessons. Students who are scheduled to be off campus during AO over these weeks (Dual Enrollment, CVA/GAVS, etc.) are welcome to attend however, information will be posted in CTLS for those who are absent.

Financial Aid Night - Save the Date

As previously noted we will be hosting a Financial Aid night with Marcus Hilliard on **September 12**th, however, please note this event will now be *virtual* instead of at Pope. To register, please click on this link:

https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/805c2530-754d-46ab-81cf-1f644469062f@2fce1dfb-919f-4938-aab8-c47f0fc9182d

Pope High School College Mini-Fairs - Save the Dates

It was so great to see so many students take advantage of our college fair last week! We have three more scheduled this fall (September 13, October 18, November 8)! Students of all grade levels, please save the dates and plan to join us in the Old Gym during X-block to visit with numerous colleges and universities. Students are now able to view what schools will be attending each college fair in their Naviance account. Simply go to Colleges – College Visits to see the list of schools attending. There is no need to reserve your spot! Simply head to the Old Gym at the start of X-block, visit with as many schools as you like. When the bell rings at 2:50 pm please either leave campus if you have a ride, or proceed to the Old Theater where you will remain until 3:30 when the bell rings. See the list of schools attending our September fair below.



Boston University
Columbus State University
George Washington University
Kennesaw State University
Long Island University
Northwestern
Oglethorpe
Purdue

Southern Methodist University
St. John's University
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at
Birmingham
University of Georgia
University of West Georgia
US Army

CCSD College Kickoff Fair



9th/10th Grade Parent/Guardian Info Night - Save the Date

Join us on Tuesday, September 19th at 7 pm in the Pope Performing Arts Center (PAC) as members of the Pope Counseling Department discuss the following topics:

- The Counseling Department and how we partner with you and your student over your time at Pope
- Grade Point Average/HOPE Scholarship
- Report card vs transcript
- Promotion and graduation requirements
- College and future planning topics and resources i.e. Naviance/GAFutures/YouScience
- PSAT coming October 11th all 9th and 10th grader fees are covered and all will be testing that morning
- Academic Advisement Opportunities to discuss rigor and balance for your child
- Dual Enrollment
- High School Parent Do's and Don'ts
- Q&A

All parents/guardians, especially if your freshman/sophomore is your oldest child, are encouraged to attend.

9th/10th/11th/12th Grade Timelines

We understand that it can be tricky to know when things should happen each year, so here are a few resources and timeline/calendar options that you may find helpful as you plan out each year with your student:

<u>GAFutures College Planning Timeline</u> - https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/college-planning-timeline/

<u>Grown & Flown Timelines</u> - https://grownandflown.com/12th-grade-timeline/

<u>College Board Parent Action Plans</u> - <u>https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/communities-events/for-parents/parent-action-plans</u>

(note that in each of the above documents, they incorrectly say the FAFSA will open in October, but this year it will open later in December)

And here is a link to the <u>Pope Counseling Calendar of Curriculum Activities, Events, and Meetings</u> for the school year.

Applerouth – New Digital PSAT Prep Rally



The Digital PSAT/NMSQT is more than a practice test. Your student's scores can open the doors to scholarships and also give insight into how competitive they will be when applying to college. Did you know this test can qualify college-bound students for the National Merit Scholarship Program and other funding for college? Applerouth is kicking off the school year with FREE online prep designed especially for the new Digital PSAT/NMSQT. Registration is open for three types of sessions – digital PSAT practice tests, math, and reading/writing – sign up for one, two, or all three types of sessions!

Cobb EMC Youth Leadership Program for Juniors



This award-winning program gives students an opportunity to develop leadership and networking skills, learn about their electric cooperative and earn scholarships. Youth Leadership Program students also compete to represent Cobb EMC on the Washington Youth Tour, designed to build leadership skills. The contest offers current high school juniors an opportunity to win a \$1,500, \$1,000, or \$500 scholarship, along with one of four all-expenses paid trips to Washington, D.C. and one paid student summer internship. The entry deadline is **Tuesday, October 3, 2023.** To be eligible, students must be high school juniors and live in a primary residence served by Cobb EMC. To apply, click here.

Youth Learn and Serve Days



End hunger. Grow stronger.

The Atlanta Community Food Bank is excited to announce that they will be offering Youth Learn and Serve Days year-round this school year, with the first opportunity falling on **Saturday**, **October 7**th **from 1-5 pm**. Learn and Serve Days are an opportunity for students to receive service hours, learn about the Food Bank, and volunteer at the Food Bank's Hunger Action Center. Students who are interested must register and attend the full afternoon. There are no fees or costs to participate in any of the programs. To learn more and access the online application, visit the <u>website</u> and look at the Youth Learn and Serve Day tab. Registration for the Youth Learn and Serve Day is due by Sunday, September 24th.

Student Advisory Board

Juniors and Seniors! Consider applying for the Tommy Nobis Center Student Advisory Board and work together to support students with disabilities. See the flyer below to apply and learn more! The deadline has been extended to this Friday.



United States Presidential Scholar Program

The US Presidential Scholar Program, established in 1964, recognizes exceptional high school seniors in academics, visual and performing arts, and career and technical educational fields. Each year up to 161 students are named as US Presidential Scholars. Please note that no scholarship funds are associated with this award. Applications are due November 1st. All of the information can be found at this link.

Scholarship Opportunity



Tutoring Information

Information about <u>tutoring</u> can be found on the Pope Counseling website. Pope will be offering peer tutoring in the near future and teacher-led tutoring begins this week. Additionally, we have links by subject for outside tutors that may be helpful. Please note that the information on these lists is provided only as a service to our community. Pope does not endorse any particular tutor. You can also scan the QR code to be taken to the tutoring page as well.



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