



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE August 5, 2025

Welcome back, Greyhounds! Following is this year's first edition of the Tuesday Telegraph from the Counseling Office. The weekly newsletter provides lots of important information for families regarding college applications and mini-fairs, scholarship opportunities, counselor class lessons, as well as grade level specific information that you'll want to know!

Seniors – Class of 2026!

Welcome back, Class of 2026, to your SENIOR YEAR! We Counselors have some specific information and events planned for you, starting August 12, to help you with college applications, career searching, financial aid, and more! Things to know:

1. Take note of our **new alpha-changes!** If your counselor changed, we are already getting acquainted with your records and are excited to work with you and help you along your journey.
2. You will be receiving a copy of a **Senior Status Report** along with a new transcript in the next few days that shows you your credit counts and remaining graduation requirements. If you are missing a class that you are not enrolled in, you need to see your counselor ASAP! It is very important that you share this with your parents.
3. **Naviance is being updated** to prepare for this year's application cycle. Certain features are currently turned off, such as Letters of Recommendation, Colleges I'm Applying To, etc. until we finish our preparations. We will give you specific instructions during FutureFocus on how to properly navigate everything! In the meantime, you can be working on (and even submitting) applications.
4. Starting August 12 during AOs, counselors will be presenting **FutureFocus**, a series of 12 lessons designed to help answer your questions about post-secondary options, including the college application process, building a list, seeking financial aid, choosing a great career that fits your abilities and preferences, and more!
 - a. Those who are off campus (CVA, GAVS, DE, AM Min Day) during AO are strongly encouraged to attend FutureFocus, if you are able to do so.
 - b. We will post the presentations in the Senior Counseling CTLS as well as on www.popeschoolcounseling.com for students who are absent and parents who wish to view the information.
 - c. Students unable to attend the first two AO sessions are encouraged to attend Senior Parent Night to get the most important pieces of information, such as using Naviance, how to request transcripts/letters of recommendation, etc.

Senior Parent Night – Tuesday, August 19th at 7 pm in the PAC

Senior parents/guardians are invited to attend Senior Parent Night where we will review steps that we've shared with students on post-secondary options, the college application process, as well as additional information to help you and your senior along this school year. The presentation will be posted on our webpage if you are unable to attend.

Save the Date! Financial Aid Night with GSFC – Tuesday, October 14th at 7pm in the PAC

Join Anna Roberts O'Brien, our regional GSFC representative, for our annual Financial Aid Night. She will cover great information about the financial aid process, including information about the FAFSA, need-based aid, HOPE, Zell, and more!

Pope College Fairs Coming Soon!

We have scheduled three college mini-fairs this fall! **Students**, please save the dates and plan to join us in the Old Gym during X-block starting at 2:10 pm to visit with numerous colleges, universities, and armed forces. More information will be available as we get closer to the dates.

- August 27
- October 15
- November 12

Rising Juniors – Important Immunization Information

Per the Georgia Department of Public Health, effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday. Please visit [this link](#) for a summary of requirements for vaccinations by age.

In accordance with this requirement, **all Pope students entering the 11th grade, who were 16 by yesterday, August 4th, must submit an updated Certificate of Immunization, on GA Form 3231, to the Pope Counseling Office as soon as possible.** Students, who are not yet 16 will have 30 calendar days from the student's 16th birthday to provide the updated Certificate of Immunization. Students must meet this requirement, or provide acceptable exemption documentation, for them to be/remain enrolled in school. Students requesting to be exempt from Immunization must present a signed, notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization, DPH Form 2208.

We prefer that you upload your updated Certificate of Immunization/Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization to ParentVUE. Once logged in, you will click on Change My Information → Student Information → Enrollment Documents where you will be able to upload the document. Paper and emailed copies will be accepted as well.

For additional information on immunization schedules, exemptions, and laws governing these requirements, please visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Squier in the Counseling Office at 770-578-7903 or lisa.squier@cobbk12.org. All paper and emailed documents should also be directed to Mrs. Squier.


Applerouth – SmartStart

Applerouth will be hosting **free practice SAT and ACT exams** on the following dates: **August 16–17** and **August 23–24**. In person and online options are available. Students who register will receive:

- Access to an online study session to learn key test-taking strategies

- A detailed score report to help guide their study plan

Register here: www.applerouth.com/smart-start



SMART START

Your Path to Higher SAT/ACT Scores – No Cost, No Stress

Free Practice Tests + Strategy Sessions





Test Smarter. Score Higher.

Take a full-length SAT or ACT practice test, completely free.

AUGUST
2-3

AUGUST
16-17

AUGUST
23-24

Available online and in-person at Atlanta-area locations.

Why Register?

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Real Test Experience
 Simulate test-day conditions and see how you'd score.
- ✓

Know Where You Stand
 Review a detailed score report to pinpoint growth areas.
- ✓

Plan With Purpose
 Use results to build a focused plan for real score gains.

BONUS

Register for a practice test and get a **FREE** online strategy session to help you prep with confidence for test day!

SAT

Tue, Jul 29 | Thu, Aug 13 | Tue, Aug 19
at 8pm ET, 7pm CT, 5 pm PT

ACT

Wed, Jul 30 | Wed, Aug 12 | Thu, Aug 21
at 8pm ET, 7pm CT, 5pm PT

SIGN UP NOW

applerouth.com/smart-start



Note: The ACT practice test will follow the new Enhanced ACT format.

ASVAB

Pope will be offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) to any interested 10th-12th graders on **Wednesday, September 3rd from 1:30-3:30pm in room 104** (students will miss 7th period). It will be taken digitally and will take approximately 1.5 hours to complete. Students need to sign up using the QR Code on the flyer by August 29th. More information about the ASVAB for general career exploration and military enlistment is available via the additional QR Codes. Contact your child's school counselor if you have questions.

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Sign up by August 29th

More questions?
See us in the counseling office

ASVAB Career Exploration Program Information

ASVAB for Military Enlistment Information

Scan me!

POPE NEW PARENT WELCOME!



**FOR 9, 10, 11, AND 12TH
GRADE PARENTS
BRAND NEW TO CCSD/POPE**

WHEN
Tuesday, August 12th
Time: 8:40-9:40 am



Please RSVP



WHERE
Learning Commons

PARKING

Please try not to arrive before 8:30am due to limited parking. Park **ONLY** in the visitor spots in the main lot in the first row across from the softball field or along the curb at the end of the visitor parking area behind the entrance sign. Sign in at the main office. Bring ID

**Please join us
for casual and
informative
coffee talk
with a
member of
our PTSA and
Counseling
Department**

TOPICS TO INCLUDE:

**GENERAL INFORMATION
ABOUT POPE HIGH
SCHOOL AND WAYS TO
GET INVOLVED**

**RESOURCES TO HELP YOU
AND YOUR CHILD TO
NAVIGATE HIGH SCHOOL
AND FUTURE PLANNING**

GENERAL Q & A

Shallowford Falls ASP Hiring

Shallowford Falls Elementary is hiring ASP Instructors. Students who have minimum day and might be looking for a job are encouraged to apply. The hours are 2:00 pm to either 5:00 or 6:00 pm and the pay is \$11.70 per hour. Students would have their weekends free and they would get out early enough during the week to get homework done. If interested, the link to apply is listed here:

https://ats2.atenterprise.powerschool.com/ats/job_board_form?op=view&JOB_ID=2400131534&COMPANY_ID=JA001603&redirect_qs=&redirect_qs=JOB_TITLE_ID%3DWA00000226%26COMPANY_ID%3DJA001603%26softsort%3DNAME%26refresh%3DN

Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events, sponsored by the Counseling team. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the dates:

September 4th at 7 pm (PAC) – Junior Family Information Night

September 16th at 7 pm (PAC) – Dual Enrollment Information Night

October 14th at 7 pm (PAC) – Financial Aid Information Night

Get to Know Your Counseling Office

The Counseling Office is located in room 102. We are open from 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Students are welcome to stop in before or after school but should have a pass from their teacher to come in during the day. We are happy to make appointments for our students with their Counselor and will try to schedule those during a student's lunch period. Parents interested in scheduling an appointment should e-mail their Counselor directly. ***Please note we have a new alpha breakdown.*** We look forward to working with you this year!

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