



## **TUESDAY TELEGRAPH**

### **NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE**

**August 26, 2025**

#### **Junior Family Information Night is September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Junior parents/guardians – Save the date! We hope you will join the Counseling Department **September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm** in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) where we will review information to help our 11<sup>th</sup> graders navigate junior year. Post-secondary planning and the junior timeline will be discussed.

#### **PSAT – Final Reminder for Juniors**



Pope will be administering the PSAT the morning of **Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders' PSAT fees have been covered by Pope and the State of Georgia. **Juniors, however, must pay the \$12 PSAT fee through MyPaymentsPlus by THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to participate.** *If you have any questions about the fee or require financial support, please reach out to your Counselor as soon as possible.* No late payments will be accepted for any reason. The PSAT is great practice for juniors who will be taking their first SAT this year. Even if your junior is already taking the actual SAT and

may not need any further practice, the Junior year PSAT is the test used to determine recognition and scholarships through the [National Merit Scholarship Program](#) and also through the [College Board National Recognition Program](#), so we recommend all juniors take the PSAT this October.

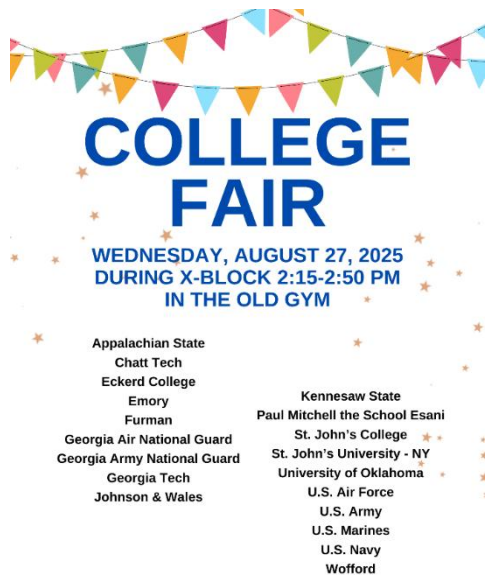
#### **Senior Parent Night Presentation**

If you missed the Senior Parent Night from last week, a copy of the presentation can be found on our Pope School Counseling website [here](#). Senior lessons (FutureFocus) will continue during AO for the next several weeks. Today we live-streamed the Peach State Tour presentation with reps from Georgia State, Augusta, UGA, and Georgia Tech. On Thursday, Herff Jones will talk to the senior class about ordering caps and gowns.

#### **CCSD ACT Digital Test Takers Must Use Personal Device (BYOD)**

ACT Gateway, the online ACT testing software, is not currently supported on CCSD school-managed laptops. Students taking the online ACT will need to take the test on a personal device and ensure that they are registered to BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for the test center they have chosen. In addition, they will need to download the ACT Gateway software to their personal device and perform the Device Readiness check by the stated deadline for their test date. Please note - Pope is **ONLY** offering the paper/pencil ACT, so this **ONLY** applies to students who may be taking the **ONLINE** ACT at another, non-Pope testing location. For instructions on installing ACT Gateway and ensuring that you are registered for the ACT using the BYOD option, visit this website <https://act.org/BYODstudent>. If you have any questions, please reach out to ACT directly or the ACT coordinator at the testing site you have chosen.

## Pope College Fair – August 27 During X-block



We have scheduled three college fairs this fall! The first one is **TOMORROW, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:10 pm** when X-block begins. **Students**, join us in the Old Gym as we welcome the following schools and armed services to our campus. The college fair is open to all of our students – you do not need to be a senior to attend. When the fair concludes, you will need to leave campus or head to the Greyhound Theater for the remainder of X-block.

## ScholarTrek Hosts Two College and Career Fairs Near You

ScholarTrek is offering 2 district-wide college and career fairs this September and they are just a couple weeks away!

These events are a fantastic opportunity for students and families to explore college and career options, connect with representatives, and plan for their futures!

### Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> College & Career Fair Schedule at Walton High School

4:30 - 5:00 pm - Event Check-In Begins

5:00 - 6:00 pm - College Case Study Workshop: Understanding Selective College Admissions\*

6:00 - 7:30 pm - College & Career Fair

6:30 - 8:00 pm - Additional College and Career Workshops

**\*Students/family members who wish to partake in the College Case Study Workshop need to arrive by 5 pm**

### Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> College & Career Fair Schedule at Kennesaw Mountain High School

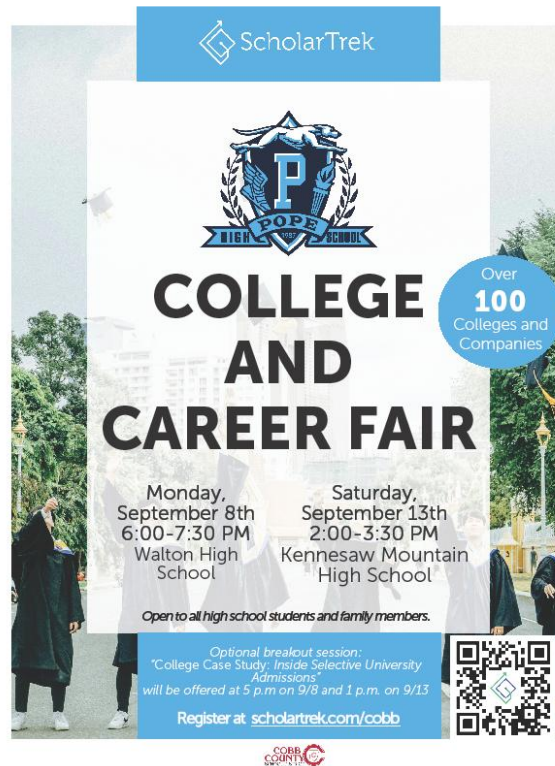
12:30 - 1:00 pm Event Check-In Begins

1:00 - 2:00 pm - College Case Study Workshop: Understanding Selective College Admissions\*\*

2:00 - 3:30 pm - College & Career Fair

2:30 - 4:00 pm - Additional College and Career Workshops

**\*\*Students and family members who wish to partake in the College Case Study Workshop need to arrive by 1 pm\*\***



## ASVAB


Pope will be offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) to any interested 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on **Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:30-3:30pm in room 104** (students will miss 7<sup>th</sup> 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 THIS FRIDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>.** 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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*The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery*

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**Sign up by  
August 29th**




Scan me!

More questions?  
See us in the  
counseling office

ASVAB Career  
Exploration  
Program  
Information



ASVAB for  
Military  
Enlistment  
Information



## Cobb Dual Enrollment Summit

CCSD is hosting its annual Dual Enrollment Summit **this Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at the Cobb Civic Center**. This is a great opportunity to connect with representatives from various colleges who offer DE programs as well as hear presentations about the program in general. High School reps will be available to discuss their programs. ***Please note – Pope hosts its own DE Information Night that is required for all potential DE students and their families. See below for details. The CCSD DE Summit is a supplemental program to the required Pope meeting.***

100% PAID COLLEGE TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, & BOOKS!  
LEARN MORE AT THE  
**DUAL ENROLLMENT SUMMIT**  
SAVE THE DATE



**WHEN**  
**AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**



### WHAT

#### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- To earn college credit
- Receive free tuition and books
- Traditional and CTAE Courses

#### INFORMATIVE GENERAL SESSIONS

- General presentation
- With a high school counselor
- With a choice of college representatives

#### COBB COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

548 SOUTH MARIETTA PKWY SE, MARIETTA, GA

6:00 PM- 6:30 PM  
CHATTAHOOCHEE  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

6:35 PM-6:55 PM  
GENERAL SESSION

7:00 PM-7:30 PM  
KENNESAW STATE  
UNIVERSITY

#### COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES ON SITE



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**SEE YOU THERE**

## **Pope Dual Enrollment Information Night – September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the PAC**

Join us on **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the PAC** for an informational meeting about Georgia's Dual Enrollment program and how we implement the program at Pope. We will cover information about eligibility, various options within the program, benefits, logistical considerations, processes, and much more. Many of our students participate to take core classes, but increasingly, students are seeking career and trade-oriented classes that can lead to official certifications, technical diplomas, and more through the Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD) program. **This meeting is required for any student who wishes to participate in DE for the 2026-27 school year.** Those unable to attend will be able to find a recorded version of the presentation on our website after the meeting. ***All families who attend should be sure to complete the attendance log at the conclusion of the meeting.*** If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor!

## **Financial Aid Night with GSFC – Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 the FAFSA, need-based aid, HOPE, Zell, and more!

## **Student Advisory Council**

State School Superintendent Richard Woods seeks students in **grades 10-12** to serve on his **2025-2026 Student Advisory Council**. These students will meet with Superintendent Woods to discuss the impact of state policies in the classroom and other education-related issues. They will serve as the Superintendent's ambassadors to their respective schools. The Student Advisory Council will meet four times in person during the school year; meeting dates are listed in the application.

"The Student Advisory Council gives students a real seat at the table," **Superintendent Woods said.** "Each year, I look forward to hearing directly from Georgia students about their experiences in the classroom. Their voices help shape the decisions we make at the state level, and their insights have a lasting impact. I encourage any student who wants to make a difference to apply."

Interested students must complete and submit the [application](#) by **September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm**. Selected students will be contacted via email.

## **High School to High Heels Mentoring Program**

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women is kicking off this year's High School to High Heels Mentoring Program and extends an invitation to young ladies in grades 8-12 to take advantage of this opportunity. Spearheaded by the Education Committee of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Mentoring Program is an excellent opportunity to meet other young ladies in the community and be mentored by dynamic women committed to providing African American female youth with tools to help them succeed as they complete their high school education and pursue educational goals at the post-secondary level. Participants will engage in activities that promote advocacy for social justice; nurture mind, body, and soul; foster economic empowerment; and establish lifelong social and professional networks. The Program strives to promote leadership skills and increase exposure to careers in STEM, while increasing the number of African American females who attend college and ultimately obtain a bachelor's degree and beyond. The Program runs from September to April and typically meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at various locations within the service areas. The Mentoring Program will kick off Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the HS2HH Mentoring Program this year, please complete the application, which is due by **September 6<sup>th</sup>**: <https://form.jotform.com/ncbwnwga/2025-2026-hs2hh-application>



## Scholarship Opportunities

Watch this space each week for important scholarship information! Various opportunities will be highlighted in the Tuesday Telegraph but additional scholarships are also posted in Naviance and can be found on the [Pope School Counseling](#) website. In Naviance go to Colleges → Scholarships & Money. There you can search for national scholarships, college-specific scholarships, as well as numerous other scholarships that are available to our seniors (and sometimes even juniors)!

### Coca-Cola Scholarship for Seniors

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation invests in exceptional students who are dedicated to leadership, service, and action that positively affects others. High school seniors are eligible to apply for one of 150 CokeScholars college scholarships worth \$20,000 each. Applications must be submitted by **September 30<sup>th</sup>** at 5 pm.

For more details and a link to the application, visit <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/>



**GRADUATING IN '26?**  
**COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION**  
 Apply by 9/30 for a **\$20,000 scholarship!**

**Do you make a positive impact in your school and community through your leadership and service?**

The 2026 application is open **August 1 to September 30, 2025**, for high school seniors for a **\$20,000 scholarship** from the **Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation!**

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY**  
*full details available in the online application*

**Applicants must be:**

- Graduating high school in the 2025-2026 academic year
- Enrolled at a school in the 50 U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Washington, D.C., or select DoD schools
- Eligible for federal financial aid
- Going to college in the U.S.

**Applicants may not be:**

- Children or grandchildren of current or former employees of the Coca-Cola system
- Graduating high school outside of the 50 U.S. states, Puerto Rico, Washington, D.C., or select DoD schools
- High school graduates
- Temporary U.S. Residents

**COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION**  
 Questions? Email us at [scholars@coca-cola.com](mailto:scholars@coca-cola.com)  
 LEARN MORE AT [www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org](http://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org)

## Adjusted Bell Schedule TOMORROW for Advisement and FRIDAY for Pep Rally

Advisement with X-Block		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 9:05	45
<b>Advisement</b>	<b>9:10 - 9:35</b>	<b>25</b>
2nd Period	9:40 - 10:20	40
3rd Period	10:25 - 11:05	40
4th Period	11:10 - 11:50	40
5th Period	11:55 - 12:35	40
6th Period	12:40 - 1:20	40
7th Period	1:25 - 2:10	45
<b>X Block</b>	A 2:15 - 2:50 B 2:55 - 3:30	

Friday Pep Rally Schedule		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 9:10	50
2nd Period	9:15 - 10:55	100
Pep Rally	9:20 - 10:00	40
3rd Period	11:00 - 11:50	50
4th Period	11:55 - 12:45	50
5th Period	12:50 - 1:40	50
6th Period	1:45 - 2:35	50
7th Period	2:40 - 3:30	50

### Meet Pope's Social Worker

Hello, my name is Pam Kretzmer and I am the School Social Worker for Pope High School. My main function at PHS includes helping all students access their education fully. At times, I connect families with outside resources to help them overcome financial obstacles. Other times, I work with students (and their parents) who experience difficulties with attendance and help them to resolve this problem. I serve three feeder schools, but my office is located at Pope. Please feel free to call me on my direct line (770) 578-7918 or email me at [pam.kretzmer@cobbk12.org](mailto:pam.kretzmer@cobbk12.org). I look forward to working with you and your students.

### Pope's 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 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.



Back Row: Jamie Hamrick (R-Z), Leslie Shearstone (E-K), Lisa Squier (Records), Pam Kretzmer (Social Worker)

Front Row: Bradleigh Perkinson (504's), Anna Leathers (A-D), Cheryl Gully (L-Q), Karen Anderson (Clerk)

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