



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

September 2, 2025

Junior Family Information Night is THIS THURSDAY, September 4th

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

Adjusted Bell Schedule TOMORROW for Advisement

Advisement with X-Block		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 9:05	45
Advisement	9:10 - 9:35	25
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
X Block	A 2:15 - 2:50 B 2:55 - 3:30	

Seniors – Important Reminders

A few important reminders for our seniors! As you are adding colleges that you are applying to in Naviance, don't forget to complete your FERPA waiver in BOTH Naviance (found under About Me→Surveys from your school→25/26 FERPA/Transcript/Recommendation Authorization) AND Common App, if applicable. After adding the Colleges you are applying to, you may request your initial transcript be sent as well.

If you need to request a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, you must first complete your Student Brag Sheet and Resume, and your Parent should complete their Parent Brag Sheet as well. After those items are done, please come into the Counseling Office to request your Counselor Recommendation.

We have 2 ½ weeks of FutureFocus left with LOTS more great information to share! And don't forget to **order your Cap & Gown**. See the flyer below for details.



**INITIAL DEADLINE TO ORDER CAP & GOWN AND
REQUIRED ITEMS TO WALK:
DECEMBER 1st, 2025**



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.

Sophomore Classroom Counseling Lessons and Family Events



Counselors will be going into 10th grade English classes **Friday and Monday (September 5th and 8th)** to have sophomores complete their two state required tasks and discuss the following topics:

- Complete Strengths Explorer Career Assessment in Naviance (state required task)
- Learn about Dual Enrollment and complete the Dual Enrollment Survey in Naviance (state required task)

- What are my options after high school?
- HOPE Scholarship and HOPE Grant
- GAFutures.org career and college planning website

Then in February, we will return to sophomore classes to discuss:

- Graduation Requirements and promotion rules
- Updating their Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP)
- Course registration information for the 2026-27 school year

SAVE THE DATES – 10th Grade Family Events:

All sophomores will be participating in the **PSAT/NMSQT the morning of Thursday, October 16th**. The fee for this test is paid for all 10th graders by the State of Georgia. We will have a **PSAT Results and College Testing Information meeting, followed by a Sophomore Family Meeting Monday, November 10th starting at 6:30 pm in the PAC.**

Leading into course registration for next year, we will host a **Family Course Registration Information Night on Wednesday February 11th at 6:30pm in the PAC.** This meeting is for 9th, 10th and 11th grade families looking for additional guidance and insight into the course registration and planning process. We will share information that will help you and your child plan a challenging but balanced approach to course selections. School Counselors will be available in the PAC lobby after the presentation to answer additional questions you/your child may have about their course selection.

Most family's questions are answered by attending the meetings above, but should you/your child have additional questions about course selection/planning for the upcoming year and beyond, you can sign up to attend one of our **9th and 10th Grade Advisement Evenings on February 23rd or 25th**. This event takes place in the Learning Commons and is **by appointment only. Sign up information will be sent out closer to the event.** This event is structured as a "round-robin" format where approximately 15 families during a 30-minute time slot will have an opportunity to speak with teacher representatives from core and elective departments. You speak with whomever you wish depending on what your questions may be (i.e. differences between on-level, honors, AP, elective course choices, how to help your student have balance, etc.). Several counselors will also be in attendance to answer your "big picture" questions based on your student's college/career goals. **These conversations will need to be limited so that everyone attending each time slot has a chance to get their questions answered.**

Congressional Skilled Trades Fair

Are you a high school student wondering what's next after graduation or a parent who wants to explore the skilled trades with your high schooler? Come meet top employers, trade schools, and training programs from across Georgia:


- Learn about high-paying, hands-on careers
- Connect with professionals in welding, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, automotive, healthcare, and more
- Discover paths to success—**no 4-year degree required**

Tuesday, September 9th from 10am to 12 pm at the Georgia Highlands College Cartersville Campus

See the flyer below for information and to register:


U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
BARRY LOUDERMILK


EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE IN THE SKILLED TRADES!


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Register now for the 11th Congressional District
SKILLED TRADES FAIR

 **Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

 **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

 **Georgia Highlands College – Cartersville Campus**
5441 GA Hwy. 20, Cartersville, GA 30121

 **THIS EVENT IS FREE — BUT
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!**

Scan to register 



 Questions? Call the Woodstock District Office at **770-429-1776**

Get inspired. Get connected. Get your future in gear!

ScholarTrek Hosts Two College and Career Fairs Near You

ScholarTrek is offering 2 district-wide college and career fairs this September!

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 8th 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 13th 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****



**COLLEGE
AND
CAREER FAIR**



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Open to all high school students and family members.

Optional breakout session:
"College Case Study: Inside Selective University
Admissions"
will be offered at 5 p.m on 9/8 and 1 p.m. on 9/13

Register at scholartrek.com/cobb



Pope Dual Enrollment Information Night – September 16th at 7 pm in the PAC

Join us on **Tuesday, September 16th 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!

Pope Dual Enrollment Webinar with Kennesaw State and Chattahoochee Tech

Join Pope on **Monday, September 29th at 6:30 pm** for a joint Dual Enrollment WEBINAR with representatives from Kennesaw State University and Chattahoochee Technical College, our two most popular dual enrollment options. Each college will discuss the benefits of DE, types of classes students can take, admission processes, and timelines. If you or your student is considering dual enrollment for an upcoming school year, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about each of these colleges and their options. Register here - <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/07147c8f-c92c-48a8-b82b-673e130c7b62@2fce1dfb-919f-4938-aab8-c47f0fc9182d>

Please note that this webinar is supplemental to the Pope Dual Enrollment Information Meeting that is required for all interested students/families which will take place on September 16th (see above).

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 the FAFSA, need-based aid, HOPE, Zell, and more!

KSU – Owl for a Day!



Kennesaw State University invites high school seniors to sign up for **Owl for a Day this fall!** This event gives seniors a true “day in the life” experience at KSU. Students will attend mock classes, tour the campus, eat in the dining hall, and connect with faculty and current Owls.

Fall 2025 Owl for a Day events:

September 19th – Marietta Campus 9 am – 3 pm [Register here](#)

September 26th – Kennesaw Campus 9 am – 3 pm [Register here](#)

There is a \$45 registration fee, which includes lunch and materials for the student PLUS up to two guests. Students should sign up for the event on the campus that hosts their [major of interest](#). Spots are limited, and academic tracks fill on a first-come, first-served basis.

Admissions note: *Students who have not applied yet should know the fall 2026 priority deadline is November 3rd. Early applicants get priority access for orientation, housing, and more! Attendees will have access to submit their applications for FREE on the day of the event!*

Applerouth's PSAT Pathways – Free PSAT Prep

Applerouth is kicking off the school year with their PSAT Pathways program - free online prep for the PSAT! Sessions will be offered from **September 20th – October 8th**. Applerouth's free [PSAT Pathways program](#) offers:

- **A 90-Minute Workshop:** Expert guidance on Math, Reading, and Writing with test-taking strategies
- **A Pressure-Free Practice Test:** Practice exam to familiarize students with the test format
- **A Detailed Score Report:** Personalized roadmap, boosting students' confidence as they prepare for the PSAT and beyond

Secure your spot at <https://www.applerouth.com/psat-pathways>.



The banner features a smiling young woman with long brown hair wearing a pink hoodie. The background is a light blue gradient. The Applerouth logo, which includes a red apple icon, is in the top right corner. The text 'PSAT PATHWAYS' is in a white box. The main title 'PSAT Prep Resources to Help Students Start Strong' is in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, the text 'Free online strategy sessions + full-length practice tests' is in a smaller, dark blue font. A date bar at the bottom of the banner reads 'Sept 20 | Sept 29 | Oct 8'. The lower section of the banner has a light blue background with a dashed line graphic. It includes a section for 'PSAT Pathways Events' with two sub-sections: 'Online Strategy Sessions' and 'Online Practice Tests'. Each sub-section has a table of dates and times. To the right of these tables is a 'Why Register?' section with four bullet points, each preceded by a checkmark icon. Below this is a 'Reserve My Spot' button. At the bottom of the banner, the text 'Register online: applerouth.com/psat-pathways' is displayed, followed by the website URL, email address, and phone number.

PSAT PATHWAYS

PSAT Prep Resources to Help Students Start Strong

Free online strategy sessions + full-length practice tests

Sept 20 | Sept 29 | Oct 8

PSAT Today. SAT/ACT Success Tomorrow!

The PSAT is more than a warm-up—it's a launch point for SAT/ACT success, a key factor in college admissions and merit scholarships.

PSAT Pathways Events

Online Strategy Sessions

Event	Time
SAT, SEP 20	10am ET
MON, SEP 29	6pm ET
WED, OCT 8	7pm ET

Online Practice Tests

Event	Time
SAT, SEP 27	9am ET 12pm ET 3pm ET
SAT, OCT 4	9am ET 12pm ET 3pm ET
SUN, OCT 12	9am ET 12pm ET 3pm ET

Why Register?

- ✓ Boost confidence
- ✓ Get real test experience
- ✓ Receive clear insights
- ✓ Build a smart plan

Reserve My Spot

Register online: [applerouth.com/psat-pathways](https://www.applerouth.com/psat-pathways)

www.applerouth.com | info@applerouth.com | 866-789-7737

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 2nd Saturday of each month at various locations within the service areas. The Mentoring Program will kick off Saturday, September

13th. If you are interested in joining the HS2HH Mentoring Program this year, please complete the application, which is due by **September 6th**: <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 30th** 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

LEARN MORE AT www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org

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. 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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