

TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE September 9, 2025

Junior Advisement Has Started!

During Junior year, families and students are invited to meet with their counselor for an individual 30-minute advisement session regarding remaining graduation requirements and post-secondary plans. You are now able to sign up for a Junior Advisement Appointment with your student's counselor. The bulk of the appointment slots run from Friday, October 24 through mid-December. However, there are also some available appointment slots/days in September and early October. Please click on the link next to your assigned alpha counselor to take you directly to a Bookings page and follow the instructions. We encourage you to book a time that coincides with your student's lunch or maybe an elective period if possible. Students will be responsible for making up any work that is missed. We look forward to meeting with you. If you missed the Junior Parent Meeting last week, you can find the presentation at www.popeschoolcounseling.com/11th-grade/. As a reminder, please bring a copy of your student's Social Security card to this meeting. This will be helpful in allowing you and your student to gain access to their personal HOPE Scholarship information. Additionally, please be sure to park in a VISITOR parking spot or there is a risk that you will get a ticket if you park in a student/teacher parking spot.

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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 1 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.



CLASS OF 2026



ATLGRAD.COM will be live for ordering on September 1st!

INITIAL DEADLINE TO ORDER CAP & GOWN AND REQUIRED ITEMS TO WALK:

DECEMBER 1st, 2025



Questions? office@atlgrad.com

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The Common Black College Application (CBCA)

The Common Black College Application allows students to apply to over 50 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by completing just ONE application for \$20, thus reducing the financial burden of multiple application fees. Hundreds of thousands of students worldwide have used CBCA to save time, reduce costs, and increase their chances of admission. See the flyer below for further details.



ABOUT US

The Common Black College Application (CBCA) is an international platform created to streamline the admissions process for students applying to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). To date, more than half a million students have completed the CBCA, gaining access to valuable opportunities in higher education. By centralizing the process, the CBCA empowers students to maximize their chances of receiving multiple college acceptances, scholarship awards, and financial aid packages from a wide range of HBCUs—opening doors to greater access, affordability, and success.

LETS GET STARTED

- 1. Scan the QR Code above to or go to https://commonblackcollegeapp.com to be taken the CBCA website. (The current list of CBCA Member Institutions are on the site.)
- 2. Click on "Start Application" to begin your Common Black College Application.
- 3. Once you complete the CBCA, your application will be made available to all Member Institutions. (Although you are asked to select your top four choices when completing the application, you can always return to your Student Dashboard to add more Institutions of interest.)
- 4. Your School Counselor will receive an email prompting them to create an account and upload your transcript.
- 5. Review the instructions and videos available on our website. They will guide you through each step of the application process.
- 6. Please follow us on Instagram or TikTok to get the most recent CBCA updates.

www.commonblackcollegeapp.com

Sophomore Classroom Counseling Lessons and Family Events



Counselors went into 10th grade English classes last Friday and yesterday (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

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 **9**th **and 10**th **Grade Advisement Evenings on February 23**rd **or 25**th. 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.**

ScholarTrek Hosts College and Career Fair Near You

ScholarTrek is offering a district-wide college and career fair **THIS SATURDAY**. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students and families to explore college <u>and career</u> options, connect with representatives, and plan for their futures!

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

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

Families can register ahead of time using the QR code on the flyer or by visiting https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb (it makes arrival smooth and quick!).

A few highlights of Saturday's fair:

- ## The Be Pro Be Proud truck will be onsite for hands-on career exploration
- Spanish translation services available for families
- College Case Study: Understanding Selective College Admissions a competitive admissions case study for families to learn more about the process
- \$ Financial Aid Presentation practical guidance for students and families on paying for college





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

Join us on **Tuesday, September 16**th **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 29**th **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 -

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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).

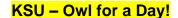
Understanding Self-Injury: What Every Parent & Educator Needs to Know

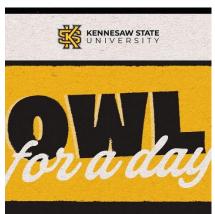


Next **Wednesday, September 17th at 8 pm**, Morgan Dunn is hosting a free online seminar on how to support students who self-harm. The session is designed for school counselors, parents, and educators who want to better understand why teens self-harm, and how to respond with empathy, clarity, and hope. This seminar offers practical tools and compassionate language that can be used right away. See the flyer for more details and to register.

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!





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 <u>major of interest</u>. 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 20**th - **October 8**th. 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.

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)!

Mountain View Elementary School ASP is Hiring

Mountain View Elementary is actively looking for Student Apprentices to join their team. Students who have minimum day and might be looking for a job are encouraged to apply. The hours are 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. If interested, the link to apply is listed here:

https://ats2.atenterprise.powerschool.com/ats/job_board_form?op=view&JOB_ID=2400131677&COMPANY_ID=JA001603&redirect_gs=&redirect_gs=JOB_TITLE_ID%3DWA00000226%26COMPANY_ID%3DJA001603

Tutoring Information

Tutoring opportunities can be found on the <u>Pope School Counseling</u> website. Pope offers peer tutoring as well as various teacher-led tutoring before and after school. 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.

Pope's Counseling Office

