



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE
October 7, 2025

Little Known Secrets of Paying for College – TONIGHT at 7 pm



"The presentation was excellent; I was impressed as a counselor and a parent."-Patrick C.



Very informative talk! Thanks! I just realized that there are many resources I am not aware of! - Milly K.



"By my calculations, over the course of four years the evening we spent will save this family \$126,180."- John S.

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Parent Workshop
with
THE COLLEGE FUNDING COACH®

**Little-Known Secrets of
Paying for College**

Cobb County School District
Hosted by Kell High School
October 7th @ 7 PM

"On average, tuition tends to increase about 8% per year. An 8% college inflation rate means that the cost of college doubles about every nine years." (FinAid.org) Planning for these expenses has become essential. Some families have children attending college next year and others have years to plan, but the fears of tackling these monumental and rising costs are the same. The College Funding Coach® is here to help families figure out HOW to pay for it and still retire one day.



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TheCollegeFundingCoach.org

Advisement Bell Schedule – TOMORROW, Wednesday, October 8

Please make a note of tomorrow's bell schedule! We will have Advisement from 9:10 to 9:35 am so that students taking the PSAT next week can download Blue Book and complete the PSAT Readiness Instructions. Notices will also be distributed to those students who earned an Academic Letter for the 2024-2025 school year. Seniors who have not completed the Graduation Information Form should also do so during Advisement tomorrow (see below for instructions).

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	

Senior Reminder – Graduation Information Form & FutureFocus Feedback

If you have not yet completed your **Senior Graduation Information Form** (verifying the spelling of your name, intention to participate in graduation, etc.) please access the student portal at studentportal.cobbk12.org, log into your student account, and complete the "Graduation Form" asap! Seniors are also asked to provide their feedback from the FutureFocus series. Scan the QR code to complete the FutureFocus Senior Survey with your insights to the program.



Junior Advisement – Sign Up Today!

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 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 earlier this year, 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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The PSAT is Thursday, October 16th

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered next Thursday, October 16th in the morning. Please see the College Board's Family Guide to the PSAT: [Your Guide to PSAT/NMSQT – BigFuture | College Board](#)

Below is the bell schedule for the day (Note that class periods are out of sequence!):

PSAT Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
8:20 - 12:00	PSAT Testing*
12:05-12:30	3rd Period
12:35-1:00	4th Period
1:05-1:30	5th Period
1:35-2:00	6th Period
2:05-2:30	7th Period
2:35-3:00	1st Period
3:05-3:30	2nd Period

**PSAT Testing is for all 9th and 10th graders and 11th graders who paid*

Grab and go lunches will be prepared for distribution. Any extended time students will have a lunch placed aside for them when they finish testing.

Testing Locations will be on student test tickets, including students testing with accommodations.

Non-Tester Activities: 9th -11th graders not taking the PSAT will be supervised in the Greyhound Theater for Study Hall. **Seniors** will be in the old gym for Senior activities.

SAVE THE DATE:

We will have a **PSAT/NMSQT Information Meeting** for any parents/students interested in learning more about their PSAT Score Report and how to get the most out of their results on **Monday, November 10th starting at 6:30 pm in the PAC**, followed by additional information for our **Sophomore Families** such as:

- Promotion, graduation requirements, GPA (differences)
- HOPE Scholarship and GAFutures.org
- Post-secondary options overview
- Academic rigor and striving for balance
- Dual Enrollment
- Naviance – CCSD's career and college planning tool

De la escuela secundaria al futuro: Lo que los padres deben saber (*From High School to the Future: What Parents Need to Know; a Webinar in SPANISH*)

El College Board ofrece un seminario web gratuito para familias:

- Martes, 21 de octubre
- 8:00 pm (hora del Este)
 - En español

Las familias recibirán información actualizada sobre el año escolar y datos importantes directamente del College Board.



Registro obligatorio - Haz clic aquí para registrarte:

<https://click.e.collegeboard.org/?qs=7e246cccf2fecaf67545d12dc53de7793aae3ff0b032b937322d6b8d4f590df182d65a6547279d1a5d4e186f3703b54d46d868559f17494358e5773d09fd7822>

University of Alabama – Free Application Week



The University of Alabama's Free Application Week will run **October 6-10**. During this time, students will be able to complete their application via the UA Undergraduate app. *Applications submitted via the Common App will continue to require a \$40 application fee during this week.*

Pope College Fair



COLLEGE FAIR

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025
DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50 PM
IN THE OLD GYM**

**Columbus State
Georgia College & State University
Georgia Gwinnett
Georgia Southern
Kennesaw State
Life University
Oglethorpe
Paul Mitchell the School Esani
Purdue
Reinhardt
Samford**

**University of TN - Knoxville
Univ of Alabama - Birmingham
University of FL
University of West Georgia
Valdosta
Georgia Army Natl Guard
Georgia Air Natl Guard
U.S. Air Force
U.S. Army**

Turner Chapel College Fair

Turner Chapel AME Church is hosting a College Fair on Saturday, November 1st 11:00 am – 3 pm at their church in Marietta. This year's theme is *"A Different World: Your Future Starts Here"*, designed to inspire students to explore educational opportunities and envision their future success. Representatives from various colleges and universities will be present to provide valuable information on admissions, scholarships, and campus life.

See the flyer for details and register here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/2iJ2rrL5NC>



FREE

TURNER CHAPEL
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COLLEGE FAIR

Saturday, Nov 1, 2025
11am - 3pm

IT'S A DIFFERENT WORLD
YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

REGISTER

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GENERATION ACTIVATED WITH A PURPOSE
The Youth Ministry of Turner Chapel AME *1 Peter 2:9

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
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TURNER CHAPEL AME
492 North Marietta Pkwy NE, Marietta, GA 30060
Pastor Tar-U-Way R.A. Bright Sr., Servant Leader Min. Wayne Reynolds, Youth Pastor

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!

Alternative Career Paths: Blending Trade School, Community College, & Work Experience



TeenLife explores the diverse paths high school graduates can take. While a 4-year university degree is common, it's not for everyone. Many rewarding careers don't require college and offer great pay and satisfaction. Find out how embracing alternative routes can lead to success [here](#). Also check out TeenLife's [Guide to Pathways](#) after high school for more ideas, and also [Guide to Performing & Visual Arts](#).

Medical College of Georgia – Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference

This annual, in person conference hopes to inspire our next generation of healthcare leaders and give those with potential, a pathway to their future. High school students will get first-hand information from health care providers in allied health, dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, public health, and research, and hear directly from MCG's admissions. They will be able to attend hands on workshops and meet students, faculty and exhibitors with resources and information. This is an invaluable event that is sure to give high school students a unique networking opportunity! Chaperones will be provided on-site, and parents and high school counselors are welcome. All will need to be registered for the event, which is taking place **Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 7:00 am-4:30 pm (in person)**. **Registration must be completed prior to the event as no on-site registration will be available.**



AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
**MEDICAL COLLEGE
OF GEORGIA**

Office of Student, Alumni,
and Community Engagement

MCG Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference

An annual in person conference to inspire our next generation of healthcare
leaders and give those with potential a pathway to their future.



Saturday, February 21, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons

Medical College of Georgia

at Augusta University

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Conference speakers
- Exhibits
- Interactive clinical workshops
- Health professions career fair
- Panel discussions
- Medical student roundtable dialogues

<https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/academic-affairs/student-alumni-community-engagement/igniting-the-dream.php>

CONTACT US

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Scan the code for registration



HOBY Leadership Program for Sophomores



The Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Program is a 3-day seminar that will take place at Georgia Southern **June 5-7, 2026**. This is a wonderful opportunity for rising juniors to develop leadership and communication skills and learn how to apply these skills to become effective and ethical leaders in their home, school, and community. Students will live on the college campus, learn about their leadership style, and connect with leaders around the state. Pope can send up to 5 students, and the cost is \$395/person. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please visit www.HOBY.org. Stop by the Counseling Office to see Mrs. Anderson and express your interest in the program.

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)!



The Cobb Schools Foundation Scholarship will be accepting [applications](#) October 1, 2025-January 31, 2026. Two graduating seniors from each of the 17 Cobb County high schools will be awarded a **\$2,000 scholarship** to support their higher education. The scholarships recognize academic excellence, leadership, and community involvement.

Dual Enrollment Information

If you missed Pope's Dual Enrollment information meeting on September 16th, you can find the presentation on the Pope School Counseling website on the [Dual Enrollment page](#). If you/your student are interested in taking dual enrollment courses in the 2026-2027 school year, review of this presentation is required. Please also be sure to complete the log (parents) and quiz (students) at the end of the presentation. If you have any questions, please contact your Counselor.

Tutoring Information

Tutoring opportunities can be found on the [Pope School Counseling](#) 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. Don't forget about other available opportunities during the school day to seek help from your teachers – both during AO, and x-block!

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