



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

December 16, 2025

Seniors Needing a Mid-Year Transcript

Seniors should request their mid-year transcript **AFTER** the winter break; these will include fall of senior year grades. The process for requesting mid-year transcripts is the SAME as requesting initial transcripts in Naviance. Students will go into Naviance->Colleges->Colleges I'm applying To and click the boxes next to the colleges they want to request Mid-Year Transcripts for. Then, click the link for Request Transcripts. There will be an option to request Mid-Year transcripts on the next page (we have not yet turned that on if you don't see it now). We will send these around mid-January as there are several administrative processes that need to happen before they are uploaded into Naviance for submission.

If you need reminders of any application procedures, please reference the Senior Lesson on our website www.popeschoolcounseling.com under Academics->12th Grade.

Alabama – College of Engineering Open House



The University of Alabama College of Engineering is hosting E-Day on **Friday, March 6th, from 8 am to 1 pm**. This open house event provides middle and high school students the chance to learn more about majors and career opportunities available in engineering and computer science. Students will also receive information about admissions, housing, financial aid and other college readiness topics. Students can register here: eng.ua.edu/e-day. For questions or more information, please contact the Engineering Welcome Center at welcome@eng.ua.edu or 205-348-1596.

GSFC Financial Aid Presentation Available

We had a great turnout for our Financial Aid presentation in October. Anna O'Brien was our speaker from the Georgia Student Finance Commission (the administrators of the HOPE programs as well as www.gafutures.org) and was gracious to share her [presentation](#) with us. Anna is available for free, 30-minute consultations about your own financial aid and FAFSA questions. If you would like to speak with Anna, you can find her contact information and Bookings link for appointments [here](#). This is a great opportunity from a trusted and reputable organization – please keep this information handy and take advantage of this invaluable resource.

Spring Registration for CVA is Open!

Attention all students who are enrolled in a Cobb Virtual Academy (CVA) course for the 2025-2026 school year! **Registration for spring 2026 is now available! Sign up ASAP (before the end of the semester!) to ensure you keep your spot!** Please reach out to anna.leathers@cobbk12.org if you have any questions.

Course Registration Preview Meeting - Wednesday, February 11th 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE! Join us on February 11th at 6:30 pm (in the PAC) for our Course Registration Preview Meeting for 9th, 10th, and 11th Grade Families. The purpose of this meeting is to go over:

- Important 2026-2027 course registration information, dates, and deadlines
- Opportunities for academic advisement with Pope staff
- Pope course registration resources on webpage
- Course planning "nuts and bolts"
 - Graduation requirements and promotion rules
 - Individualized Graduation Plan
 - Course selection considerations and opportunities

School Counselors will be available after this meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Updates from Applerouth

As we wrap up the fall semester, we wanted to share a couple of helpful resources from Applerouth.

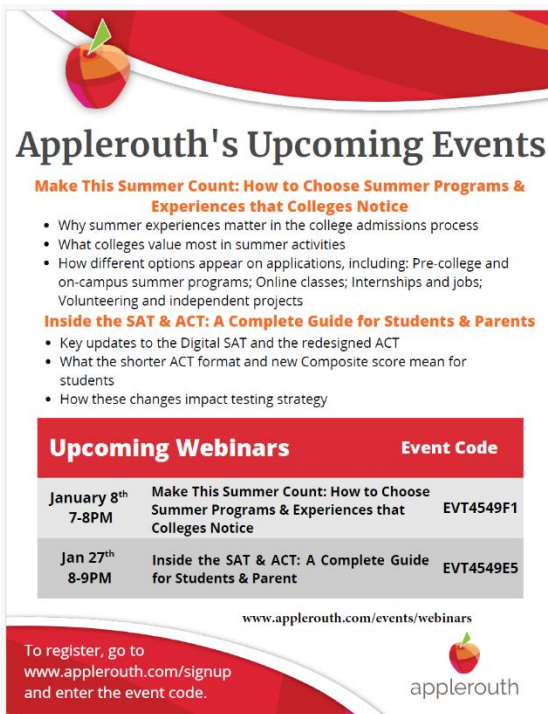
January 8 at 7 pm:

Make this Summer Count - How to Choose Summer Programs and Experiences that Colleges Notice.

January 27 at 8 pm:

Inside the SAT & ACT: A Complete Guide for Students and Parents with Jed Applerouth: With the SAT now fully digital and the ACT introducing a shorter format with more time per question—and a revised Composite score that no longer includes Science—many students are rethinking their testing strategy. Jed Applerouth, Applerouth's founder and a nationally recognized test-prep expert, will walk through these updates and help families navigate today's evolving testing landscape.

Registration for both webinars will open in January.



Applerouth's Upcoming Events

Make This Summer Count: How to Choose Summer Programs & Experiences that Colleges Notice

- Why summer experiences matter in the college admissions process
- What colleges value most in summer activities
- How different options appear on applications, including: Pre-college and on-campus summer programs; Online classes; Internships and jobs; Volunteering and independent projects


Inside the SAT & ACT: A Complete Guide for Students & Parents

- Key updates to the Digital SAT and the redesigned ACT
- What the shorter ACT format and new Composite score mean for students
- How these changes impact testing strategy

Upcoming Webinars		Event Code
January 8 th 7-8PM	Make This Summer Count: How to Choose Summer Programs & Experiences that Colleges Notice	EVT4549F1
Jan 27 th 8-9PM	Inside the SAT & ACT: A Complete Guide for Students & Parent	EVT4549E5

www.applerouth.com/events/webinars

To register, go to www.applerouth.com/signup and enter the event code.



Final Exam Schedule

- Tuesday, December 16
 - Abbreviated classes for 1st-6th Periods (No A/O)
 - **7th Period Final: 1:55 - 3:30**
- Wednesday, December 17
 - **5th Period Final: 8:20 - 9:50**
 - **6th Period Final: 9:55 - 11:30**
 - X Block Dismissal @ 11:30
 - Buses run at normal time of 3:30
- Thursday, December 18
 - **3rd Period Final: 8:20 - 9:50**
 - **4th Period Final: 9:55 - 11:30**

- Early Release at 11:30 (Buses run at 11:30)
- Friday, December 19
 - 1st Period Final: 8:20 - 9:50
 - 2nd Period Final: 9:55 - 11:30
 - Early Release at 11:30 (Buses run at 11:30)

To protect the testing environment and be respectful to all students, there should be NO CHECK OUTS during final exams. Final Exams cannot be taken early.

Bell Schedule When we Return from Winter Break

We will have Advisement at the start of the day on Tuesday and Wednesday after the winter break. Students will receive a copy of their transcript which will include first semester grades.

Bell Schedule January 6-9, 2026				
	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Advisement	8:20 - 8:40	8:20 - 8:40	--	--
1st Period	8:45 - 9:35	8:45 - 9:30	8:20 - 9:25	8:20 - 9:25
AO	--	--	--	--
2nd Period	9:40 - 10:30	9:35 - 10:20	9:30 - 10:25	9:30 - 10:25
3rd Period	10:35 - 11:30	10:25 - 11:05	10:30 - 11:25	10:30 - 11:25
4th Period	11:35 - 12:30	11:10 - 11:50	11:30 - 12:25	11:30 - 12:25
5th Period	12:35 - 1:30	11:55 - 12:35	12:30 - 1:25	12:30 - 1:25
6th Period	1:35 - 2:30	12:40 - 1:20	1:30 - 2:25	1:30 - 2:25
7th Period	2:35 - 3:30	1:25 - 2:10	2:30 - 3:30	2:30 - 3:30
X Block		A 2:15 - 2:50 B 2:55 - 3:30		

Parents Requesting Teacher Forms

If you are needing any teacher to complete certain forms for an outside therapist, psychologist, etc, you must contact our registrar, Lisa Squier at Lisa.Squier@cobbk12.org or 770-578-7903 x069. Ms. Squier will send you the appropriate JR-3 form for you to sign AND have notarized; this is county policy in order for the school and its employees to release information about your student. Once the JR-3 form is returned to Ms. Squier, she will notify all teachers that may be receiving a form/questionnaire to complete

Are You Leaving Pope High School After this Semester?

If your student will be transferring out of Pope after the fall semester ends on December 19th, they must be withdrawn from Pope High School. Please contact Lisa.Squier@cobbk12.org to arrange to have a Withdrawal Form sent to you to sign and return to our office. If your student is transferring to another Cobb County School, they will take their laptop with them. If your student is leaving the Cobb County School District, they must return their laptop to Mrs. Squier in the Counseling Office after they have completed their last exam.

When you enroll at the new school, you will be required to provide the signed Withdrawal Form. Ask your new enrolling school to request records from Lisa Squier to have your Official Transcript sent to the school. Transcripts will be sent after first semester grades have been posted in January.

Cobb Work Source Career Fair

CobbWorks provides access to a system of employment and education services for the community. See the flyer below for information on their upcoming Career Fair on January 3rd.

CAREER FAIR
CALLING ALL JOB SEEKERS

This career fair is an excellent chance to explore multiple job opportunities in one place!

JOIN US!

 **Saturday**
January 3, 2026

 **Time:**
10:00am - 3:00pm

 **Riverside EpiCenter**
135 Riverside Pkwy, SE
Austell, GA 30168

Register Today!!



Powered by:
Mayor Michael Owens
City of Mableton

The flyer features a blue and yellow color scheme. It includes two circular inset images: one showing a man in a suit shaking hands, and another showing three people sitting and reviewing documents. The background is a light blue with a faint geometric pattern.

University of North Georgia – Summer Language Institute



The University of North Georgia's Summer Language Institute (SLI) offers an intensive, beginner-friendly introduction to Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Russian. This academically rigorous and meaningful summer program is designed specifically for motivated high school students who are ready for a challenge! Students attending the SLI will find:

- Small class sizes and strong support from dedicated instructors and trained tutors which will help them build confidence quickly

- Daily immersion and interactive learning through structured conversation practice, cultural activities, and hands-on learning
- 8 College Credits in 7 weeks! All credits are awarded by UNG and are transferable
- Meaningful cultural experiences, from cuisine to music to traditions
- Strong addition to college and career pathways. SLI strengthens college applications and equips students with skills valued in international affairs, business, security studies, global health, and more

No prior language experience is required! SLI is designed for true beginners and takes them from zero knowledge to real proficiency in a short time! **SLI will run from June 6th to July 24th. The early [application](#) deadline is March 13th.** If you have questions, please email: sl@ung

Medical College of Georgia – Igniting the Dream of Medicine Conference



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
mcg_ignitingthedream@augusta.edu

Scan the code for registration



This annual, in person conference hopes to inspire our next generation of healthcare leaders and give those with interest, 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.**

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](#) until **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.

University of North Georgia – Army ROTC Scholarship

The [Army ROTC Scholarship](#) application is open! Seniors are encouraged to start the process immediately so that there is maximum time to help make their applications as competitive as possible. There will be two more national boards – January 26 and March 26 – for students to start college in the Fall of 2026.

At the University of North Georgia, one of only six Senior Military Colleges in the nation, the Army is looking for high school seniors who want to serve our nation as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army. The [Army ROTC Scholarship](#) pays for room and board (up to \$12,000 per year) or 100% of tuition and fees + \$420/month stipend + \$1,200/yr book allowance. Click [here](#) for eligibility criteria, benefits, and how to apply.

Last year, more than 60 high school seniors were awarded three and four-year Army ROTC scholarships to enroll in the [Corps of Cadets](#) at UNG.

If you have scholarship questions, please contact Greg Killeen at greg.killeen@ung.edu or 706-864-1884. For all other questions, please contact Cadet Recruiting at cadetrecruiting@ung.edu or 706-867-2918.

PEARL Foundation Skills Development Scholarship and Workshop

The PEARL (People Educating and Reshaping Lives) Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve Georgians' quality of life by providing education initiatives that promote self-reliance, self-empowerment, and self-determination. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, founded in 1908 as the first African American Greek-letter sorority, promotes high scholastic and ethical standards focusing on academic excellence and community service. The PEARL Foundation will offer several academic scholarships to advance the education of African American females who are graduating seniors. Applicants must have demonstrated leadership in the school and community. [Applications](#) are due **February 11th**.

The PEARL Foundation is also offering a **Skills Development Workshop on Saturday, January 24th** (11 am – 2:30 pm) for African American females who are graduating in 2026. Scholarship applicants are strongly encouraged to attend. See the flyer below or their [website](#) for more information.

THE PEARL FOUNDATION, INC.
IN COLLABORATION WITH
ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INCORPORATED*
RHO ZETA OMEGA CHAPTER
PRESENTS

2026 Skills Development Workshop

REQUIREMENTS:

- African American Female High School Senior in Cobb County/Marietta
- Business Attire

DATE:
SATURDAY
JANUARY 24,
2026

RSVP by 1/21/2026:
pzoscholarship@gmail.com

Location will be provided when you RSVP

Pochino Italy Scholarship for Seniors Pursuing Culinary Arts

Check out this scholarship offered by a local restaurant! Seniors who are interested in pursuing the **Culinary Arts** should apply for this **\$1,000 scholarship** offered by Pochino Italy, a family-owned restaurant in Kennesaw. The scholarship reflects Pochino's belief in family, community, and creating opportunity through education – sharing “a little bit of Italy in every bite” and a little bit of opportunity in every dream. [Applications](#) are due **February 28th** and winners will be announced in April.

The Horatio Alger Scholarship – for JUNIORS and SENIORS

The Horatio Alger Association is one of the nation's largest need-based scholarship programs for high school students who have overcome significant adversity and are committed to earning a bachelor's degree. High school students with financial need who display integrity, perseverance, and a clear determination to turn challenges into opportunities to pursue their American Dream, should consider applying for the scholarship. More than 600 scholarships are awarded every year, with amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. **For Juniors, applications must be submitted by March 1st. For Seniors, the application is open until February 15th.** Learn more at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.



SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS

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ALGER
ASSOCIATION
of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

Transform adversity into opportunity and pursue the American Dream through higher education!

**600+ SCHOLARSHIPS
UP TO \$25,000 EACH**
+ personalized financial aid counseling,
college selection advising, and
other support services

APPLY NOW: horatioalger.org/scholarships
DEADLINE: March 1, 2026

Requirements Include:

- U.S. citizenship
- Household income under \$100,000



SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HORATIO
ALGER
ASSOCIATION
of Distinguished Americans, Inc.

Transform adversity into opportunity and pursue the American Dream through higher education!

For high school seniors pursuing an undergraduate degree at one of the following:

Arizona State University	Long Island University	Tulane University
Augustana University	Montana State University	University of California at San Diego
Baylor University	(must be MT resident)	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Black Hills State University	Nova Southeastern University	University of Montana
Boise State University	Santa Clara University	(must be MT resident)
Colgate University	South Dakota School of Mines	University of Sioux Falls
Columbia University	South Dakota State University	University of South Dakota
Dakota State University	Stanford University	University of Texas
High Point University	Trinity University	

APPLY NOW: horatioalger.org/scholarships
DEADLINE: February 15, 2026

Requirements Include:

- U.S. citizenship
- Household income under \$100,000



Men's College Scholarship

The scholarship is designed to identify and reward outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated an ability to excel in the fields of academics, extra-curricular school activities and community involvement. It is available to any graduating senior MALE who is enrolling in a four-year undergraduate college program that commences in the fall of 2026. **Multiple \$500-\$1,000 scholarships**, totaling as much as \$50,000 will be awarded in 2026. The [application](#) is due April 1st.

Happy Holidays from your Pope Counseling Office!

The Pope Counseling Office would like to wish everyone a joyful and restful break. If there's anything you need prior to Friday, stop in and see us right away! Enjoy the season with loved ones and take time to rejuvenate and do something fun! We'll see you in January!



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