



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE February 24, 2026

Bell Schedule for Wednesday, February 25

EXTENDED Advisement with X-Block		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 8:55	35
Advisement	9:00 - 9:50	50
2nd Period	9:55 - 10:30	35
3rd Period	10:35 - 11:15	40
4th Period	11:20 - 12:00	40
5th Period	12:05 - 12:45	40
6th Period	12:50 - 1:30	40
7th Period	1:35 - 2:10	35
X Block	A 2:15 - 2:50 B 2:55 - 3:30	

Tomorrow, February 25th we will have an extended **Advisement** so students in grades 9-11 can learn about electives registration. Seniors will receive their preliminary HOPE Scholarship GPA letters. And don't forget that tomorrow during all lunch periods there will be an "Electives Rush"! Tables and information on the various electives will be available for students to peruse during their lunch period.

National Merit Finalists are Announced!

Pope High School is excited to announce the members of the Class of 2026 that have been named **National Merit Finalists**; this is a highly prestigious accomplishment! **Only 15,000 high school seniors nationwide achieved this honor.** The National Merit Program and corporate sponsors will be announcing the Finalists who will be receiving monetary awards in the weeks to come. We are extremely proud of these Greyhounds!



If you would like more information about the National Merit Scholarship Program, click [here](#).

Preliminary HOPE Scholarship GPA Letters

Tomorrow during Advisement, seniors will be given a letter that includes their current, preliminary HOPE GPA along with information about the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Program, including eligibility, application procedures, calculation information, and more. A sample of the letter is attached. Full information about the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant Programs can be found at www.gafutures.org. If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor.

Apply to College for FREE in March!

This March, the Georgia Student Finance Commission is partnering with University System of Georgia (USG), Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG), and private universities across the state to provide Georgia high school seniors with application fee waivers! Check the GAFutures website for participating institutions (coming soon).

Chattahoochee Technical College Open Houses

Chatt Tech is hosting two Senior Nights next month: **March 12th at 6 pm at the Marietta Campus** and **March 25th at 6 pm at the North Metro Campus**. The month of March is also Apply to College Month! The application fee is waived for applications started and submitted in March. See the flyer for further details.

Senior Night
2026
Open to all High School Seniors
Parents are also highly encouraged to attend.

Doors open at 5:30pm. Program starts at 6 with an overview of Admissions, Financial Aid, Paying for College, KSU Bridge program, Majors and Programs. Q&A and opportunity to meet with Admissions and Financial Aid staff will follow program.

March 25 at 6 PM
North Metro Campus
Building D, 400 Hal - 5198 Ross Road - Acworth, GA 30102

March 12 at 6 PM
Marietta Campus
Building H - 980 South Cobb Drive - Marietta, GA 30060

Apply to College Month
Application fee waived for applications started and submitted in March 2026

www.ChattahoocheeTech.edu/senior-night
ChattahoocheeTech.edu
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Dual Enrollment – Next week is Pope’s March 6th Internal Deadline!

If you/your student is interested in Dual Enrollment for the 2026-2027 School Year, our internal deadline to complete our DE Checklist is next **Friday, March 6th**, found at <http://bit.ly/DEPopePage>. The checklist includes viewing a DE Informational video together (student and family member), applying to the college (including sending required materials such as transcript, test scores, signed forms, etc.), and scheduling a meeting with your assigned Pope counselor. While the final CCSD deadline is later (5/1), Pope sets earlier internal deadlines to help ensure our students have completed all admission steps to register for their preferred DE classes at the first possible opportunity. *Georgia Tech applicants must also meet with their Pope Counselor before March 6 as well, even though the application opens in May so we can plan your schedule.* If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your counselor ASAP. Appointment times will become more limited the closer to the deadline, so please don't delay!

Dual Enrollment – Important Updates Starting this Summer

NEW requirements starting with the 2026 summer term:

- Students must meet Citizenship requirements
- Students must also meet Georgia Residency requirements
- Students whose parents are serving in the military and stationed in Georgia may qualify for residency
- The postsecondary institution the student attends will determine the residency requirements
- The funding application will require your social security number
- The revised regulations are posted on gsfc.georgia.gov.

If you have any questions, reach out to your counselor.

Cobb Virtual Academy – Summer Term Information



CVA has published important information about the summer class schedule. Refer to the flyer for all of the details. **Registration opens Monday, March 2nd!**

ScholarTrek College Fair

Hillgrove High School is hosting a college fair for the Cobb County School District on **March 9th**. Students will have the opportunity to connect with a wide range of colleges and universities and explore post-secondary options. The fair is hosted at Hillgrove but all CCSD students are welcome! The event schedule is as follows:

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

6:00-7:30 pm - College Fair

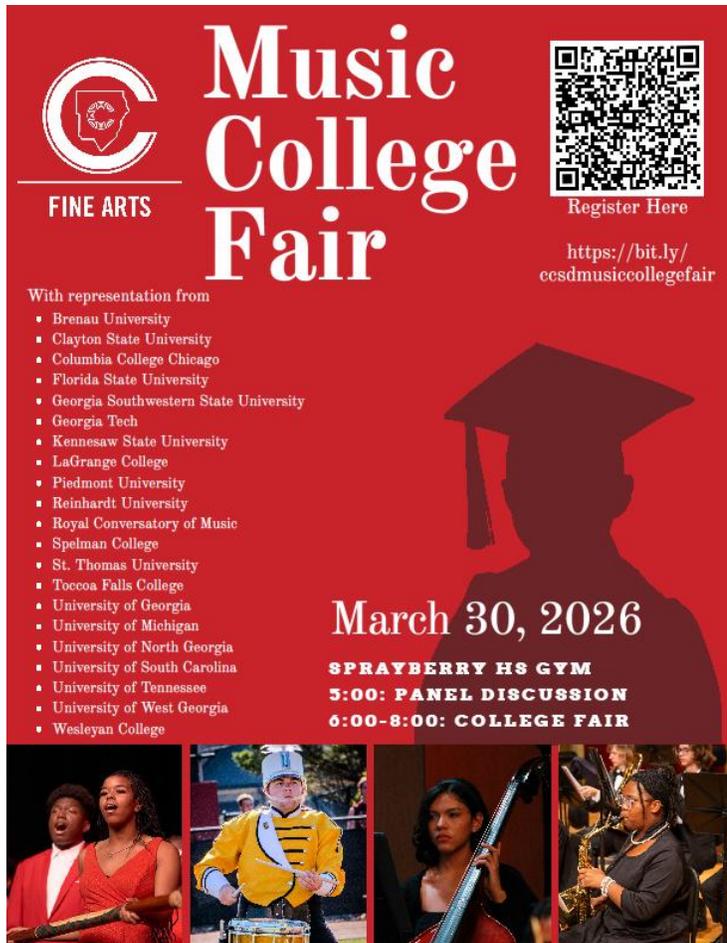
6:45-7:45 pm - Additional College and Financial Aid Workshops

Registration for the event is [open](#). Additional details, including participating schools and a more detailed timeline for the evening, will be shared and updated regularly as the event date nears. **Hillgrove High School** is located at 4165 Luther Ward Rd, Powder Springs, GA.

Pope College Fair – March 18

Join us for the last college fair of the school year! All students are invited! See the flyer for a list of colleges/universities and groups that will be represented! Check back for updates each week!

First Annual CCSD Music College Fair



The poster for the Music College Fair features a red background. At the top left is the CCSD logo with 'FINE ARTS' below it. The main title 'Music College Fair' is in large white letters. A QR code is in the top right with 'Register Here' and a URL below it. A list of participating universities is on the left. A silhouette of a graduate is in the center, with the date 'March 30, 2026' and event details below it. At the bottom are four small photos of students performing.

Music College Fair

Register Here
<https://bit.ly/ccsdmusiccollegefair>

With representation from

- Brenau University
- Clayton State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Florida State University
- Georgia Southwestern State University
- Georgia Tech
- Kennesaw State University
- LaGrange College
- Piedmont University
- Reinhardt University
- Royal Conservatory of Music
- Spelman College
- St. Thomas University
- Toccoa Falls College
- University of Georgia
- University of Michigan
- University of North Georgia
- University of South Carolina
- University of Tennessee
- University of West Georgia
- Wesleyan College

March 30, 2026

SPRAYBERRY HS GYM
5:00: PANEL DISCUSSION
6:00-8:00: COLLEGE FAIR

The County is sponsoring the **first annual CCSD Music College Fair** so mark your calendars for **Monday, March 30th (5:00-8:00 pm)**. The event will take place at the **Sprayberry High School Gym**. Students are encouraged to register [HERE](#), as details about parking and what to expect will be emailed to students and families as the date approaches. See the flyer for further details.

Tips from Tour Guides: Best Questions to Ask on Your Campus Tour

As admission counselors are busy reading applications, campus visit teams are busy preparing for spring visits! Whether you're a sophomore or junior beginning your college search and going on your first tours, or you're an admitted student trying to make your final decision, tour guides and admission staff around the country are ready to welcome you to campus! To get the most out of your tour experience, check out [this blog](#) for great tips from actual tour guides!

Schoolhouse.world Offers Free Peer-to-Peer SAT Tutoring

Official SAT Tutoring is a partnership between College Board and [Schoolhouse.world](#), a nonprofit created by Khan Academy® founder Sal Khan, to bring more personalized support and meaningful connection to learning. Through extensive research, they have found that students who learn in small groups, trained by peer tutors made prep feel more motivating and more supportive. Many of these learners later returned as tutors themselves, helping the next group of students succeed. The peer tutors—students who excelled on the SAT—work online with small groups of students over a period of four weeks to strengthen their test-taking skills, build their confidence, and help them feel ready for test day. Students can sign up for bootcamps in Math and/or Reading and Writing. [Join an SAT Bootcamp](#) today!

The Real Deal on APs and College Admissions with Applerouth

AP courses and exams continue to play an important role in college admissions — but how colleges evaluate them is evolving. Join Applerouth on **March 4th at 7:00 pm** for The Real Deal on APs & College Admissions, a free, expert-

led webinar where admissions leaders from Northeastern University, University of Virginia, University of Notre Dame, plus former admissions officers from Yale and Stanford, will explain how AP coursework and exam results factor into admissions and how families can make smart, balanced choices. Register at: applerouth.com/aps-and-college-admissions-webinar. Can't Make it Live? Register anyway and a recording will be sent to you. See the flyer for more information.

WEBINAR Advice from Current & Former Admissions Officers

Why AP Choices Matter — and Why Some Students Benefit More Than Others

📅 Wednesday, March 4 🕒 7pm ET

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- Strategic AP Course Planning
- Smart AP Exam Strategy
- Balancing Rigor Without Overload

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American Bar Association Internship

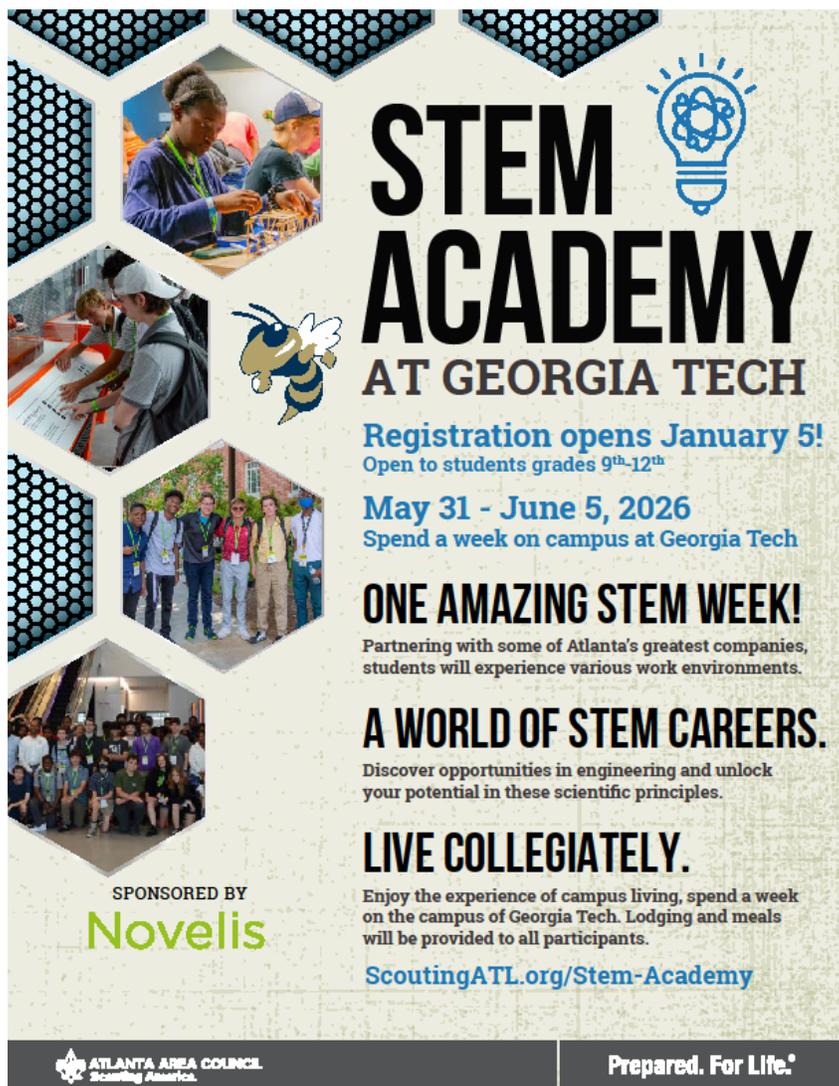


Applications for the Atlanta Bar Association's Summer Law Internship Program (SLIP) for current juniors and seniors **will close on March 19th**. The Internship Program's mission is to place rising high school seniors and recent

graduates in **paid legal internships** so that they can gain first-hand experience in the legal profession. The Program is now entering its 34th straight summer and has offered over 980 paid internships to date.

This is a rigorous, all-in program. Any student selected will need to commit to the entire eight weeks (May 27-July 17). Conflicts for family vacations, sports, camps, etc. are not allowed. To obtain additional information about SLIP, please check the program website at www.abaslip.blogspot.com.

STEM Academy at Georgia Tech May 31-June 5



The graphic features a central text area on a light green background with a grid of hexagonal images on the left. The hexagons show students working in a lab, a student with a bee mascot, a group of students, and a group of students in a classroom. A lightbulb icon with a circuit inside is positioned above the main title. The text is in various colors (black, blue, green) and fonts (bold, sans-serif).

STEM ACADEMY AT GEORGIA TECH

Registration opens January 5!
Open to students grades 9th-12th

May 31 - June 5, 2026
Spend a week on campus at Georgia Tech

ONE AMAZING STEM WEEK!

Partnering with some of Atlanta's greatest companies, students will experience various work environments.

A WORLD OF STEM CAREERS.

Discover opportunities in engineering and unlock your potential in these scientific principles.

LIVE COLLEGIATELY.

Enjoy the experience of campus living, spend a week on the campus of Georgia Tech. Lodging and meals will be provided to all participants.

ScoutingATL.org/Stem-Academy

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High school students are eligible to participate in a week-long adventure that connects them with various STEM-related organizations through a camp at Georgia Tech **May 31-June 5**. During the week, students will have the chance to visit organizations, engage with professionals, and learn about the important work these experts do to build the world around us. The program aims to inspire students by offering them a behind-the-scenes look at the wide range of careers available in science, technology, engineering, and math, while showing them how their future careers can make a real difference in our world. Presentations will be made by Novelis, POND, Microsoft, Truist Stadium, TKE, Dwell Design Studio, Applied Technical Services, Georgia Tech, KSU, and more.

What: STEM Academy at Georgia Tech

When: May 31-June 5

Where: Georgia Tech Campus

Who: 9-12 grade students (both scouting, and non-scouting students)

Cost: \$1,050 before March 31; \$1,250 after March 31; *Scholarships are available upon request*

Registration Site:
<https://www.atlantabsa.org/stem-academy>
Registration closes April 30

Includes: Lodging, meals, swag, as well as networking opportunities

Cancer Pathways – Writing Contest

Cancer Pathways is celebrating 20 years of its Teen Writing Contest. High School students (grades 9-12) are encouraged to write about their experience with cancer, either their own or a loved one, for the opportunity to win one of several **\$1,000** prizes. **The submission deadline is Friday, February 27th**. Scan the QR code in the flyer for more information.

CANCER PATHWAYS
TEEN WRITING CONTEST

**Calling all High School Students!
Our 20th Teen Writing Contest**

Honest - Heartfelt - Unique

Over the last 19 years, Cancer Pathways has asked teenagers to **submit essays about their impact with a cancer diagnosis, either their own, or a loved one's**. Each year we receive honest, heartfelt, and unique stories from teens about the impact cancer has had on their lives. Students with winning essays receive **\$1,000** in cash prize for sharing their stories.

Contest Details:

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- Entries must be submitted in essay format and not exceed 1,500 words.
- **Contest Opens:** November 17, 2025
- **Contest Closes:** February 28, 2026
- **Winners Announced:** Early May 2026



View more information, read winning essay examples,
and submit your essay via QR Code.
Questions? Email Paige@CancerPathways.org
<https://cancerpathways.org/programs/teen-writing-contest/>

Confident Parenting – Upcoming Webinar

Skyland Trail is hosting a FREE webinar for parents of teens on **Building Confident Parenting Strategies**. Here from mental health experts about how to support your teen. What you will learn:

- Navigating social media, substance abuse, and peer pressure
- Proven strategies to support teens who are struggling emotionally
- Warning signs: know when to ask for professional help

Click [HERE](#) to register.



WEBINAR

Confident Parenting Starts Here

March 25, 7:00-8:00 PM



REGISTER

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- ✓ Navigating social media, substance use, and peer pressure
- ✓ Proven strategies to support teens who are struggling emotionally
- ✓ Warning signs - know when to ask for professional help

PRESENTERS:
Caitlin Connolly, LCSW, CAADC
Piper Coffey, LCSW

www.skylandtrail.org/parents

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)!

Stand Out College Prep has compiled detailed information on 75+ scholarships specifically for Georgia students, organized by deadline and award amount. Check it out [here](#).

Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!

Carson M. Brewer attended Shallowford Falls and passed away unexpectedly at the age of 11. The mission of the **Carson M. Brewer Scholarship Foundation** is to form a strong organization that will provide educational and/or athletic scholarships to deserving recipients to further education. Carson loved learning and was dedicated to his education and competitive swimming. This year is extra special for the Brewer family as Carson would have been a member of this year's senior class. The **\$1,500 scholarship** is available to seniors who are intending to continue their education at a college or university. Applications can be found [here](#) and are due by **March 15th**.

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The **East Cobb Lions Club Memorial Scholarship** fund was created to honor the dedication and years of service to the community by East Cobb Lions members who are no longer with us. Scholarships up to **\$1,000** each will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from among the East Cobb High Schools – including Pope! The scholarship may be used **only at Georgia colleges/universities (no out of state schools)**. Applications can be found [here](#) and are **due to the Counseling Office by March 23rd**.

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Each spring the East Cobb County Council (ECCC) of PTAs awards one **\$1,000 scholarship** to a graduating senior from each of the six ECCC high schools. The scholarship, known as the Margie Hatfield Scholarship, honors the dedication and years of service given by Mrs. Hatfield to the youth of the Council. In recognition of her volunteer involvement, the Margie Hatfield Scholarship Fund awards deserving seniors who have made significant contributions to the community. The deadline to [submit an application](#) is **March 24th**. **Applicants must be a member of their high school's PTSA.**

Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!



The **Timber Ridge PTA Widener-Bega Scholarship** is live! Seniors who went to Timber Ridge and will graduate from Pope in May are eligible to apply for a **\$1,000 scholarship**. **There will be at least one Pope winner!** The application can be found [here](#). **The deadline to apply is March 31st**. For questions, please email timberridgescholarship@gmail.com.



The **Kate Belle Jones Memorial Scholarship** is accepting applications and there will be **TWO recipients who will EACH be awarded \$3,000**, payable toward continuing education! Kate Belle was a 2021 Pope graduate who tragically lost her life in December of 2021. Kate Belle impacted her community through service and steadfast commitment to her passion and goals. This scholarship was established in her memory and to celebrate graduating seniors who also possess these values. The recipients should demonstrate a love and commitment to their school and community and exemplify a passion for creating a better world. **Applications are due by April 11th**. Seniors need to have attended **Tritt Elementary School to be considered**. Applications can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by going to [this link](#).



Become a Georgia Scholar!



Through the Georgia Scholar Program, the Georgia Department of Education identifies and honors high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life. Georgia high school seniors who meet the eight criterion categories may complete the application, provided they are scheduled to graduate in spring 2026, and obtain signatures from their principal, school counselor, and parent/guardian. **The 2026 Georgia Scholar Program application closes March 1st**. The criterion and application form are available [here](#). **Applicants should be aware that Georgia Scholar is a recognition-only program.** No scholarship funds are associated with this program. Graduating seniors who apply and meet the criterion will receive a seal for their diploma and an honor cord.

Pope Counseling Office

Have you visited the [Pope School Counseling website](#)? You can find lots of useful information including [grade specific presentations](#), [tutoring help](#), [personal support](#), [summer programs](#), [ACT & SAT testing information](#), [scholarship and financial aid resources](#), and all of the weekly [Tuesday Telegraphs](#) from this school year. We've also just added a GREAT website that will help students [BUILD A RESUME!](#)



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