



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE March 3, 2026

Bell Schedule for Wednesday, March 4

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, March 4th we will have an extended Advisement to cover our Expect Respect and Read Across America initiatives. Students and staff will pause for uninterrupted reading — no devices, just books — during a portion of Advisement.

Preliminary HOPE Scholarship GPA Letters

In Advisement last week, Seniors were 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. Full details about the HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship and Grant Programs can be found at www.gafutures.org. If you didn't receive your letter or if you have any questions, please stop by the Counseling Office.

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](http://www.gafutures.org) for participating institutions.

Chattahoochee Technical College Open Houses

Chatt Tech is hosting two Senior Nights this 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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Navigating the Financial Side of College & Trade School — Podcast

Paying for postsecondary education can feel overwhelming, especially as costs continue to rise. In this episode of Inside Scoop, counseling experts Patty DaSilva and Gillian Moody break down what families need to know about the FAFSA process, financial aid packages, HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships, and strategies for finding scholarship opportunities. Whether your student is college-bound or exploring trade school pathways, this conversation offers practical guidance to help families make informed financial decisions.

[Click to Listen Now](#)

[Click to Watch Now](#)

Dual Enrollment – This 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 **FRIDAY, MARCH 6th**, and can be 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.

Summer School Options

Sign up for [Summer Personal Fitness](#) (6/1-6/11) and/or [Summer Health](#) (6/15-6/25) at Pope! Registration is now open! Payments can be made through [MyPayments Plus](#). Cash or cashier's check will be accepted in the Counseling Office. Each class is \$275.

CVA has published information about the summer class schedule. Refer to the flyer for details. **Registration opened yesterday, March 2nd!**



SUMMER TERM 2026 INFORMATION

NEW SUMMER 2026

- NO FINAL EXAM EXEMPTIONS**
Early Final Exam opportunities will be offered by request only, once a student completes all coursework.
- PERSONAL FITNESS EQUIPMENT IS NOT REQUIRED**
Students are not required to use heart rate monitors for weekly workout requirements, so CVA will not distribute equipment.

KEY DATES

MARCH	MAY	JUNE	JULY
Monday March 2 Registration Opens at 9 AM	Monday May 4 Classes Open in CTLS	Tuesday May 27 Due Dates Officially Begin	Monday June 1 Registration Closes at 12 noon
Tuesday June 9 Early Final Exam #1	Tuesday June 23 Early Final Exam #2	Thursday July 2 Last Day to Submit Coursework	Sun-Tues July 5-7 Final Exam Window

Cobb Virtual Academy. Class. Virtually. Anywhere.

cobbvirtualacademy@cobbk12.org www.cobbvirtualacademy.org 678-581-6791

[The Credit Recovery Program](#) for Pope students will take place at Wheeler High School. See details in the flyer.



2026 COBB HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM

Tuition-Free 10-Day Program

A *credit recovery* course is only given credit when a student has not successfully passed the same initial course to satisfy graduation requirements

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1	Registration Opens	
May 20	Registration Closes (midnight)	
June 4	Student & Family Orientation On Site (Mandatory)	10:00 or 2:00
June 8-11	Week 1	9:00-3:00
June 15-18	Week 2	9:00-3:00
June 22, 23	Week 3	9:00-3:00
June 24, 25	EOC testing for <i>required</i> courses on site 9:00-12:00 <i>Algebra, Literature & Composition II, Biology, US History</i> Transportation available; no meals provided <i>EOC tests are 10% of course grade</i>	

- ❖ In-person at designated summer school sites:
South Cobb High School & Wheeler High School
- ❖ Transportation available from student's districted high school to assigned summer site
- ❖ Free lunch and breakfast will be available
- ❖ Blended learning model: Software with small group instruction & personalized support
- ❖ Students must bring laptop
- ❖ Maximum of one 1.0 course credit (Y) or two 0.5 course credits (A/B)
- ❖ The Credit Recovery Summer School Program is open to CCSD registered students
- ❖ Students are assigned a content certified teacher for course taken
- ❖ Daily attendance is mandatory from 9:00 am – 3:00pm
- ❖ Must register online in ParentVUE before midnight on May 20th
- ❖ To view summer credit recovery courses offered: [Click Here](#)
- ❖ To view summer school sites with the zoned high schools: [Click Here](#)

Questions: Contact SummerCreditRecovery@cobbk12.org.

All summer school options will be posted on the Pope website in the coming week.

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.

**SPRING 2026
COLLEGE
FAIR**

Join us at Hillgrove High School for the Cobb County School District College Fair where you can explore colleges, meet reps, and start planning for life after high school.

March 9th

5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Hillgrove High School

Pre-register online at scholartrek.com/cobb

- Meet College Representatives ✓
- Financial Aid Workshop ✓
- Selective Admissions Workshops ✓

 ScholarTrek

Pope College Fair – March 18



COLLEGE FAIR

LAST FAIR OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026
DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50.PM
IN THE OLD/AUX GYM**

Georgia College & State Univ	Texas Christian University
Georgia Gwinnett	University of Alabama
Georgia Southern	University of Albany
Grand Valley State	Univer of Alabama at Birmingham
High Point	University of Arkansas
Jacksonville State Univ	University of Kentucky
Kennesaw State	University of Mississippi
LaGrange	University of Oklahoma
Life University	University of TN - Chattanooga
Oglethorpe	University of West Georgia
Ohio State	Valdosta
Piedmont	Georgia Army Natl Guard
Reinhardt	U.S. Army
Samford	

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!

First Annual CCSD Music 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.

Music College Fair

FINE ARTS

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

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 **TOMORROW, 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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GUIDEWELL GLOBAL
Former Yale Admissions

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Live Q&A included—get your questions answered!

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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

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.

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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

Cobb Youth Leadership Applications are Open for Sophomores

Cobb Youth Leadership is a program for *rising juniors* that focuses on developing leadership skills through interactive participation. This selective program is an excellent way for students to serve their community as well as interact with students from schools around the county, and local, state, and national leaders. Students receive information on the responsibility, ethics, and tools for effective leadership, as well as potential career paths after graduation. **The program runs from August 2026 through April 2027** and features monthly meetings which cover different aspects of the Cobb County community such as health, politics, public safety, community service, and arts & culture. More information and the application can be found here: [Cobb Youth Leadership - Cobb Chamber of Commerce](#). **The application deadline is April 17th.**

Confident Parenting – Upcoming Webinar

Skyland Trail is hosting a FREE webinar on **March 25th at 7 pm** for parents of teens on **Building Confident Parenting Strategies**. Hear from mental health experts about how to support your teen. You will learn:

- How to navigate 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.



Skyland Trail

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

Camp MAGIK



Camp [MAGIK](#) (Mainly About Grief In Kids), a healing camp for bereaved children and adolescents, is holding its spring 2026 camp at **the Fortson 4-H Camp in Hampton, Georgia April 24-26. Applications are due by April 10th.** Free transportation can be arranged if needed. Camp MAGIK provides a fun camp experience for bereaved children and adolescents together with counseling sessions supervised by professional counselors trained in grief and trauma. There is also a retreat available for adults who want to process their own grief with other adults. Camp sessions are **FREE OF CHARGE** to all participants. [Information in English](#) [Information in Spanish](#).

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)!

New this Week:

The Hagan Scholarship is a nationwide need-based merit scholarship, providing over 1,200 recipients with the opportunity to achieve their goals and graduate college debt-free! The scholarship provides **\$2,000** to help pay for essential items to attend college and up to **\$7,500 each semester for up to 8 consecutive semesters (that's \$60,000!)**. Free workshops, Free Schwab Brokerage Accounts, and Free Study Abroad provide recipients with a practical understanding of important life skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Students who meet the criteria can learn more [here](#). Applications are due by **March 15th**.

New this Week:

Women's Energy Network®
GREATER ATLANTA CHAPTER

Apply for the

2026 Fueling the Future
SCHOLARSHIP

WEN of Greater Atlanta's Scholarship for \$2500 is now open for submissions!
Apply today using the QR code below!

Applications are due by May 1, 2026!

The Women's Energy Network (WEN) of Greater Atlanta is pleased to announce the 2026 *Fueling the Future* Scholarship, a one-time **\$2,500** award recognizing exceptional high school **women** from the Greater Atlanta area who aspire to pursue STEM degrees and ultimately careers in the energy industry. WEN is committed to cultivating the next generation of leaders and innovators in the energy industry. Scan the QR code in the flyer to get started. Applications are due **May 1st**.

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**.

Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!



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**.

Guaranteed to have a Pope Winner!

ECCC PTA AND MARGIE HATFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

Apply to win a \$1,000 Scholarship awarded to one senior from each of the six ECCC PTA High Schools: Kell, Lassiter, Pope, Sprayberry, Walton and Wheeler

- ✓ Applicants must be a 25-26 member of their school's PTSA
- ✓ Applications are due Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 11:59 pm

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

<https://www.eccpta.org/committees/scholarship>

Have questions? scholarship@eccpta.org

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.

HEY TIMBER RIDGE ALUMNI! WIDENER-BEGA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!



DUE MARCH 31



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](#).



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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