



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE May 5, 2026

Bell Schedule This Week

We will be operating under a Monday/Friday bell schedule this week, with 5th and 6th periods flipped on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be a usual x-block day and bell schedule. Senior exams begin Thursday!

Seniors - Class of 2026

Universal Technical Institute

Graduating seniors who are interested in the Universal Technical Institute are invited to visit the Atlanta campus in Smyrna, Georgia on **Saturday, May 16th (9 am – 1 pm)**. Please see the flyer for the Future Student Workshop Open House. There will be guest speakers from various industries, including automotive, diesel, welding, and HVACR, as well as UTI graduates sharing their stories. The day will include an optional grant test for students, a tour of UTI–Atlanta, chassis dyno demonstrations, and many other engaging activities. It’s a chance to explore high-demand, hands-on career pathways, experience a real-world training campus environment, and connect interests to real-world career options in a meaningful and engaging setting.

Scan the QR code and RSVP with the number of friends and family members attending. Food will be provided.



FUTURE STUDENTS, DON'T MISS THIS!

Explore in-demand career pathways with us.¹
Attend this event to learn how you can start your training on the right foot.

Join Us to Learn About:

- Our industry relationships and how they can help you train for a career
- Support we offer students, including housing and career services
- Financial aid and scholarship opportunities²
- Take part in an Academic Scholarship Test



RSVP to
Save Your Spot.
s.uti.edu/atf_fsw_10

May 16, 2026
10:00am - 1:00pm
Registration - 9:00am

Michael Wade
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MICHAELWADE@UTLEDU

UTI - Atlanta
7100 Highlands Parkway SE
Smyrna, GA 30082

¹UTI is an educational institution and cannot guarantee employment or salary. ²Financial aid, scholarships and grants are available to those who qualify. Awards vary due to specific conditions, criteria and state. For program information and other disclosures, visit www.uti.edu/disclosures.



Senior Walks at Elementary Schools

SENIORS! Grab your caps and gowns and head down memory lane at your elementary school!



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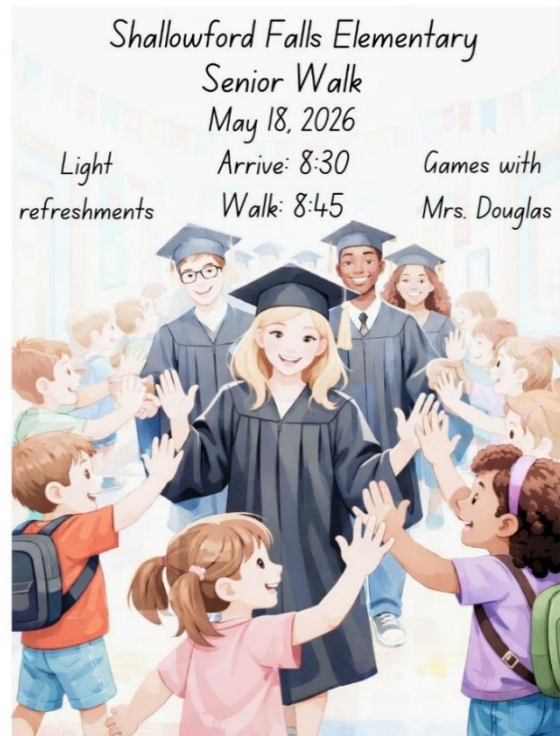
SENIOR WALK

Monday
May 18, 2026
8:30 AM

- Please arrive @ Murdock by 8:15am
- Parking is limited - please carpool if possible
- We encourage you to wear your cap and gown
- Parents of graduating seniors are welcome

Pictures and light refreshments in the covered play area to conclude the walk

Questions?
770.509.5071



Shallowford Falls Elementary
Senior Walk
May 18, 2026

Light refreshments Arrive: 8:30 Games with Mrs. Douglas
Walk: 8:45



TIMBER RIDGE ELEMENTARY

Welcomes the Graduating Class of 2026 to your
SENIOR WALK!

- Please wait until 7:50 AM to enter the parking lot AFTER carpool ends.
- After 7:50, gather on blacktop (near bus entrance).
- PTA and Staff will come out to greet you for a group photo and the walk.
- Wear your cap and gown.
- Parents are invited!
- We can't wait to celebrate you!

Monday, May 18 8:15 am



TRITT ELEMENTARY HOSTS
Alumni Senior Walk

CLASS OF 2026
MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 2026
START: 7:30 AM
END: 8:30 AM

MIX AND MINGLE STARTING AT 7:30 AM. PARENTS & FAMILIES AT THE COVERED PLAY AREA. ONLY SENIORS WILL MEET IN THE LLC.

SENIOR WALK AND CLASS PICTURE AT 8:00 AM. SENIORS WILL MEET FAMILY OUTSIDE IN THE BUS LANES AFTER THE EVENT.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR CAP AND GOWN.

PARKING IS VERY LIMITED. PLEASE CARPOOL.

RSVP USING QR CODE BELOW.



The College Transition - Are You Ready?

Leaving for college is a big change. Join College Guidance Network (CGN) on **May 7th at 7:30 pm** for a discussion of the essential skills for students to sharpen for this transition and the resources they can lean on. CGN will offer actionable tips on what you can do now and what you should (and should not) do upon arrival on campus. Click [HERE](#) to register.

TeenLife Presents Your Future In...



Planning for life after high school can feel overwhelming—for students and the people supporting them. That's why TeenLife created this series of free, easy-to-use digital guides designed to turn uncertainty into clarity and direction. Check out the guides below.

Your Future in Business & Entrepreneurship: From corporate careers to launching your own venture, this guide breaks down how students can develop business skills and an entrepreneurial mindset while still in school.

Your Future in Global Impact: For students who want to make a difference, this guide explores careers in social impact, sustainability, policy, and international work—and how to get started early.

Your Future in STEM: Discover pathways in science, technology, engineering, and math—plus how to start building skills early through coursework, projects, and hands-on experiences.

Your Future in Healthcare: Learn about careers in medicine, public health, and patient care, along with actionable steps students can take now to prepare for this impactful field.

Information for All Grades

Summer School Options – Registration Closes Soon

Sign up for IN PERSON [Summer Personal Fitness](#) (6/1-6/11) and/or [Summer Health](#) (6/15-6/25) at POPE by this **Friday, May 8th**! Payments can be made through [MyPayments Plus](#). Cash or cashier's check will be accepted in the Counseling Office. Pope's [website](#) has information about other summer school opportunities (CVA – registration closes June 1st at noon; Credit Recovery – registration closes May 20th at midnight).

2026 Summer Cobb Course Refresher

The Cobb Course Refresher provides students with an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of course content by reviewing digital lessons. Students who register for the Cobb Course Refresher may REVIEW content for courses taken during the 2025-2026 school year or PREVIEW courses they will take during the 2026-2027 school year. Registration closes May 29th; there is a mandatory (online) orientation on June 1st. For a list of available courses and for more information, click [here](#). To register, click [here](#). This is a FREE opportunity!

Applerouth – Ask the Experts: Advice from College Admissions Officers

Join admissions officers from UGA, Syracuse University, George Washington University, and University of Wisconsin **TOMORROW, May 6th at 7 pm** as they provide insights on:

- **Test-Optional vs. Test-Preferred**: When submitting test scores helps, and when it's better not to.
- **The Role of AI in Applications**: How students can use AI wisely, and what raises red flags with colleges.
- **Fit to Major & Academic Direction**: Why a student's intended major can affect admissions chances and course choices.
- **Early Decision vs. Regular Decision Timing**: When applying early improves odds, and when waiting makes more sense.

- **Extracurricular Impact:** Why meaningful involvement and leadership matter more than long activity lists.
- **What's Changing in 2026:** New trends in policies and priorities families should be watching now.

Engage in a live Q&A to address your specific questions. Register [here](#). Can't Attend Live? Register to receive the recording post-event.



Get an inside look at how applications are evaluated — and what actually makes a difference in today's admissions landscape.

<p style="text-align: center; color: orange;">Meet the Admission Officers</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 8px; color: white;">Ashley Templeton UGA</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 8px; color: white;">Carol Lee Conchar GW University</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 8px; color: white;">Laura Robitaille Wisconsin</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="font-size: 8px; color: white;">Michael McGrath Syracuse</p> </div> </div>	<p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; color: #003366;">You'll Learn About:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 2026 Trends: What families should know now → Test Scores: When submitting helps—and when it doesn't → AI in Applications: Smart use vs. red flags → Fit to Major: Why academic direction matters → Early vs. Regular Decision: When early helps → Extracurriculars: Depth and leadership over long lists
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Register Now

applerouth.com/college-admissions-webinars

Can't make it live? Register anyway and we'll send you the recording.



College Admissions Workshop: Letters of Recommendation and Extracurricular Activities

Juniors! Join College Guidance Network (CGN) on **May 12th at 7:30 pm** for a session that will emphasize the human side of applications and how students can communicate who they are beyond grades and test scores. CGN will share actionable guidance on:

- Identifying teachers and counselors to write strong letters of recommendation
- Asking for recommendations and what kinds of materials to provide
- Defining extracurricular activities broadly as meaningful experiences (not just a list)

Click [HERE](#) to register.

Admissions Info Session May 17

Join representatives from **Brown, Duke, Georgetown, Howard, and the United States Military Academy** for an Admissions Information Session at the Woodward Academy on **Sunday, May 17th from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm**. Click the QR code to register.



Undergraduate Admissions Information Session *for Students & Families*

Sunday, May 17, 2026

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Atlanta, GA



<https://slate.to/wz4Q468Q>

Register Now!

KSU – DiscoverU Summer Camps

DiscoverU at KSU is a summer camp program designed specifically for high school students. They offer engaging week-long summer camps that provide students the chance to experience a taste of college life, while also having fun! The camps are designed to be enjoyed by all students, regardless of experience level. Spots are limited, and camps are filling up fast.

[Summer Camps for High Schoolers | DiscoverU at KSU CPE](#)

Our main page to see camp dates/descriptions

[Adulting 101](#)

This camp is perfect for any student looking for guidance in career planning and in building skills for life after high school. Students will learn about building their professional brand and have professional headshot photos taken, learn about budgeting, career path options, and so much more!

[Chef's Master Class](#)

Students will take a daily culinary trip around the world with our professional chef instructor. This camp is perfect for students looking to pursue a career in the culinary arts or establish foundational food preparation, food safety, and knife skills to empower them to cook their own meals in the future.

Baking and Pastry

We have two camps designed for aspiring bakers or for any students looking to have a fun time in the kitchen this summer designing (and enjoying!) amazing baked goods.

Medical Skills

This camp, taught by a nurse instructor, is designed for students curious about pursuing a future path in the healthcare field and gives students practical hands-on experiences in a classroom and lab setting, career planning ideas, as well as an introduction to CPR/AED/Basic Life Support.

AutoCAD

The AutoCAD camp is perfect for students thinking about pursuing a career as an engineer, architect, landscape designer, event planner, and more!

Aerospace Engineering STEM Summer Camps

Designed for students curious about aeronautics and aerospace engineering, this partnership camp with KSU's SPCEET is held on KSU's Marietta Campus and is designed for both Middle and High School students.



DISCOVER U
SUMMER CAMPS FOR **HIGH SCHOOLERS**

UNLOCK *Are you ready for a summer filled with fun, learning, and a hands-on experience?*
WHAT'S POSSIBLE

Camps Offered:

- **Baking and Pastry Basics**
June 1 – 5 & July 6 – 10
- **Baking Finishing Touches**
June 8 – 12
- **AutoCAD**
June 22 – 26
- **Chef's Master Class**
June 22 – 26 & July 13 – 17
- **Medical Skills**
July 6 – 10 & July 20 – 24
- **Adulting 101**
July 13 – 17

REGISTER TODAY!



KSU KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Fly-In Opportunities at Bowdoin, Dartmouth, and Williams

Explore [Bowdoin College](#), [Dartmouth](#), and/or [Williams College](#) on an all-expenses paid college visit for high-achieving low-income and/or first generation high school seniors. Click on the school links for details including application deadlines and college visit dates. These are wonderful opportunities, and preference is given to those students who would not otherwise be able to afford to visit.

Skyland Trail Offers Programs for Teens and Families



FREE WEBINAR SERIES

Parenting Skills

SESSIONS:

MAY 13
DBT Bootcamp: Parenting Skills for Big Emotions

AUGUST 26
School Success: Parenting Skills for Time Management and Goal Achievement

NOVEMBER 4
Digital Health: Parenting Skills for Managing Technology

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



REGISTER

www.skylandtrail.org/parents



OUTPATIENT GROUPS

FOR TEENS & PARENTS

5-WEEK SESSIONS
June 9 - July 21
July 21 - August 18



Teen Wellness Academy
✓ Teens struggling with emotional challenges learn skills to manage stress, relationships, and school.

Parenting is a Process
✓ Parents of teens with emerging mental health or behavioral concerns learn tools to improve family cohesion and dynamics.

Virtual and in-person options.



LEARN MORE skylandtrail.org/outpatient-groups

Make a Wish Youth Leadership Council

Make-a-Wish Georgia's mission is to grant life-changing wishes for children in Georgia who are diagnosed with a critical illness. The Youth Leadership Council is designed for 10th-12th graders who have a heart for philanthropy and are interested in getting involved with their mission and community. Youth Leadership Council members will have the opportunity to learn more about the non-profit industry through monthly meetings and guest speakers, while also growing their skills. See the flyer for more information and scan the QR code to complete the application for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are open and will close August 1st.



**STUDENT
WISHMAKERS**

Youth Leadership Council

The Youth Leadership Council of Make-A-Wish Georgia is designed for 10th-12th graders who have a heart for philanthropy and are interested in giving back to their community as Student Wishmakers!



Youth Leadership Council members will have the opportunity to learn more about the non-profit industry through monthly meetings and guest speakers, while also growing their skills in:

- ★ Volunteerism
- ★ Leadership
- ★ Money management
- ★ Teamwork
- ★ Fundraising
- ★ Public Speaking

*Applications open
May 1st - August 1st*

Members will work together to fundraise and grant wishes throughout the year! Take a look at some of the wishes that the YLC have granted over the years!

Questions?
Contact Sophia Janney
Sjanney@georgia.wish.org



Rising Juniors – Important Immunization Information

Per the Georgia Department of Public Health, effective July 1, 2021, children 16 years of age and older, who are entering the 11th grade (including new entrants), must have received one booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4), unless their initial dose was administered on or after their 16th birthday. Please visit this link: <https://dph.georgia.gov/media/89331/download> for a summary of vaccination requirements by age.

In accordance with this requirement, all Pope students entering the 11th grade, who will be 16 by August 3, 2026, must submit an updated Certificate of Immunization, on GA Form 3231, to the Pope Counseling Office prior to the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Students, who are not yet 16 by August 3rd will have 30 calendar days from the student's 16th birthday to provide the updated Certificate of Immunization. Students must meet this

requirement, or provide acceptable exemption documentation, for them to be/remain enrolled in school. Students requesting to be exempt from Immunization must present a signed, notarized Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization, DPH Form 2208.

We prefer that you upload your updated Certificate of Immunization/Affidavit of Religious Objection to Immunization to ParentVUE. Once logged in, you will click on Change My Information → Student Information → Enrollment Documents where you will be able to upload the document. Paper and emailed copies will be accepted as well.

For additional information on immunization schedules, exemptions, and laws governing these requirements, please visit <https://dph.georgia.gov/schoolvaccines>.

Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Squier in the Counseling Office at 770-578-7903 or lisa.squier@cobbk12.org. All paper and emailed documents should also be directed to Mrs. Squier.

Are You Leaving Pope High School After this Semester?

If your student will be transferring out of Pope after the spring semester ends on May 20th, they must be withdrawn from Pope High School. Please contact Lisa Squier 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 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 at Lisa.Squier@cobbk12.org to have your Official Transcript sent to the school. Transcripts will be sent after semester grades have been posted in June.

Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year is Open

Families who will be new to Pope, coming from a private school, home school, out of town, or returning to the Cobb County School District, are asked to register their students through the CCSD online portal, found [here](#). Additional information and documents required for enrollment can be found [here](#). Please pass this on to any friends or neighbors who will have a new student at Pope next year (NOT for students coming from our feeder schools of Dodgen and Hightower). Once you have completed your registration and uploaded supporting documents, reach out to our registration clerk lisa.squier@cobbk12.org for an appointment to finalize your student's enrollment.

Students - Need help figuring out a future career path?



Summer time is a great time to take advantage of completing the **FREE** YouScience® career assessment.

The **YouScience** Profile is the only online platform that measures aptitudes and interests and then matches them to majors and careers that fit students best.

Here is a short 2-minute video about the assessment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9mWOTOMfoA>.

YouScience® takes about 90 minutes to complete. Once your child has finished the assessment, both of you can watch a video which will take you through how to understand and utilize the results.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5zash2PL6A>

CCSD students access their free YouScience assessment by logging into their CCSD Office 365 account, accessing Clever, then clicking on the YouScience® tile. If you need help, email your Pope Counselor.

Welcome to CobbWorks

As Cobb County's American Job Center, CobbWorks provides access to a system of employment and education services for our community. In an increasingly complex workforce and economy, people sometimes need guidance and assistance in managing their career development, particularly when challenged with unexpected events. CobbWorks provides workforce services that assist people in helping themselves and their families. Peruse the listings, full time and part time positions are available, and find your next job today! Job Leads will be distributed weekly when you subscribe. Check out their [website](#) for more information.

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