



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE
August 18, 2026

Seniors - Class of 2027

Senior Parent Night – TONIGHT 7-8:30 pm in the PAC

Senior parents/guardians are invited to attend Senior Parent Night where we will review steps that we've shared with students on post-secondary options, the college application process (including SchoolLinks), as well as information to help you and your senior along this school year. The presentation will be posted on our webpage if you are unable to attend. This event is anticipated to last 1 ½ hours as there is a great deal of information to cover.

FutureFocus Lessons

FutureFocus continued today for our seniors! These sessions, held during AO for six weeks, are designed to help with college applications, career searching, financial aid, and more! See the chart for details. All presentations will be posted in the Counseling Class of 2027 CTLS page as well on the [popeschoolcounseling](http://popeschoolcounseling.com) website.

As a reminder, **SchoolLinks is our new college and career platform, replacing Naviance**. We will give you specific instructions during FutureFocus on how to navigate everything including requesting transcripts and letters of recommendation. In the meantime, you can be working on (and even submitting) applications!

SENIOR FUTUREFOCUS AUGUST 11-SEPT 1				
 AUGUST 11 & 13 Overview of Postsecondary Options & College Application Processes	 AUGUST 18 & 20 SchoolLinks Tutorial Setting up College Application Manager (CAM) & Requesting Transcripts	 AUGUST 25 ATL Grad Presentation Ordering Caps, Gowns, and other graduation items	 AUGUST 27 Letters of Recommendation (LOR), Brag Sheets, and Resumes	 SEPT 1 College Essays

Save the Date! Financial Aid Night with GSFC – September 14th at 7 pm 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 details about the FAFSA, need-based aid, HOPE, Zell, and more!

The College Essay Guy and How to Stand Out on Your College Essays

On August 25th (7-8 pm), join Ethan Sawyer, founder of The College Essay Guy, along with Tom Campbell, Senior College Admissions Counselor & Essay Specialist, for a countdown through the five qualities admissions officers look for, the four questions your personal statement should answer, and everything else you need to know for the 2026 admissions season. Save your free spot today by registering [here](#).

How to Approach the Common App Essay Prompts

Check out this great [article](#) from College Transitions on how to approach this year's Common App essay prompts.

Information for All Grades

Friday's Bell Schedule

This Friday will be our first pep rally of the school year in celebration of our first home football game and our fall sports! Please make a note of the modified schedule.

Friday Pep Rally Schedule		
Period	Time	Minutes
1st Period	8:20 - 9:10	50
2nd Period	9:15 - 10:55	100
Pep Rally	9:20 - 10:00	40
3rd Period	11:00 - 11:50	50
4th Period	11:55 - 12:45	50
5th Period	12:50 - 1:40	50
6th Period	1:45 - 2:35	50
7th Period	2:40 - 3:30	50

CCSD Dual Enrollment Summit

The Dual Enrollment (DE) Summit, **Tuesday, August 25th 6-8 pm**, is a great opportunity to speak directly to representatives from KSU, Chatt Tech, Georgia Highlands, and Georgia Tech about their DE programs. There will also be general information sessions by KSU, Chatt Tech, and a high school counselor. This program is a supplement to the Pope Dual Enrollment Night which will be held **September 8th at 7 pm in the PAC** that is required for those interested in doing DE for the 2027-2028 school year. More details will follow in next week's Tuesday Telegraph.

100% PAID COLLEGE TUITION, MANDATORY FEES, & BOOKS!
LEARN MORE AT THE
DUAL ENROLLMENT SUMMIT
SAVE THE DATE



**COBB COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT**





WHEN
AUGUST 25TH
6:00 - 8:00 PM

WHAT
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

- To earn college credit
- Receive free tuition and books
- Traditional and CTAE Courses

INFORMATIVE GENERAL SESSIONS

- General presentation
- With a high school counselor
- With a choice of college representatives

 Hay servicios de traducción al español disponibles en el evento.
(Spanish translation services are available at the event.)

COBB COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
548 SOUTH MARETTA PKWY SE, MARIETTA, GA

6:00 PM-6:30 PM KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY	6:35 PM-6:55 PM GENERAL SESSION BY CCSD COUNSELORS
7:00 PM-7:30 PM CHATTAHOOCHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES ON SITE



**Chattahoochee
Technical College**



**KENNESAW STATE
UNIVERSITY**



GHC
Georgia Highlands College



Georgia Tech.

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SEE YOU THERE

Freshman Parent Night – Wednesday, August 26th at 7 pm in the PAC

Freshman parents/guardians are invited to attend Freshman Parent Night where we will review a variety of topics including graduation requirements, GPA calculations, the Counseling office, and more. The presentation will be posted on our webpage if you are unable to attend.

Pope's First College Fair is August 26th

We have scheduled two college mini-fairs this fall! **Students (ALL grades)**, please save the dates (August 26 and October 7) and plan to join us in the Aux/Old Gym during X-block starting at 2:10 pm to visit with numerous colleges, universities, and armed forces. Check out the flyer to see who will be joining us next Wednesday!



COLLEGE FAIR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026
DURING X-BLOCK 2:15-2:50 PM
IN THE OLD/AUX GYM

Furman
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Southern
Georgia Tech
Johnson & Wales
KSU
Mercer
Miami University - Oxford
Samford

University of AL at Birmingham
University of Delaware
University of Kentucky
University of South Carolina
University of West Georgia
Georgia Army National Guard
U.S. Army
U.S. Marines

The Peach State Tour is Back



Join Augusta University, Georgia State University, Georgia Tech, and the University of Georgia this fall (August 25-September 24) for the 24th annual Peach State Tour!

The Peach State Tour will be offered in a hybrid format: students will have the opportunity to attend information sessions both in-person and virtually. This is your chance to learn more about the admission and financial aid processes and university offerings based on which session you attend. Find out more information about locations, dates, and registration [here](#).

LAUNCH Events in August and September

Cornell, Emory, Pomona, Rice, and Washington University in St. Louis are proud to present LAUNCH (Linking Access, Unity, Networking, Collaboration and Higher Education). Both [virtual](#) (August 19 and September 16 at 8 pm) and [in person](#) (August 27 at 6:30 pm) events are available.

Cobb County School District College Fair

Scholar Trek is hosting a comprehensive college fair at Walton High School on **September 14th**. Over 90 colleges will be in attendance! All grade levels are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. The schedule will be as follows:

College Fair: 6:00-7:30 pm

Optional Workshops:

5:00-6:00 pm – Understanding the U.S. College Application Process

6:45-7:15 pm – Financial Aid Overview

7:30-8:00 pm – Crafting Strong College Essays

Students register [here](#). Parents/Families register [here](#).

A list of participating schools will be available on September 1st.

PSAT Information

On **Thursday, October 15th**, Pope will be administering the PSAT/NMSQT.

9th and 10th graders: Pope pays the fee for ALL 9th graders and the State of Georgia pays for ALL 10th graders to test. *Please note: Freshmen and Sophomores DO NOT register or submit payment to participate in the October 15th PSAT.* As currently enrolled students, this is automatically completed for them.

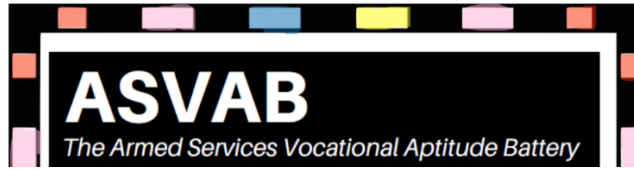
JUNIORS can participate by paying the \$15 fee through MyPaymentsPlus. The junior year PSAT/NMSQT result is used to enter the [National Merit Scholarship](#) and the [National Achievement Scholarship](#) Programs.

The deadline for junior families to pay the fee for the PSAT/NMSQT is 4:00 pm Friday, August 28th. Regretfully, no payments can be accepted after 4:00 pm for any reason.

The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered DIGITALLY. Students must bring their fully charged CCSD laptop and charging cord that day. For more information about this and why taking the PSAT is important, click [HERE](#). In support of our School Strategic Plan, Pope will provide PSAT prep to all 10-11 graders during AO starting August 11th and ending September 17th.

Juniors have the alternative option to take the [ASVAB Career Exploration Program](#) assessment instead of the PSAT that morning; this is a FREE assessment. Although the ASVAB is used to determine military enlistment qualifications and career discernment, there is no obligation for the students to talk to a recruiter or to enter military service while participating in this career exploration program. Juniors interested in taking the ASVAB instead of the PSAT need to register before October 9th. See the next section for details.

ASVAB Opportunity for 11th and 12th Graders

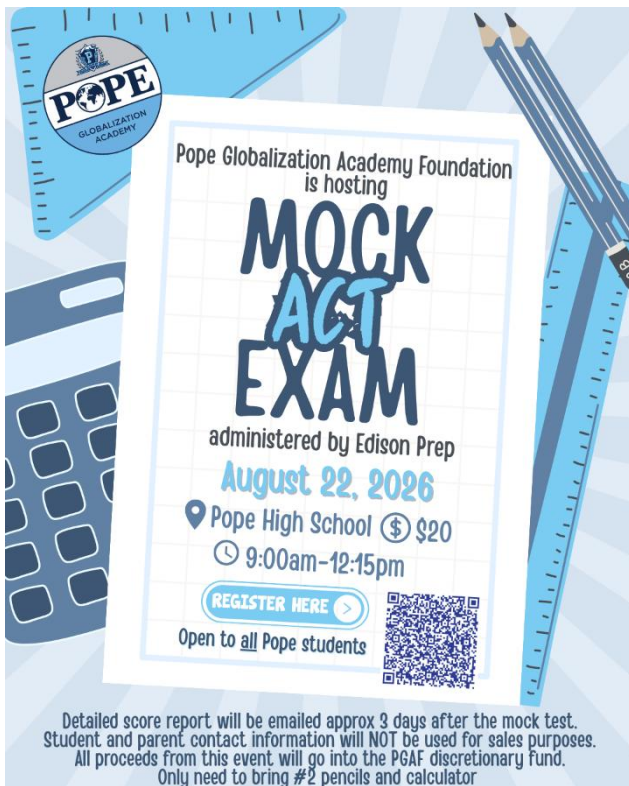


Pope will be offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) the morning of **Thursday, October 15th** to any interested juniors *not participating in the PSAT*, and any interested seniors. The ASVAB is the assessment needed for [military enlistment](#), but this program also provides students with a highly researched and reliable career assessment that helps them plan their futures. It includes an aptitude test, tools, and resources to help students learn about themselves and find careers that align with their interests and skills. For an overview of the ASVAB CEP please click [HERE](#).

Participation in the ASVAB CEP does not obligate a student to talk with military recruiters or consider a military career, and scores are not shared with recruiters. Interested 11th and 12th graders must sign up before October 9th to participate. Scan the QR code to register:



Pope Globalization to Host Mock ACT



The Pope Globalization Academy Foundation is sponsoring a Mock ACT on **Saturday, August 22nd** 9 am – 12:15 pm in the PAC, rooms 40 and 42. This opportunity is open to all Pope students, and costs \$20. Scan the QR code to register or sign up [here](#).

West Point Admissions Event

Students are cordially invited to an admissions event for the United States Military Academy on **September 2nd at 6 pm** (Christ the King Lutheran Church, 5040 Riverfield Dr, Peachtree Corners, GA). This is a unique opportunity to learn more about West Point, life as a Cadet, and the application process. [Register](#) to reserve your place for this great experience to see if it is the right fit for you, and to understand how you can apply.

Virtual Pilot Seminar

California Aeronautical University will be hosting a virtual pilot seminar for students interested in aviation or becoming a pilot. The event will take place on **Thursday, September 3rd at 5:30 pm**. Register [here](#) and see the flyer for more details.

They will provide information on:

- How flight training works
- Pathways & degrees offered
- California Aeronautical University
- Financial aid and more



CAU
CALIFORNIA AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

Prepare for Takeoff

ASPIRING PILOT SEMINAR

Thinking of a career as a pilot? Not sure what steps to take to get there?
Attend our virtual Aspiring Pilot Seminar as a great first step in understanding how to start your career as a pilot.

RSVP TO ATTEND
calaero.edu/pilot-seminar

VIRTUAL EVENT
Thursday, September 3
2:30PM PST / 5:30PM EST
Meeting Link Provided Upon Registration

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

- **What is the best flight plan?**
Explore the right questions to ask when researching and comparing aviation universities.
- **Preparing for takeoff**
Cover important topics like admissions requirements, FAA medical certificate, restricted ATP benefits, and navigating the pilot application process.
- **Navigating your journey**
Flight training stages and the role of an aviation university in your journey.
- **Wrap-up**
Closing remarks, Q&A discussion, and the opportunity to win giveaways.

calaero.edu | (661) 615-5915 | admissions@calaero.edu

Student Advisory Council

State School Superintendent Richard Woods seeks students in **grades 10-12** to serve on his **2026-2027 Student Advisory Council**. These students will meet with Superintendent Woods to discuss the impact of state policies in the classroom and other education-related issues. They will serve as the Superintendent's ambassadors to their respective schools. The Student Advisory Council will meet four times in person during the school year; meeting dates are listed in the application.

A message from Superintendent Woods: "One of the most important parts of my job is listening to students. The Student Advisory Council allows me to hear directly from young people about their experiences, challenges, and ideas for the future of education in Georgia. These students serve as ambassadors for their schools and communities, and their perspectives help ensure student voices remain at the center of our work. I encourage eligible students from across Georgia to apply and share their unique viewpoints."

Interested students must complete and submit the [application](#) by **September 4th at 5 pm**. Selected students will be contacted via email.

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 were 16 by August 3, 2026, must submit an updated Certificate of Immunization, on GA Form 3231, to the Pope Counseling Office as soon as possible. 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.

Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming events, sponsored by the Counseling team. More information will be forthcoming as we get closer to the dates:

September 2nd at 7 pm (PAC) – Junior Family Information Night

September 8th at 7 pm (PAC) – Dual Enrollment Information Night

Get to Know Your Counseling Office

The Counseling Office is located in room 102. We are open from 7:45 am to 3:45 pm. Students are welcome to stop in before or after school but should have a pass from their teacher to come in during the day. We are happy to make

appointments for our students with their Counselor and will try to schedule those during a student's lunch period. Parents interested in scheduling an appointment should e-mail their Counselor directly. We look forward to working with you this year!



Back Row: Karen Anderson (Clerk), Leslie Shearstone (E-K), Lisa Squier (Records), Pam Kretzmer (Social Worker)
Front Row: Jamie Hamrick (R-Z), Cheryl Gully (L-Q), Anna Leathers (A-D), Andi Hodgins (504s)

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