



TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE
September 8, 2026

Seniors - Class of 2027

Wednesday Workshops!

Seniors! Have questions on using SchoolLinks? Need help requesting recommendations or working on your Common App? Need to follow up on a FutureFocus topic? Stop by the Counseling Office to pick up a pass to join the Counselors during your lunch period. **They will be available TWO MORE WEDNESDAYS (9/9 and 9/16) to answer your questions.** Meet them in the Professional Development room in the Learning Commons during your lunch period to get some help. Don't forget to pick up a pass in the Counseling Office to be able to attend!

FutureFocus Lessons – Counselor Letter of Recommendation Requests – Student and Parent Brag Sheets and Resume

In order for seniors to request a Counselor Letter of Recommendation, they must verify that they've completed/provided 3 required items – **the Student Brag Sheet, the Parent Brag Sheet, and a Resume**; ensure that the college(s) are entered in SchoolLinks in their College Application Manager; and finally, come fill out their **Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Card in Counseling**. The absolute latest deadline for completing these steps is 2 weeks prior to the student's application deadline (NOT including holidays, weekends, or breaks).

Brag Sheets: Students can access and complete the Student Brag Sheet directly in SchoolLinks (now LIVE!). The Brag Sheet is a link in their To-Do list visible right on their homepage. Parents were sent a message about how to access the Parent Brag Sheet last Friday; this is the preferred method, however, alternatively, questions can be found in the Senior Counseling CTLS classroom in Resources. Students should download this Word document and provide it to their parents to complete. They can then either email it directly to the counselor OR the student can upload it into their SchoolLinks Documents.

Resumes: Resumes can either be emailed or uploaded into their SchoolLinks Documents. Alternatively, students can also complete their SchoolLinks Profile, and this can also serve as a resume (and can even be exported as a Word Document to share with others, if desired). If you need additional information about Letters of Recommendations and Resumes, two FutureFocus presentations have been uploaded into Counseling CTLS -> Resources that address these topics in great detail! All FutureFocus presentations can also be found both on that Resources page or on the Pope School Counseling website under [12th Grade](#).

SENIOR FUTUREFOCUS SEPT 3 - 17



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!

United States Presidential Scholar Program

Each year, the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program honors some of our nation's most exceptional high school seniors who shine through academic achievement, artistic talent, and career and technical excellence. Established by executive order in 1964, the program has grown to recognize up to 161 students annually, celebrating those whose accomplishments reflect the highest ideals of scholarship, creativity, and leadership.

The 2027 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program application window is now open and closes on November 1st at 5 pm. High school seniors may apply, provided they meet all program qualifications. The application, program criteria, and informational brochures are on the Excellence Recognitions PSP webpage at [U.S. Presidential Scholar – Georgia Department of Education](#).

Application Link: [2027 PSP Application](#)

Verification Forms: [Click Here](#)

Student Application Guidance: [Click Here](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

Watch this space for important scholarship information! Various opportunities will be highlighted in the Tuesday Telegraph but thousands of scholarships are also posted in SchoolLinks and can be found on the [Pope School Counseling](#) website. Later this semester we will be sharing scholarship opportunities where there are guaranteed to be Pope winners!

Information for All Grades

Pope's Dual Enrollment Information Night – TONIGHT September 8th at 7 pm in the PAC

Join us **TONIGHT at 7pm in the PAC** for an informational meeting about Georgia's Dual Enrollment program and how we implement the program at Pope. We will cover eligibility, various options within the program, benefits, logistical considerations, processes, and much more. Many of our students participate by taking core classes, but increasingly, students are seeking career and trade-oriented classes that can lead to official certifications, technical diplomas, and more through the Accelerated Career Diploma (ACD) program. **This meeting is required for any**

student who wishes to participate in DE for the 2027-28 school year. Those unable to attend will be able to find a recorded version of the presentation on our website after the meeting. ***All families who attend should be sure to complete the attendance log at the conclusion of the meeting.*** If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor!

Junior Advisement Has Started!

During Junior year, families and students are invited to meet with their counselor for an individual 30-minute advisement session regarding remaining graduation requirements and post-secondary plans. You are now able to sign up for a **Junior Advisement Appointment** with your student's counselor. **The bulk of the appointment slots run from Tuesday, September 29 through mid-December. However, there are also some available appointments in early September.** Please click on the link next to your assigned alpha counselor to take you directly to a Bookings page and follow the instructions. **We encourage you to book a time that coincides with your student's lunch or maybe an elective period if possible.** Students will be responsible for making up any work that is missed. We look forward to meeting with you. If you missed the Junior Parent Meeting last week, you can find the presentation at www.popeschoolcounseling.com/11th-grade/. **As a reminder, please bring a copy of your student's Social Security card to the meeting. This will be helpful in allowing you and your student to gain access to their personal HOPE Scholarship information. Additionally, please be sure to park in a VISITOR parking spot or there is a risk that you will get a ticket if you park in a student/teacher parking spot.**

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Junior Parent Night – Presentation is Posted

If you were unable to attend our Junior Parent Night last week, the [presentation](#) is now posted on our Counseling website.

Sophomore Classroom Counseling Lessons and Family Events

Counselors will be going into 10th grade English classes Friday and next Wednesday (September 11th and 16th) to have sophomores complete their two state required tasks and discuss the following topics:

- Complete Brain Flex career assessment in SchoolLinks (state required task)
- Dual Enrollment - complete the Dual Enrollment Survey in SchoolLinks (state required task)
- What are my options after high school?
- HOPE Scholarship and HOPE Grant (funding for Georgia Technical Colleges and Universities)
- GAFutures.org career and college planning website (where they can see their HOPE GPA calculation)
- PSAT/SAT/ACT overview

Then in February, we will return to sophomore classes to discuss:

- Graduation Requirements and promotion rules

- Updating their Individualized College and Career Plan (ICCP)
- Course registration information for the 2027-28 school year

SAVE THE DATES: 10th Grade Family Events

All sophomores will be participating in the **PSAT/NMSQT the morning of Thursday, October 15th**. The fee for this test has been paid for by the state of Georgia for all 10th graders. Students should receive their PSAT results electronically via their College Board Big Futures account in early November. We will have a **PSAT Results and College Testing Information meeting, followed by a Sophomore Family Meeting Monday, November 9th starting at 7:00 pm in the PAC.**

Leading into course registration for next year, we will host a **Family Course Registration Information Night on Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the PAC.** This meeting is for current 9th, 10th and 11th grade families looking for additional guidance and insight into the course registration and planning process. We will share information that will help you and your child plan a challenging but balanced approach to course selections. School Counselors will be available in the PAC lobby after the presentation to answer additional questions you/your child may have about their course selection.

Fine Arts Music College Fair

See the flyer for the Fine Arts Music College Fair coming to East Cobb Middle School on **September 10th!**





Music College Fair



FINE ARTS

Register Here

<https://bit.ly/26musiccollegefair>

- Auburn University
- Augusta University
- Berklee College of Music
- Berry College
- Brenau University
- Clayton State University
- Columbia College Chicago
- Eastman School of Music
- Florida State University
- Georgia State University
- Kennesaw State University
- LaGrange College
- Manhattan School of Music
- Mannes at The New School
- Northwestern University
- Piedmont University
- Reinhardt University
- Rice University
- St. Thomas University

- The Juilliard School
- The San Francisco Conservatory
- University of Georgia
- University of Houston
- University of Maryland
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- University of North Texas
- University of Tennessee
- University of West Georgia
- Valdosta State University
- Vanderbilt University
- Young Harris College

September 10, 2026

EAST COBB MIDDLE SCHOOL

5:00: PANEL DISCUSSION

6:00-8:00: COLLEGE FAIR






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](#).



The flyer is for the Cobb County School District College Fair for Grades 9-12, hosted by ScholarTrek. It features the Cobb County School District and ScholarTrek logos at the top. The main title is "COLLEGE FAIR FOR GRADES 9-12". Below this, it states that over 90 colleges and universities will be present, offering optional workshops on applications, financial aid, and college essays. A QR code is provided for more information, with the text "TO FIND OUT MORE" and "SCAN THIS CODE". A red banner highlights that support services for students with disabilities are available, including Spanish interpretation. A note mentions that a full listing of colleges will be shared in early September. The event is scheduled for September 14, 2026, from 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Check-in begins at 4:30 PM, presentations begin at 5:00 PM, and the college fair doors open at 6:00 PM. The website <https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb> is listed. The location is Walton High School, 1590 Bill Murdock Road, Marietta, GA 30062.

COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT | **ScholarTrek**

COLLEGE FAIR

FOR GRADES 9-12

Over 90 colleges and universities will be here to meet Cobb students and families.* Come early for optional workshops on applications, financial aid, and college essays. Check in at the theatre lobby entrance; the fair is in the gym.

TO FIND OUT MORE



SCAN THIS CODE

Support services for students with disabilities available.
Se ofrecen servicios de interpretación al español.
(Spanish interpretation is available.)

*Full listing of colleges in attendance will be shared with the public in early September.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026
4:30 PM - 8:00 PM

CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 4:30PM
PRESENTATIONS BEGIN AT 5:00 PM
COLLEGE FAIR DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

<https://www.scholartrek.com/cobb>

WALTON HIGH SCHOOL
1590 Bill Murdock Road Marietta, GA 30062

Visit Florida A&M University

The Northwest Georgia Chapter of the FAMU Alumni Association is hosting a trip to the university for prospective high school students to learn more about academics, admissions and student life. The chartered bus trip will be on **September 26th**, and the registration deadline is **September 15th**. See the flyer for more information.

FAMU BOUND!

FALL PREVIEW BUS TRIP TO TALLAHASSEE!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15TH!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF RATTLER PRIDE!
Experience campus life, attend special sessions, tour the campus, and see what it means to be FAMUly.

- Open to High School Students and Parents/Guardians
- Meet Admissions, Financial Aid & Student Leaders
- Learn About Programs, Scholarships & More!

TRIP DETAILS

- \$125 Per Person
- Depart from Northwest Georgia
- Early Morning Departure
- Return Same Day - Evening
- Light Refreshments Provided

Space is Limited - Register Today!

REGISTER HERE

Scan the QR Code to Access the Registration Form!

SUPPORT A STUDENT

Scan the QR Code to Donate and Help Make This Trip Possible!

Striking with Excellence
NORTHWEST GEORGIA ALUMNI CHAPTER

Turner Chapel College Fair - November 7th

Mark your calendar for the annual Turner Chapel AME College Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for students and families to learn what it takes to get into college. Over 50 colleges, universities, and resource organizations will be onsite. It's FREE but [registration](#) is required. Meet experts, discover opportunities, and build your tomorrow. See the flyer for further information.

TURNER CHAPEL AME
ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR

LOCK IN, *Secure* YOUR FUTURE

COLLEGE PANEL DISCUSSION

EXPLORE. CONNECT. APPLY. SUCCEED.
MEET EXPERTS. DISCOVER OPPORTUNITIES. BUILD YOUR TOMORROW.

NOV 7TH

11AM - 3PM

492 N. MARIETTA PKWY
MARIETTA, GA 30060

SCHOOLS ATTENDING

 KENNESAW STATE	 HOWARD UNIVERSITY	 COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	 NORTH CAROLINA A&T	 HARVARD UNIVERSITY	 MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE
 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	 FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY	 MARIST COLLEGE	 ALLEN UNIVERSITY	 ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY	 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

...and more!

SCAN TO REGISTER





TURNER CHAPEL
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REV. DR. TAR-U-WAY R.A. BRIGHT, SR.
SERVANT LEADER

REV. WAYNE REYNOLDS
YOUTH PASTOR

*ONE DECISION CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING.
YOUR FUTURE. YOUR TIME. LOCK IN.*

UNG Next Fest

This fall, the Office of Community Engagement at University of North Georgia will be hosting a series of inaugural academic festivals across their Power of Five campuses. These events are FREE and open to the public, where guests of all ages can enjoy a family-friendly, hands-on learning experience, live entertainment, food and fun. It's a chance to experience the university, engage with current Nighthawks, faculty, staff and alumni and enjoy a day filled with discovery and celebration. See the flyer with the event dates. For more information, contact Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@ung.edu.

University of North Georgia™

NEXT FEST

ACADEMIC FESTIVAL & COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

**NEXT
FEST
DATES**

Gainesville	Saturday, August 29, 2026 9 AM - 2 PM
Blue Ridge	Tuesday, September 22, 2026 11 AM - 4 PM
Dahlonega	Saturday, November 7, 2026 11 AM - 4 PM
Cumming	Thursday, March 4, 2027 11 AM - 4 PM
Oconee	Thursday, March 18, 2027 11 AM - 4 PM



**Enjoy Free, Family-Friendly
Hands-On Learning Opportunities,
Food & Fun!**



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NORTH GEORGIA
The Mountain College of Georgia



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Student Journalism Workshop at CNN

The Asian American Journalists Association Atlanta Chapter invites students to a FREE 2026 Student Journalism Workshop at CNN, where they can learn from working journalists and explore media careers.

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2026

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm — check-in begins at 8:15 am

Location: CNN, 1050 Techwood Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 — next to Georgia Tech

Cost: Free — lunch will be provided

Schedule and sign-up link: <https://linktr.ee/AAJAATL>

Find out what students are saying about the event [here](#).

The workshop is open to all 8th grade, high school, and college students. Students do not need to be journalism or AAPI students to attend. Students will learn from professional journalists, find out about media careers, tour CNN studios and control rooms — including CNN10 — and receive a certificate of participation.

Students must sign up using the link above. Spots are limited, so sign up soon!

Questions? Email AAJAATLChapter@gmail.com.

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 free highly researched and reliable career assessment that helps them explore careers and plan their futures. For an overview of the ASVAB, please click [HERE](#).

Participation in the ASVAB 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. The test is administered digitally, so be sure to bring your charged CCSD issued laptop that morning. Location of testing is TBD. Stop by the Counseling Office if you have questions.



Revolution Prep – PSAT Prep

Follow along with Revolution Prep's PSAT 1, 2, 3 – Learn It, Take It, Interpret It. [Sign up](#) for this FREE resource!

 **REVOLUTION PREP**

FREE FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

PSAT 1, 2, 3



Where the PSAT fits

Three official tests, years apart. Each one does something different.

9TH AND 10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	11TH AND 12TH GRADE
Official PSAT Lowstakes. Minimal preparation required, and colleges never see the score.	Official PSAT/NMSQT The National Merit Qualifying Test, may be worth preparing for.	Official SAT or ACT The only scores colleges see, and only the ones you choose to send.

PRACTICE WITH REVOLUTION PREP Free, full-length unofficial practice exams before any of these. Scores never go to colleges.

1 LEARN IT

A free one-hour PSAT 101 session, online. The digital adaptive format, how scoring works, timing, and what test day actually feels like.

SESSIONS
Sun, Sep 13
Sun, Sep 27
4:00 PM PT / 7:00 PM ET

2 TAKE IT

A free full-length practice exam, live proctored online, in the same digital adaptive format College Board uses. Extended time supported. Self-proctored any time. Scan below for additional dates.

EXAM DATES
Sat, Aug 29
Sat, Sep 12
Sat, Sep 19
9:00 AM PT / 12:00 PM ET

3 INTERPRET IT

Score Report+ lands as soon as you finish, plus a free review with a Revolution Prep advisor to turn it into a testing timeline. Then join our webinar to plan your path forward.

PSAT/NMSQT: NOW WHAT?
Thu, Nov 5
Tue, Nov 17
Times vary | Recording provided

Score Report+ Section-by-section detail, pacing insights, official-style percentiles, and the three highest-impact areas to work on next.



ONE LINK. ALL THREE STEPS.

revolutionprep.com/hs/psat/123

Scan or visit to see every date, register, and find what fits your schedule.
Questions? Contact us: answers@revolutionprep.com | (877) 738-7737

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Applerouth's PSAT Prep

Applerouth's annual PSAT workshop/practice test event is back! This is a great way for students to prep for the PSAT (for free)! See the flyer to sign up for free online strategy sessions and practice tests.



PSAT PATHWAYS

Turn the PSAT Into a Testing Strategy

Free online strategy session + practice test

1 STEP 1: Choose a 90-Minute PSAT Strategy Session



SEP 19	9:00 am CT 10:00 am ET
SEP 23	6:00 pm CT 7:00 pm ET
SEP 29	6:00 pm CT 7:00 pm ET
OCT 1	6:00 pm CT 7:00 pm ET

All sessions held via Zoom

2 STEP 2: Take an Online PSAT Practice Test

	SEP 26–27	OCT 3–4
ET	9am 12pm 3pm	9am 12pm 3pm
CT	8am 11am 2pm	8am 11am 2pm

Applerouth's free PSAT Pathways program offers:



A 90-Minute Workshop:

Expert guidance on Math, Reading, and Writing with test-taking strategies.



A Pressure-Free Practice Test:

Practice exam to familiarize students with the test format.



A Detailed Score Report:

Personalized roadmap, boosting students' confidence as they prepare for the PSAT and beyond.



REGISTER NOW!

applerouth.com/psat-pathways

Scan the QR code to register!



www.applerouth.com



info@applerouth.com



866-789-7737

Monday's Bell Schedule

Next Monday, September 14th we will have ADVISEMENT after first period. Please make a note of the modified bell schedule.

Advisement Bell Schedule

1st Period	8:20–9:10
Advisement	9:15–10:00
2nd Period	10:05–10:55
3rd Period	11:00–11:50
4th Period	11:55–12:45
5th Period	12:50–1:40
6th Period	1:45–2:35
7th Period	2:40–3:30



Pope School Counseling Website

Have you visited the [Pope School Counseling website](#)? You can find lots of useful information including [grade specific presentations](#), [tutoring help](#), [personal support](#), [ACT/SAT/CLT testing information](#), [scholarship and financial aid resources](#), the weekly [Tuesday Telegraphs](#) from this school year, and so much more!



Back Row: Karen Anderson (Clerk), Leslie Shearstone (E-K), Lisa Squier (Records), Pam Kretzmer (Social Worker)
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