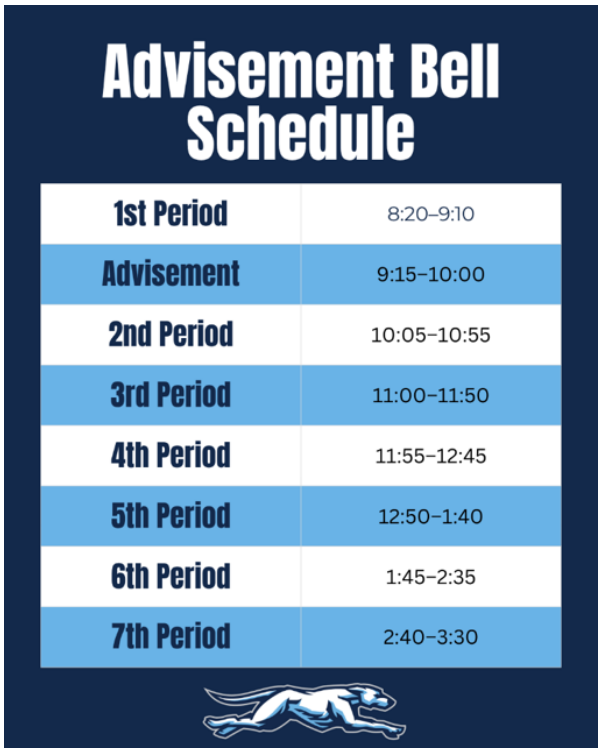
TUESDAY TELEGRAPH
NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE
September 29, 2026

Advisement Bell Schedule on Monday

Next Monday, October 5th we will have ADVISEMENT after first period. Please make a note of the modified bell schedule.



Seniors - Class of 2027

Counselor Letters of Recommendation Request Deadline for October 15 Deadlines

Seniors – if you need a counselor recommendation letter for colleges with October 15 deadlines, remember that we require you make the request at least 2 weeks prior to the application deadline; this is FRIDAY (October 2)! You request these by filling out the Counselor Letter of Recommendation Request Card in Counseling. You ALSO need to have completed the Student and Parent Brag sheets, as well as provided a resume (either by completing your Profile in SchooLinks or uploading one in Documents). Stop by the Counseling Office if you have any questions.

Apply to College for Free at Alabama Schools Next Week!

See the flyer for a list of colleges in Alabama that will waive application fees next week (October 5-9).



University of Alabama's Scholarship Assistance Program

Seniors who are interested in attending The University of Alabama are invited to an Alumni Scholarship Assistance Program session. Students are encouraged to attend BEFORE applying for admission, as the scholarship application is now part of the admission process. Join them **TONIGHT, September 29th (6-7:30 pm)** at the Alpharetta Library Auditorium in Alpharetta. RSVP here.

Financial Aid Night Recap

We had an excellent presentation earlier this month from Anna Roberts O'Brien, our GSFC representative, who provided a wealth of information about the financial aid process, including information about federal aid, FAFSA, HOPE Programs, and so much more. She has graciously shared her presentation with us for those who weren't able to attend, as well as those who want to go back through the information; this is posted on our Counseling website. If you'd like additional assistance, Anna is available for consultations about financial aid, FAFSA, and more. You can reach out to her by email - aroberts@gsfc.org, phone/text 404.706.1550, or schedule a 30-minute appointment directly through her Bookings link, found here https://www.gafutures.org/about-us/outreach/meet-your-gsfc-outreach-representative/anna-obrien/. Anna's consultations are free as a service provided by the Georgia-sponsored higher education finance agency, the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC). A reminder – the FAFSA already opened for graduating seniors, and you'll need to complete the **2027-2028 FAFSA** for students who will be starting college in the Fall of 2027!

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 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 SchooLinks 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! Also, check out this great website to find out which colleges offer free tuition!

Information for All Grades

Sign up for your Junior Advisement Appointment!

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. 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, 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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College Planning Timelines for all Grades – GAFutures

Did you know that GAFutures has college planning timelines for every grade level? We understand the process of knowing what to do when can be overwhelming. Check out these resources for step-by-step guides about how to methodically approach planning for college https://www.gafutures.org/college-planning/college-decision-guide/college-planning-timeline/.

Pope's Dual Enrollment Information Night – Presentation Posted

If you missed the Dual Enrollment meeting earlier this month, the presentation has been posted on our website. REMEMBER, parent AND student must complete the test and attendance log found at the end of the presentation if you plan to take dual enrollment classes next school year (or over the summer!). If you have any questions, please reach out to your counselor!

Pope College Fair – October 7

Save the date for Pope's next College Fair! ALL STUDENTS are invited to join us in the Aux Gym during x-block on **Wednesday, October 7th (2:10-2:50)**. See the flyer to see who will be attending.



Probe College Fair – October 13

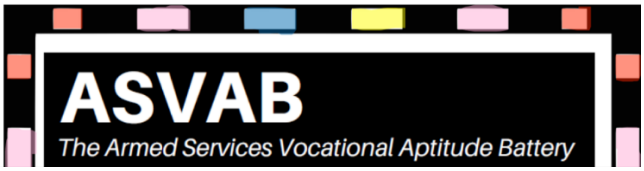
Head over to **Marietta High School** for their Probe College Fair on **Tuesday, October 13th (6-7:30 pm).** They will host over 50 colleges and universities in their Gym! Scan the QR code in the flyer to register.



UGA to Visit Pope October 14

Landon Leiker, the UGA Admissions Counselor for Cobb County, will be at Pope on **Wednesday, October 14th during x-block** to give a presentation to ALL students interested in learning more about The University of Georgia. Students of all grade levels are invited and should meet in the PAC Theater right after the bell rings at 2:10.

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.

PSAT Information Meeting and Sophomore Family Meeting – November 9th

On Monday, November 9th starting at 7:00 pm in the PAC we will have a PSAT/NMSQT Information Meeting for any grade level parents/students interested in learning more about their **PSAT Score Report** and how to get the most out of your results. Following this will be an additional informational meeting for our Sophomore Families. Topics to be covered include:

- PSAT Results and college readiness
- SAT and ACT updates
- SchooLinks – Career and College planning tool for students and parents
- Post-Secondary options/admissions requirements/funding programs (HOPE Scholarship)
- Dual Enrollment
- Striving for balance during high school
- Upcoming Advisement Opportunities

Cobb County Fire Cadet Program

Cobb County's Department of Public Health offers a **Cadet Program** for students ages 14–20 at NO COST. Cadets meet every Thursday evening and gain hands-on exposure to the fire service, including physical training and skills such as ladder operations, hose handling, and rescue techniques. The program gives students an opportunity to learn what it's like to work in a structured, team-oriented environment while exploring firefighting as a potential career. Students and parents can learn more about the Cadet Program at cobbfirecadets.com.

2027 Emerging Innovator Awards

Are you making an impact in your school or community? Apply for the 2027 Emerging Innovator Awards for the chance to be recognized as one of the **top 100 high school changemakers worldwide**. Honorees receive global recognition, an invitation to the Limitless World Summit, and the chance to compete for a **$40,000 prize pool** in cash and scholarships. Apply by **October 1st**: hornentr.com/EIAapply

Pope's HOSA Mentor Program

HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America, now known as HOSA-Future Health Professionals) helps students build leadership skills, learn about medical fields, and prepare for careers in healthcare. If you are a healthcare professional and would be willing to connect with students interested in healthcare, please see the flyer to understand how you can "Adopt a Greyhound" and help a student learn more about this important career.



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!



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