



PIKE COUNTY NINTH GRADE NEWS

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Counselor's Corner



Agree to Disagree

Do you find it difficult to have conversations where you don't see eye to eye with others? Is it easier for you to agree rather than disagree? If so, here are five ways from TeensHealth that can assist with a healthy way to disagree.

1. When you get upset, keep in mind that you're not mad at your parent or friend, just their idea or concept. Don't make it personal.
2. Use respectful language. Don't put someone down or use terms that are hurtful; consider how you would feel if on the receiving end. Try not to yell when trying to get your point or perspective across to other people.
3. Use "I" statements to communicate how you feel, what you think, and what you want or need. Example, when you're told to stop one task to do another, instead of responding, "you always want me to..." try, "can I do that after I am done with this task?" This will help maintain a pleasant tone and not sound argumentative.
4. Be heard, but always listen to the other person, too.
5. One of the most important things to do during an intense conversation is to remain calm.



HOPE Scholarship and Grant

The HOPE Scholarship and the Zell Miller Scholarship are awarded to students wishing to pursue a degree at an eligible college or university in Georgia. HOPE is awarded to students with a minimum 3.00 high school GPA, whereas the Zell Miller Scholarship provides more money, but students must have a 3.7 GPA and an SAT score of 1200 or ACT of 26.

Similarly, the HOPE Grant is awarded to students who wish to pursue a certificate or diploma, typically at a technical institution. The Zell Miller Grant provides greater financial assistance, but students must maintain a higher GPA at their institution than HOPE recipients.

Keep these scholarships in mind as you take your classes.

The grades you make now can mean free money later!



In Ireland, there are a lot of fake diamonds for sale. They call them shamrocks.



Spring is here!

Daylight Saving Time Begins:

Sunday, March 14.

Move your clocks forward one hour.

Reminders:

- ◇ Buy your yearbook. \$80. See Ms. Kempson
- ◇ Wash your hands and keep your distance.
- ◇ Distance learners should be actively working at least 5 hours per day.

Black History Month Trivia

Winner:

Madison Schofield

Answer:

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech was given at the National Mall in Washington D.C. Hall of Fame basketball player George Raveling has Dr. King's original speech notes. Raveling was working security at the event, and as Dr. King was leaving the stage, Raveling asked if he could "have that copy," and King handed him the notes.



Pike County Schools

Freedom Lives in Choice and Opportunities. We want all students to be free to live the life they choose, free from limitations and influence. The Pike Portrait of a Graduate shows us the way.

Staff Spotlight:

Ms. Jessica Davis



Ms. Davis teaches World History here for us at NGA. She is one of the few teachers we share with the high school, where she also teaches US History. She's a very busy lady!

What's the weirdest job you ever had? Elementary school teacher. Ha! I never thought I would teach high school, and now I wonder why I ever wanted to teach anything else. High school is the best.

What were you like as a 9th grade student? A silly 14-year-old girl with gaucho pants, who desperately wanted a cell phone.

What's your best advice? Stay away from credit cards!

Favorite ice cream? Pecan praline or Double Dunker



Bright Star Musical:

Mar 4-5 7:00 pm
Mar 6 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Home Varsity Soccer:

Mar 9 6:00G/8:00B vs. Mt. De Sales Acad.
Mar 12 6:00B vs. Americus-Sumter
Mar 16 5:30G/7:30B vs. Lamar
Mar 26 5:30G/7:30B vs. Upson-Lee
Mar 30 6:00G/8:00B vs. Dutchtown

Home JV Soccer:

Mar 31 7:00B vs. Griffin
Mar 22 6:00G vs. Jackson
Mar 24 6:00G vs. Mary Persons

Home Varsity Baseball:

Mar 2 5:55 vs. Locust Grove
Mar 12 5:55 vs. Peach County
Mar 13 2:00 vs. Cook County
Mar 13 6:00 vs. Glenwood Academy
Mar 19 5:55 vs. Upson-Lee
Mar 23 5:00 vs. Americus-Sumter
Mar 24 5:55 vs. Starrs Mill
Mar 30 5:30 vs. Crisp County
Mar 31 5:55 vs. McIntosh

Home JV Baseball:

Mar 1 5:55 vs. Whitewater
Mar 8 5:55 vs. Union Grove
Mar 13 10:00 vs. McIntosh
Mar 13 12:00 vs. McIntosh
Mar 15 5:55 vs. Ola
Mar 20 10:00 vs. East Coweta
Mar 20 12:00 vs. East Coweta

Women's History Month

Trivia

Turn in your guess to the office for a chance to win a prize.

Mae Jemison was the first real astronaut to appear on which space-themed TV show?



- A. Battlestar Galactica
- B. Stargate SG-1
- C. Lost in Space
- D. Star Trek: The Next Generation

Sudoku Puzzle

Each block of 9 squares, each row, and each column must contain all numbers 1-9. Use QR code at right for solution.



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