

# PTO News & Events

## Week of February 12, 2024

In the weekly newsletter, you'll find information about upcoming events sponsored by the PTO and fundraisers for events. You can also find information and signups on our website: <https://popepto.org>

Want to know more or have questions about how to volunteer? Please email our Pope PTO VP of Communications, Janet Banes, at [info@PopePTO.org](mailto:info@PopePTO.org)

### ***Spring Events Calendar is now available***

A calendar featuring the events from the Spring is now available for you to view. ***Please note some date changes have occurred!*** You can find the calendar at the bottom of this newsletter or on the PTO website in the newsletter section.

### ***Need to Order a Yearbook?***

Do you still need to order a yearbook? Yearbooks are \$60.00. Visit the PTO website to order. Don't delay and miss out on this chance to capture your child's memories. Only limited quantities will be available for purchase after delivery in May.

### ***Field Day Volunteers Needed!***

Our Pope Panther Field Days are coming up soon: March 6-8, 2024! Field Day is one of our school's most popular events, and our student have already been practicing showing their pride and the skills for the fun events of the day.

To make this a successful event, we need parent helpers both before the event and the day of the event. Please see the SignUp Genius links below to volunteer.

### **2024 FIELD DAY: SPIRIT ITEMS & WATER**

There are two volunteer positions that need to be filled for each homeroom to help with items before Field Day: Spirit Items Coordinator and Water Bottles & Cooler Provider.

SignUp Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-47547908-2024>

### **2024 FIELD DAY: EVENT VOLUNTEERS**

On the day of Field Day, volunteers are needed to assist with equipment set up and change outs, keeping of track homerooms showing PRIDE, assisting Coach Schlosser and Coach Morgan as needed, and/or making an appearance as our mascot, Paws.

*Please note that the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade field trip on March 8 is at the SAME TIME as 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grades' Field Days.*

SignUp Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-47803502-2024>

### **Upcoming Dates**

02/10	Sweetheart Dance
02/12-16	Kindness Week
02/14	SRC Demo: 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade – Small Mammals Valentine's Day Exchange
02/15	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of Kindergarten
02/16	NO SCHOOL
02/19	NO SCHOOL
02/23	Go Texan Day

## ***Lost and Found***

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Our Lost & Found Crew works hard to reunite your student with their missing belongings. Please label each item your student brings to school to assist our Lost and Found Crew in this task.

Check out the Google Drive link for pictures of the items currently without an owner!

Lost & Found Google Drive link: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13DC5sZxXBzT9HYw-RVAfBtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13DC5sZxXBzT9HYw-RVAfBtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive_link)

See your item in the Lost & Found pictures? Contact our Lost and Found Chair, Kat Neal, at [katayount@gmail.com](mailto:katayount@gmail.com)

## ***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Event Photos Needed for Memory Book***

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party Planning Committee is looking for photos from the fall semester to add to our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Memory Book. Each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student is gifted a memory book at the end of the year, courtesy of the PTO.

Pictures should be submitted using the Balfour website <https://images.balfour.com> or the Balfour ImageShare App. Our "Project Number" is: F02135 and leave the "Upload Code" blank. See the flyer below for more details.

*Please Note: The 5th Grade Memory Book is NOT the same as the Yearbook - pictures must be submitted separately to each project.*

## ***Submitting Pictures to Yearbook***

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Please make sure to submit your pictures to the yearbook in a timely manner! We ask that you turn in your pictures no later than 10 days after the event.

- There are two ways you can submit:
  1. Upload via Balfour's website: [images.balfour.com](https://images.balfour.com) using your phone or computer **(RECOMMENDED)**  
OR
  2. Upload the Balfour ImageShare app
- Our "Project Number" is: 427093 and leave the "Upload Code" blank
- You can only upload 10 images at a time, so it may take more than one upload if you have a lot. JPEG files preferred; HEIC files may be too large and give you an error.
- Be detailed in your names and captions –
  - Name: John Smith, Jane Doe, 2nd Grade, Ms. Jones
  - Caption: Meet the Teacher
- You can list as many names as you know in the name section. You can always ask your student to help you identify who is in the picture - they'll know names, even if it's just a first name.

If you are an iPhone user and are having problems submitting your pictures through the ImageShare app, please see the "Yearbook Help for iPhone Users" flyer below.

## ***Pope Teacher & Staff Favorites***

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Want to know what our Pope Teachers and Staff Members really want?? Check out their "Favorites" sheet on the PTO website. Each teacher and staff member has submitted a page with all the details you need to know to brighten their day!

## ***Volunteering in CFISD & at Pope***

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When you volunteer at any CFISD campus or Pope, you will want to make sure to sign-in at the Front Desk as a volunteer. This will print "volunteer" on your name tag and automatically log your volunteer hours for you. When you sign in as a "visitor," no volunteer hours are recorded.

- **To sign in as a "volunteer," you must have a volunteer account in the CFISD RAPTOR system.**
  - If you volunteered last year and had a volunteer name tag: You should already have an account in place. You can check your account by clicking this link to sign in to the Volunteer Portal: [CFISD Raptor Volunteer Portal](#)
  - If you are new to volunteering at Pope: You will need to create an account by following the instructions in the document below called "VIPS Registration, RAPTOR, and Reporting Your Time."
  - If you have any problems logging in or creating an account, please contact CFISD Community Engagement at the phone number listed in the attachment. *Do not call the front desk at Pope - they do not handle this issue.*

## ***PTO Online Directory is Active***

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As part of your PTO Membership, you have access to our online directory on our website. Directory information is only available to families with a paid membership and cannot be accessed by the general public. To access the Directory, visit the PTO website and look for the icon on the main menu.

If you have any questions about the online directory or how to edit what information you share with other PTO members, please check out our Online Directory FAQ [here](#)

## ***Checking your PTO Account & Order Information***

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Haven't updated your contact information or child's teacher? Not sure if you ordered a yearbook? Visit the PTO webpage and click on the menu button labeled "My Account & PTO Orders," which after you sign in, will bring you to all the information listed for your PTO account, including your student(s) current grade and anything you have ordered through the PTO website. Please make sure your student(s) grade and teacher are updated so that items ordered through the PTO website can be delivered promptly and accurately.

