

# PTO News & Events

## Week of October 2, 2023

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)

### September 30th Deadlines!

The September 30th deadline for some of our PTO items is just days away - don't miss out!

Visit <https://popepto.org> to take care of the following:

- **PTO Membership Contest:** Have you joined yet? The homeroom with the highest percentage in each grade level earns a snow cone party! Family memberships start at just \$10.
- **Yearbook "Early Bird" Pricing:** "Early Bird" pricing for yearbooks is now available when you join the PTO! Yearbooks are \$40 through September 30, and then the price goes up. Grab yours today!
- **PRIDE Store Pre-Orders:** Get your items while there is still time! Grab a shirt or two to wear to show your support of Pope!

### Fall Events Calendar Now Available

At our PTO General Meeting last week, a full calendar of Fall Events was shared. This document is now available on the PTO website under the "Weekly PTO Newsletter" menu icon. It can also be found further down in this document for your convenience.

### PTO Board & Committee Chairs

An updated list of our PTO Board with contact information and the Committee chairs was provided at the PTO General Meeting. This document is now available on the PTO website under the "PTO Board" menu icon. It can also be found further down in this document for your convenience.

### Hearing & Vision Screening – Volunteers Needed

At the end of this month, our Pope Panthers will be screened for vision and hearing. We need volunteers to help with this process on Thursday, September 28 and Tuesday, October 3. There are multiple shifts available. If you are able to help, please see the SignUp Genius link below.

- Pope Elementary - Vision & Hearing Screening Volunteer Signup link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-pope>

### Upcoming Dates

9/30	<b>LAST DAY</b> of PTO Membership Contest
	<b>LAST DAY</b> of "Early Bird" Pricing for Yearbooks
	<b>LAST DAY</b> for PRIDE Store Pre-Orders
10/2-6	College & Career Week
10/3	Hearing Screening – Volunteers needed
10/4-13	Boosterthon
10/05	SRC Demo: 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade - Aquatic Birds
10/06	PRIDE Store
10/11	SRC Demo: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade - Insects
10/13	Bosterthon Event: Splash and Dash
10/16	Student Holiday/Teacher Professional Development Day
10/17	Pope 10 Year Celebration
10/19	Fall Pictures
10/20	Pink Out
10/21	Boo Bash
10/23-27	Red Ribbon Week
10/24	Pope Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza

## ***Boosterthon is Coming!***

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See the Boosterthon FAQ below for more information!

## ***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.*
- Lastly, if you are interested in becoming a Global Volunteer - that is a separate process. A Global Volunteer may volunteer on any campus within the district whether they have a student enrolled there or not. To apply to be a Global Volunteer, you must complete an application as well as pass a criminal background check. You may find information about becoming a Global Volunteer at this site: [Global Volunteer Information](#)

## ***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!

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

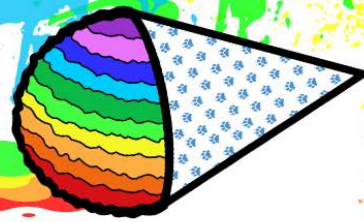
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Haven't updated your contact information or child's teacher? Not sure if you ordered a yearbook? Visit the PTO webpage and click on the menu button labeled "My Account & PTO Orders," which after you sign in, will bring you to all the information listed 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.



DON'T LET THIS  
OPPORTUNITY

**MELT AWAY!**



**JOIN THE PTO TODAY  
BEFORE OUR MEMBERSHIP  
DRIVE ENDS SEPTEMBER 30!**

**FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS  
START AT JUST \$10**

**VISIT THE PTO WEBSITE  
AT: [HTTPS://POPEPTO.ORG](https://POPEPTO.ORG)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE**



**HOMEROOM  
WITH THE HIGHEST  
PERCENTAGE OF  
MEMBERSHIPS IN  
EACH GRADE  
WINS A SNOW  
CONE PARTY!**

**FLASH  
SALE**

**GET YOUR YEARBOOK  
NOW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30  
FOR EARLY BIRD PRICING**

**YEARBOOKS \$40**

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK WHEN  
YOU JOIN THE PTO AT  
[HTTPS://POPEPTO.ORG](https://POPEPTO.ORG)**

**STARTING OCTOBER 1ST  
YEARBOOKS WILL BE \$55**



Order Online  
through the  
PRIDE Store at  
<https://popepto.org>

**ORDERS CLOSE ON  
SEPTEMBER 30th!**

## POPE EXCUSE NOTEPAD

Available for  
Pre-Order

25 Sheet Notepad to  
be used for Absences,  
Tardies, Early Check-  
out, or Transportation  
Changes.

**POPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
19019 N. Grandpind Lake Parkway  
Opessa, TX 77433  
281.373.2340 • pope@clisd.net

From parents of: \_\_\_\_\_  
(student name)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent/Late on date(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Because: \_\_\_\_\_

Will be leaving early at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. due to:  
 Dr Appt  Dentist Appt  Leaving Town  Family Emergency

Other \_\_\_\_\_

With parent \_\_\_\_\_

Request trans \_\_\_\_\_  
To:  Bus \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$5**



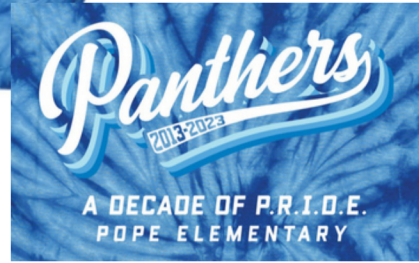
## SHIRTS FOR EVERYONE



DECADE OF  
P.R.I.D.E.  
T-Shirt

Limited  
Quantities  
Remain!

Sizes Available:  
Youth XSmall -  
Adult 3XL



## SHIRTS FOR VOLUNTEERS



Available for Pre-Order

Sizes Available: Adult Small - Adult 3XL



Pope  
Elementary  
Panthers  
Volunteer  
T-Shirt

Pope  
Library  
T-Shirt



# REGISTER TODAY!



**MYBOOSTER.COM**



## **OUR FUNDRAISER**

Pope Panther Splash & Dash

## **KEY DATES TO KNOW**

Registration Open: TODAY!

Kickoff Date: 10/04/2023

Event Date: 10/13/2023

## **OUR CAUSE**

This year, our school is raising \$65,000 for field trips, playground enhancements and classroom consumables.

# BOOSTER

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is the Pope Panther Splash & Dash?**

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### **How can families register their student(s)?**

First, families log in or sign up on [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM). Then, families can register their student as a participant on [MYBOOSTER.COM](http://MYBOOSTER.COM) by searching for the school by name. **Students get a FREE prize just for being registered.**

### **How can students get donations?**

Families can help connect students to sponsors by sharing their fundraising link on Facebook, through email, or even a text. Sponsors can enter and pay for those donations online through students' fundraising link!

### **Will my student really complete 30-35 minutes? [How big is the track?](#)**

Yes, even Pre-K and Kindergarteners! [The Outdoor Fun Run track is about 1/16th of a mile, 1/4 the size of a normal high school track.](#) The average student will complete 30-35 minutes and will have a goal to complete at least 30 minutes to help their school. The most any student will be counted for is 35 minutes.

### **Can students receive a prize for flat donations?**

Yes! All flat donations count toward donations and are rounded by 30 (the average student will complete over 30 minutes. So, a \$30 donation is the same as \$1 per minute. A \$60 donation is the same as \$2 per minute, etc.

### **How do sponsors pay?**

Sponsors will be prompted to pay online for all donations, even per minute donations. Sponsors will receive an email after the Pope Panther Splash & Dash with the amount of their payment based on how many minutes were completed.

### **When is donation money due?**

Donation money is due within ONE WEEK after the event. Families have one week to collect their donations after the Pope Panther Splash & Dash.

### **Can I write a check?**

Please email [fundraising@popepto.org](mailto:fundraising@popepto.org) for further guidance on this.

## VIPS Registration, Raptor, & Reporting Your Time

### **Volunteers: Parent, Grandparent, or Legal Guardian**

If you are the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the CFISD School where you wish to volunteer, please register with the district by following the steps below. All other volunteers must complete an application, consent to a criminal history background check, and be approved first by CFISD as a VIPS Global Volunteer.

1. Creating a Volunteer Portal Account (<https://www.cfisd.net/Page/1699>)
  - a. To volunteer at the school, you must create a CFISD Volunteer profile/account at <https://www.cfisd.net/Page/1699>
  - b. Please create your profile with the SAME name as appears on the photo ID you'll be using to check-in; otherwise, the names will not match when your ID is scanned at the school.
  - c. If you have any problems creating a Volunteer account or logging in hours, please contact CFISD Community Engagement at 281-894-3950.
2. Confirm and/or record your hours on the CFISD Raptor Volunteer Portal
  - a. When you check in as a volunteer at the school, your badge should say "volunteer". If it does, your time SHOULD automatically be entered into the system for you. Hours worked outside of school or when your sticker says "visitor" will need to be recorded manually in Raptor.
  - b. Hours volunteered and the number of volunteers we have are submitted to the District. This allows Pope the opportunity to be considered for special projects through the District and be eligible to receive grants. This includes committee meetings, PTO meetings, being a parent reader in a classroom, volunteering at our events, (on-campus and off-campus).
  - c. A record of your volunteer hours is of vital importance to the school where you volunteer and to the district. Please remember to document all your volunteer hours in the Raptor Volunteer Portal. All volunteers who have recorded at least one volunteer hour in the current school year will receive an invitation to the annual VIPS Appreciation Luncheon.

# Pope Elementary Fall 2023 Calendar

## September

- 9/4 **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/11-15 DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK
- 9/19-20 NATURE TRAILS: 3RD & 5TH GRADE
- 9/21-22 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT AT SPRING CREEK BARBEQUE
- 9/22 PTO KICKOFF MEETING
- 9/25 **NO SCHOOL**
- 9/28 VISION SCREENING
- 9/29 GO GOLD FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER
- 9/30 LAST DAY OF PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTEST & YEARBOOK EARLY BIRD PRICING

## October

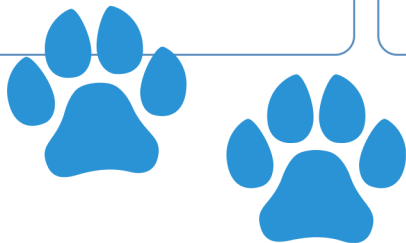
- 10/2-6 COLLEGE & CAREER WEEK
- 10/3 HEARING SCREENING
- 10/6 **PRIDE STORE**
- 10/4-13 BOOSTERTHON
- 10/5 SRC DEMO: 4TH GRADE AQUATIC BIRDS
- 10/11 SRC DEMO: 2ND GRADE INSECTS
- 10/13 BOOSTERTHON EVENT: SPLASH AND DASH
- 10/16 **NO SCHOOL**
- 10/17 POPE 10 YEAR CELEBRATION
- 10/19 FALL PICTURES
- 10/20 PINK OUT
- 10/21 BOO BASH
- 10/23-27 RED RIBBON WEEK
- 10/24 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT AT MARCO'S PIZZA

## November

- 11/2 SRC DEMO: 1ST GRADE EGGS & NESTS
- 11/3 SRC DEMO: 5TH GRADE MAMMAL SKULLS
- 11/3 **PRIDE STORE**
- 11/3 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT AT ICODE
- 11/6-7 **NO SCHOOL**
- 11/10 VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION
- 11/13 50TH DAY OF SCHOOL
- 11/14 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT AT LOCAL TABLE
- 11/17 MULTICULTURAL DAY
- 11/20-24 **THANKSGIVING/FALL BREAK**
- 11/28 SRC DEMO: PRE-K RABBITS
- 11/30 FALL PICTURE RETAKES

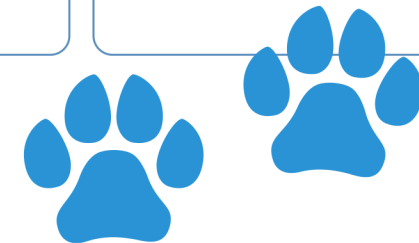
## December

- 12/9 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT AT ADVENTURE KIDS PLAYCARE
- 12/13 POPE SPIRIT NIGHT AT CRUST PIZZA
- 12/13 **PRIDE STORE**
- 12/19 CHOIR HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG
- 12/18-21 HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK
- 12/19 GINGERBREAD HOUSES DUE
- 12/21 HOLIDAY PARTIES
- 12/21 GINGERBREAD HOUSES PICKUP
- 12/22-01/08 **WINTER BREAK**



**\*\*ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.\*\***

**QUESTIONS? EMAIL [INFO@POPEPTO.ORG](mailto:INFO@POPEPTO.ORG)**





# Pope PTO Board & Committees

2023-2024

## President

[president@popepto.org](mailto:president@popepto.org)

Brandy  
Renshaw

Large Group Support  
*Takiyah Pierre*

Lost & Found  
*Kat Neal*

Decorating Crew

Paws the Mascot

Muffins with Mom  
*Claire Warren*

Sweetheart Dance  
*Tracy Hicks*

Mommy & Me Kickball  
*Lin-Pei Chin*

## Communications & Volunteers

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Janet  
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Sign Up Genius  
Grade Level Emails  
Class Party Info

Science Resource  
Center (SRC)  
*Janet Banes*

Field Day  
*Jesse Flores*

Library  
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MakerSpace  
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## Fundraising

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Marissa Kobal  
Jaclyn Satchel

Spirit Nights  
*Jaclyn Satchel*

Boo Bash  
*Courtney Lammert*

Fathers-n-Flashlights  
*Bruce Robinson*

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*Michele Abbassi*  
*Lupe Rogato*

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Love Care Share  
*Christy Hiemstra*

Hospitality Team/Staff  
Appreciation Week  
*Leila Greene*  
*Nicole Seaton*

Veterans Celebration  
*Jodi King*

Multicultural Day  
*Margaret Baker*  
*Leah Orsak*

Winter Holiday Fun

100<sup>th</sup> Day of Kinder  
*Mary Ann Bell*  
*Brandi Lehmann*

5th Grade Party  
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*Kristen Sodalak*

## PRIDE Store

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Alexis  
Holloway

Panther Pride Store  
*Adrienne Robertson*

## Membership

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Heather  
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## Secretary/ Parliamentarian

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Erin  
Hecht

## Treasurer

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Nino