

PTO News & Events

Week of October 9, 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

PTO Membership Contest – Final Results!

Thank you to everyone who has helped support Pope by joining the PTO! Our schoolwide participation was 73%!

Grade Level Winners – Earned a Snow Cone Party!

- PreK/Kinder: Ms. Kidd
- 1st Grade: Ms. Poff
- 2nd Grade: Ms. Thornton & Ms. Giron-Carver
- 3rd Grade: Ms. Diaz
- 4th Grade: Ms. Glasson
- 5th Grade: Ms. Mayfield

Our Pope Staff reached 100% participation as well as Ms. Glasson's and Ms. Mayfield's classes. They were certified to be 100% PAWSOME!

Still Want to Join the PTO?

If you missed out on joining the PTO during our Membership Drive Contest, it's not too late to join. We would love to have your support for our Panthers! Visit our PTO website at <https://popepto.org>

Need to Order a Yearbook?

Do you still need to order a yearbook? Yearbooks are \$55.00, and you have the option to have your student's name engraved on the front cover for \$10.00. Visit the PTO website to order. Don't delay and miss out on this chance to capture your child's memories,

Fall Student Pictures – Volunteers Needed

On Thursday, October 19, Lifetouch will be at the school to take Fall student pictures. Volunteers are needed to assist the Lifetouch photographers by getting and organizing classes and managing students, as needed. If you're available to help, please check out this SignUp Genius at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A45ACA829A0F49-44879954-fall#/>

PTO Online Directory is Active

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](#)

Upcoming Dates

10/4-13	Boosterthon
10/11	SRC Demo: 2 nd Grade - Insects
10/13	Boosterthon 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

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.

Boosterthon is Here!

The Pope Panther Splash & Dash is a 10 day program and is this semester's biggest fundraiser, taking place on 10/13/2023. Families will be getting donations for the minutes their student completes at the Pope Panther Splash & Dash. Funds raised from this event go toward field trips, playground enhancements, and classroom consumables ! Our goal is to raise \$65,000.

Last year at Boosterthon, kids "ran" laps, and volunteers marked their lap sheet attached to back of shirt. Kids can walk, run, sprint - whatever pace is comfortable. Boosterthon also includes a few minutes of silly activities, like running backwards, sideways, and freeze. To keep kids cool with how hot it's been, we chose to include the "Splash" part, which includes misters, water streamers, light water stuff - they won't be soaked. Since water is involved, we will avoid marking laps this year and instead count minutes. The run is a total of an hour as it's during the time frame of their large group: PE, Music, or Art.

Volunteering in CFISD & at Pope

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

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

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Fall Student Photos
taken by Lifetouch
will be on Thursday,
October 19, 2023.**



**Volunteers are needed to assist the Lifetouch
photographers by getting and organizing classes
and managing students as needed.**

See the SignUp Genius link to help out!

Pope Families!

We're on our way to reaching our goal of \$65,000 for field trips, playground enhancements, and classroom consumables.

This weekend only, any student that raises \$3/minute (or \$90 flat) in donations will earn a **BONUS PRIZE** on Monday!

Please help our school **TODAY** by sharing your donation link with others, or giving to our school if you are able. Thanks for your support so far!

BOOSTERTHON WEEKEND CHALLENGE



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



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.