PTO News & Events
Week of November 6, 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

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,

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 <u>must</u> have a volunteer account in the CFISD RAPTOR system.

    - <u>If you volunteered last year and had a volunteer name tag:</u>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

    - <u>If you are new to volunteering at Pope</u>: 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.*

Veterans Day Celebration – November 10

We are excited to host our Veterans Day program this year at Pope on Friday, November 10th from 9:30-10:00 AM. Students, Kindergarten through 5th grade and students from choir, are working hard in music to prepare for this special performance. We will be singing patriotic songs as well as the official songs of the 6 branches of the U.S. Military: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, and Space Force.

There will be an opportunity for photos with your Veteran after the program is completed.

Students should wear something patriotic on Friday, November 10th (anything with red, white and/or blue). Please note that students will be sitting on the ground outside during the performance, and this should be taken into consideration when choosing attire. Students may also wear clothing that is representative of the 6 branches of the military.

Upcoming Dates

11/6-7	No School
11/9	SRC Demo: Kindergarten – Guinea Pigs
11/10	Veterans Day Celebration 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
	Coats & Crayons Drive Ends
11/13	50th Day of School
11/14	Spirit Night at Local Table: 4PM – Close
11/17	Multicultural Day
11/20-24	Thanksgiving Break
11/28	SRC Demo: Pre-K/ECSE: Rabbits
11/30	Fall Picture Retakes

Coats & Crayons Drive

Pope PTO's Love Care Share Committee along with Student Council are holding a "Coats and Crayons" Drive benefitting our adopted school, M. Robinson Elementary. There will be collection boxes both upstairs and downstairs for students to turn in items. *Please see the flyer below for donation specifics*. All items should be turned in by November 10.

Submitting Pictures to Yearbook

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 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.

Lost and Found

It's time to claim your student's missing items! 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

Questions? Contact our Lost and Found Chair, Kat Neal, at katayount@gmail.com

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

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.

ATTENTION

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.

For safety reasons, the school must be able to distinguish between "volunteers" and "visitors" during the school day.

To volunteer at the school, you must create a CFISD Volunteer profile/account at https://www.cfisd.net/Page/1699

- 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.

- If you have any problems creating a Volunteer account or logging in hours, please contact CFISD Community Engagement at 281-894-3950. *Do not call the front desk at Pope - they do not handle this issue.*

Confirm and/or record your hours on the CFISD Raptor Volunteer Portal.

- 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.

Pope PTO's Love Care Share Committee & Student Council's

Coats and Crayons Drive

We are collecting cold weather gear and much-needed school supplies for our adopted school, M. Robinson Elementary!

Please look through your closets and see if you can help us.
We are looking for the following:

New or Gently Used & Clean:
- Coats
- Hoodies
- Jackets
- Gloves
- Cold-weather gear

New Boxes of:
- Ticonderoga Pre-Sharpened Pencils
- Crayola Color Pencils
- Crayola Fine Point Color Markers
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Broad Tip Markers

Collection bins will be located both upstairs & downstairs.
We will be taking donations through Friday, November 10th.

5th Grade Paw Print Painting Dates

Saturday, November 11th
10 AM - 2 PM
OR
Sunday, December 3rd
3 PM - 5 PM

A SignUp Genius link was sent out to email address on file with the PTO to all of those who ordered one.

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS

1. *Use ImageShare App.
2. Use Balfour Image website

LAST CALL FOR:
10TH ANNIVERSARY
PINK OUT
BOO BASH
RED RIBBON WEEK

*IPHONE USERS MUST CONVERT THEIR IMAGES TO USE THE IMAGE SHARE APPLICATION. FOR STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS, SEE CONVERSION INSTRUCTIONS.
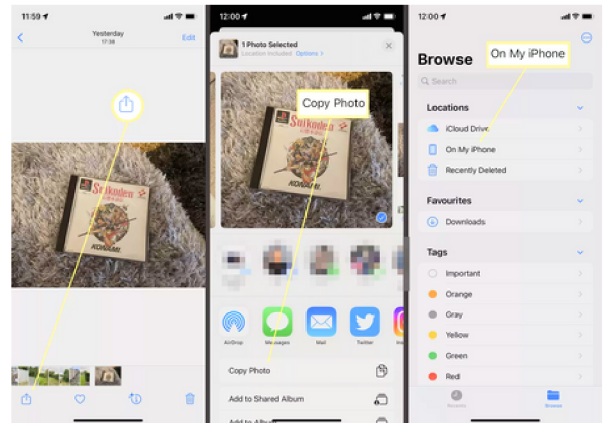
Yearbook Help for iPhone Users

Having trouble uploading your yearbook photos?

The iPhone's HEIC files often give errors when submitting to the ImageShare app. JPEG/JPG files are preferred.

How to Convert HEIC to JPG on iPhone

The iPhone's Files app is one of the quickest ways to convert an image file from HEIC to JPG. Here's how to do it.
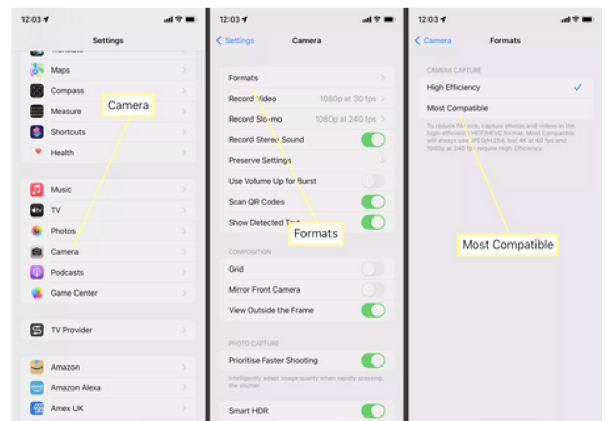
1. In the Photos app, find the photo you wish to convert and tap Share.
2. Tap Copy Photo.
3. Open the Files app on your iPhone.
4. Tap On My iPhone.
5. Long-press on an empty area and tap Paste.
6. The photo has now been pasted and automatically converted to JPG.
7. Tap the image to share it or Save Image to save it to your Photos.

How to Permanently Convert to JPG on iPhone

If you would prefer to save all your photos automatically as JPG rather than HEIC, here's how to do so.

1. In the Settings app, tap Camera.
2. Tap Camera. Tip: You may need to scroll down to find Camera.
3. Tap Formats.
4. Tap Most Compatible to save photos automatically as JPG.

Calling all Panthers!
Help Us Give Back 11.14.23

To participate, show this flyer or email promotion and alert your server you're there to support Pope Elementary

Tuesday November 14th, 2023

VALID FOR ALL DINE-IN AND TAKEOUT ORDERS AT OUR CYPRESS LOCATION, 4PM - CLOSE.

LOCAL TABLE SCHOOL SPIRIT NIGHTS

10535 Fry Road Ste100
Cypress, TX 77433
832.653.6477

Local TABLE

visit **eatatlocaltable.com**

POPE PANTHERS