

PTO News & Events

Week of November 27, 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,

Upcoming Dates

- 11/20-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 11/28 SRC Demo: Pre-K/ECSE: Rabbits
- LAST DAY** to Order from the PRIDE Store Holiday Shop
- 11/30 Fall Picture Retakes

Coats & Crayons Drive THANK YOU!

Thank you Pope families for your generosity in giving to our recent "Coats and Crayons" drive. At their recent Literacy Night and Book Fair events, M. Robinson was able to give away over 600 coats and winter items to their students and families. We are truly grateful for your kindness!

Pope Elementary's Adopt-a-Child

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SignUp Genius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48A9AC2DABFE3-46003999-2023#/>

PRIDE Store Holiday Shop

Looking for the perfect gift for your Pope Panther? Check out our new Pope Spirit items! Order Online through the PRIDE Store at <https://popepto.org> **ORDERS CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 28th!**

All orders will be gift wrapped in tissue paper and cello bags free of charge from the PTO with delivery before Christmas.

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

Spirit Nights with the Houston Texans!

Join us at NRG Stadium with family and friends to watch your Houston Texans! Check out the link below or scan the QR on the flyer to get access to discounted tickets for our remaining games this year! With your purchase, \$5 per ticket will go towards the school!

SPIRIT GAME DATES:

11/19: Texans vs. Arizona Cardinals
Game Time: 12 Noon

11/26: Texans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars
Game Time: 12 Noon

12/3: Texans vs. Denver Broncos
Pope Elementary Spirit Day
Game Time: 3 PM

12/31: Texans vs. Tennessee Titans
Game Time: 12 Noon

Link to purchase:

<https://offer.fevo.com/pope-elementary-school-066015e?fevoUri=pope-elementary-school-066015e%2Fpope-elementary-school-066015e>

For more information, please contact: Jordan Harry, 832-667-2155, jordan.harry@houstontexans.com

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.*

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.

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!

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](#)

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.



THANK *you*



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Christy Hiemstra & Lindsay Zora - Love, Care, Share Co-Chairs
Pope Elementary & Pope Elementary PTO**



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SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS

1. ***Use ImageShare App.**
 2. **Use Balfour Image website**
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**LAST CALL FOR:
ICODE SPIRIT NIGHT
VETERAN'S DAY**



***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

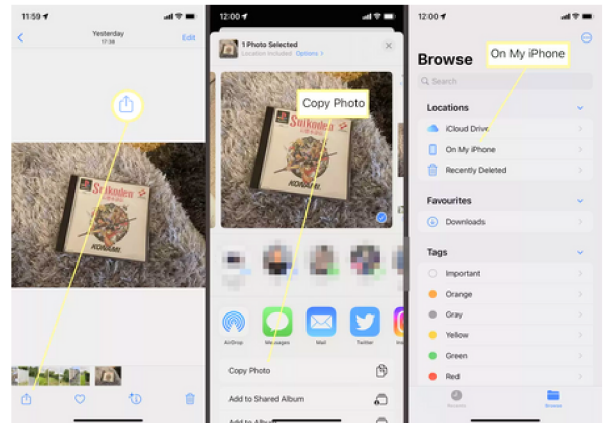
Having trouble uploading your yearbook photos?

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.

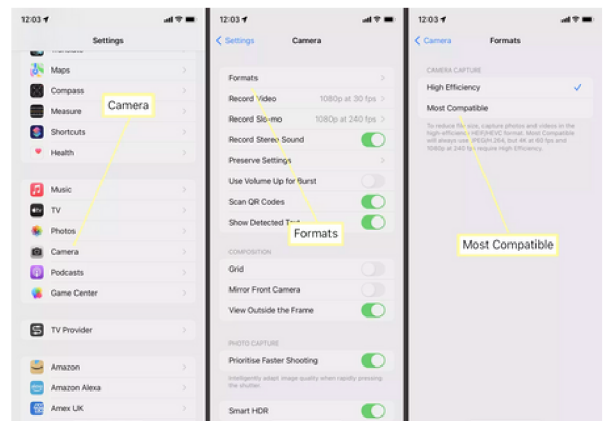
1. In the Photos app, find the photo you wish to convert and tap Share.
2. Tap Copy Photo.
3. Open the Files app on your iPhone.
4. Tap On My iPhone.
5. Long-press on an empty area and tap Paste.
6. The photo has now been pasted and automatically converted to JPG.
7. Tap the image to share it or Save 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.



send us your best **SNAPSHOTS** for the **YEARBOOK**

Yearbook photographers can't be everywhere, so if you've got great photos of school events or you and your friends just having fun, please share them with us. The more pictures you share, the better our yearbook will be for everyone! It's easy; submit your photos today!



ImageShare

**WEB BROWSER
VERSION**

(PREFERRED)

images.balfour.com

MOBILE APP VERSION

Search for Balfour ImageShare
in your App marketplace
and download the App.



GETTING STARTED

- Enter our Project Number **427093**. *Upload code is not required.*
- Scroll down and agree to the **Terms & Conditions**
- Click **Start Uploading**
- Enter the student's first and last name and select their grade
- Enter your email address

UPLOADING IMAGES

- Click **Select Photos**
- Choose up to 10 images and click **Open**
- Enter the names and information about the photos
- Click **Upload Photos**
- Your photos will be uploaded directly to the yearbook staff

Note: The yearbook staff will review all photos & determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Pro Tip: Use the same email address to login on any device to see previous uploads in the History tab.



For more great tips for ImageShare, ask BUZZ at help.balfour.com

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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.cfid.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.