

PTO News & Events

Week of December 04, 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,

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 DECEMBER 1ST!**

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

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!

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-RVAFtA6JXyNVmlr?usp=drive_link

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

Upcoming Dates

- 12/1 **LAST DAY** to Order from the PRIDE Store Holiday Shop
Online Ordering opens for Candy Grams
- 12/5 NO Lunch Visitors
- 12/8 **LAST DAY** to order Candy Grams
Pope Spirit Night at iCode
- 12/9 Pope Spirit Night at Adventure Kids Playcare
- 12/13 NO Lunch Visitors
Pope Spirit Night at Crust Pizza
- 12/15 PRIDE Store
- 12/18-21 Pope Holiday Spirit Week
- 12/18 Gingerbread Houses Due
- 12/19 Choir Holiday Sing-Along at 6PM
- 12/20 Candy Grams Delivered
- 12/21 Holiday Parties
Pick Up Gingerbread Houses
- 12/22 – 01/07 WINTER BREAK**

Pope Holiday Happenings

The week of December 18 – December 21 is Pope Holiday Spirit Week! We have a lot of fun days planned to make this week special for our Panthers, including Candy Grams and a Gingerbread House contest. The week concludes with our Holiday Parties. Please see the flyer below for more information.

Parents' Night Out Opportunities

We have two upcoming Pope Spirit Nights that are Parents' Night Out Opportunities. Registration is required for both opportunities – See their individual flyers below for more details.

- December 8: iCode is hosting spirit night for our panthers from 6-8:30 PM. Pizza and drink are included.
- December 9: Adventure Kids Playcare is hosting spirit night from 6 PM – 12 AM. Dinner and Ice Cream are included.

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:

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.

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.





POPE ELEMENTARY'S 2023 HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



MONDAY, DECEMBER 18
THEME: "A LONG WINTER'S NAP"

Students and staff may wear holiday pajamas!
Please wear regular school shoes.

Turn in Gingerbread Houses for Contest

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
THEME: MISTLE-"TOES"

Wear crazy holiday socks and bring any pair of socks to donate to a local shelter. Donated socks can be any size.
Please send new and unused socks only.

Choir Holiday Sing-Along at 6 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20
THEME: "MAY YOUR DAY BE MERRY AND BRIGHT!"

Brighten the school day by dressing like your favorite holiday character(elf, reindeer, grinch, snowman, etc.)



Candy Grams will be delivered

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21
THEME: "DECK THE HALLS"

Come decked out in your favorite holiday sweater or festive outfit and ready to celebrate!

Class Holiday Parties
Gingerbread House Contest Winners Announced

Please note that some grade levels may have additional holiday themed days and/or activities not listed here.



MAKE SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY "MERRY AND BRIGHT" WITH A CANDY GRAM!

Send a sweet treat to a classmate, friend, or teacher with a Holiday Candy Gram!

Candy Grams are available to order online
DECEMBER 1ST - 8TH
on the Pope PTO website at <https://popepto.org>



Candy sticks are
cherry flavored

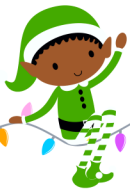
Dairy Free, Gluten
Free, & Nut Free

Ordering Options:

- Send a single candy gram to a student: \$1.00
- Send a single candy gram to a teacher/staff member: \$1.00
- Send the whole class a candy gram: Price is based on class count

A portion of the candy gram sales will benefit our adopted school, M. Robinson Elementary

**Candy Grams will be delivered by our elves
on Wednesday, December 20**



STUDENT GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

It's time to design! What will you build?

Gingerbread House Due Date: Monday, December 18
Gingerbread House Pick Up Date: Thursday, December 21

GUIDELINES:

- Gingerbread houses need to be decorated at home and built by the student.
- ***NO sprinkled powdered sugar or nuts allowed!***
- Label the base of the house with the student's name, grade, and homeroom teacher.
- Students must be able to carry the house into the school by themselves. Feel free to send the house in a box so that it doesn't get damaged during transit.
- Gingerbread houses should be turned into the assigned tables on the stage in the cafeteria.

**Principal Herrera will announce
the contest winners on Thursday, December 21.**

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be awarded!

1st place: 100 PRIDE Points

2nd place: 75 PRIDE Points

3rd place: 50 PRIDE Points



Christmas **SPIRIT NIGHT!**



FRIDAY
December 8th
6 - 8:30pm • \$35/Child



CFISD Christmas Break Camps
NOW ENROLLING!
Dec. 27th - 29th
9am - 4pm

CHRISTMAS PAJAMA CONTEST: WEAR YOUR CUTEST CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS TO iCODE & WIN A PRIZE!

Parents can take a break after a long week while kids have a blast with friends at one of iCode's epic Game Nights!

Kids play approved games like Minecraft and Roblox in one of our decked out gaming hubs!

DETAILS:

- Pizza & drinks included
- **EVERYONE WELCOME!** (No need to be currently enrolled in iCode)
- Bring your Roblox and/or Minecraft account credentials

**50% OF THE PROCEEDS
WILL GO TO
POPE ELEMENTARY PTO.**



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



POPE ELEMENTARY SPIRIT NIGHT



12/09/2023
6 P.M. - 12 A.M.

ONLY \$40!
DINNER \$
ICE CREAM
INCLUDED

Unique licensed hourly
childcare & entertainment
for kids ages
6 weeks to 12 years old!

Support your school!
Drop your kids off for
fun with friends &
have some free time
for yourself!



20% OF ALL
STUDENT
SALES GO TO
YOUR
SCHOOL PTO!



10543 FRY RD,
CYPRESS TX
832.974.0684



REGISTRATION REQUIRED AT:
Use code POPE40 to bypass the
registration fee for this evening of fun!
When you drop off, please let us know
you're there to support your school.

THE HOUSTON TEXANS

WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME

Pope Elementary School Day

Join us at NRG Stadium with family & friends to watch your Houston Texans! Scan the QR code to get access to discounted tickets.



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SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS

1. *Use ImageShare App. or
2. Use the Balfour website;
<https://studio.balfour.com/login/>



**LAST CALL FOR:
50TH DAY
LOCAL TABLE SPIRIT NIGHT
BALLOONS OVER BROADWAY
PRE-K FIELD TRIP
MULTICULTURAL 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

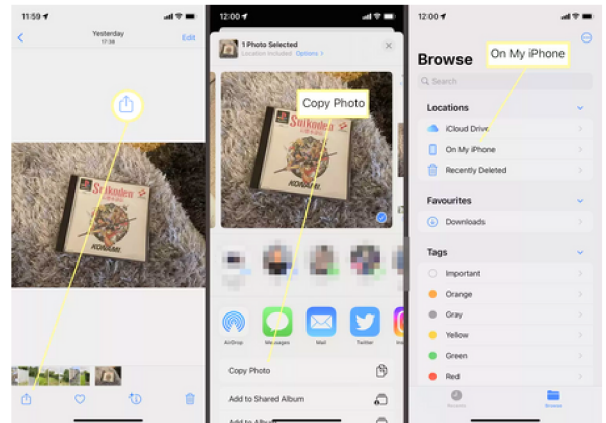
Having trouble uploading your yearbook photos?

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.

