



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



January 10, 2019



## SERVICE CLUB BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR GRADES 5-8, JANUARY 4-18



The Service club is running a Baby Bottle Campaign in grades 5-8 to help support the Gabriel Network. The Gabriel Network is a pro-life organization that helps women and families with a crisis pregnancy in Maryland and Washington DC. On Friday, January 4, 2019 students in grades 5-8 brought home a baby bottle to fill with coins, bills, or checks (made out to SPX). All bottles need to returned to Mr. Hammett or Mrs. McDonnell on Friday, January 18, 2019. Thank you for your support and your donations!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Thursday, January 10**

- \*3<sup>rd</sup> grade Reading Scantron
- \*Coat Drive collection
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- \*7<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Air and Space Museum
- \*3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- \*3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, Art
- \*3:00-4:00pm, After School Spanish Club, Library
- \*3:15-3:45pm, Fun Day planning meeting, 2B
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Cub Scout Den meeting, 6B
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- \*7:00-8:00pm, Den 2 meeting, 2B

#### **Friday, January 11**

- \*2<sup>nd</sup> grade Math Scantron
- \*Coat Drive Collection
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- \*5:00-6:30pm, GS Troop 2997, Art

#### **Monday, January 14**

- \* 4<sup>th</sup> grade Math Scantron
- \*3:00-4:00pm, 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade Math Club, Art
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Striders
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Cub Scout meeting, 6B

#### **Tuesday, January 15**

- \*5<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Scantron
- \*11:50-12:34pm, SGA general meeting, Science
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Yearbook Club, lab
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall

#### **Wednesday, January 16**

- \*6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Math Scantron
- \*Pizza Day and Bake Sale
- \*10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Class Mass
- \*3:00-4:00pm, 8<sup>th</sup> Pgrade Academic Club, Math
- \*3:00-4:30pm, Green Team, Science
- \*3:00-4:30pm, Chorus, hall
- \*5:30-6:30pm, Tiger Den, 2B

#### **Thursday, January 17**

- \*Tag Day
- \*3:00-4:30pm, STEM Club, lab
- \*6:00-8:30pm, Scouts Blue and Gold Dinner, hall

#### **Friday, January 18**

- \*Early dismissal
- \*1:00pm for grades K-8 \*12:30pm for PK
- \*2<sup>nd</sup> grade Reading Scantron
- \*7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386 meeting, Art

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES COAT DRIVE – JANUARY 2-11



The St. Pius School Government invites all St. Pius families, relatives, and friends to participate in the Catholic Charities coat drive. From January 2 to January 11, you may drop off your cleaned, gently used coats to the front lobby of St. Pius. Look through your closet to donate coats that no longer fit in size and style. Your generosity will benefit people who spend a lot of time in the harsh winter weather, but do not have the means to buy a warm coat. Thank you for your kindness and caring. The coat collection started January 2, 2019. Please write your child's homeroom on your bag of donated coats.

## SCANTRON TESTING THIS MONTH



Students in 2nd through 8th grades are taking mid-year Scantron tests this month. Please make sure your students are well rested and have a healthy breakfast before coming to school on testing days. Middle school students should make sure your Chrome Books are charged. Class testing days may be found on the calendar on the SPX website.

Please check the school calendar for more information:  
<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

## CURRENT/UPCOMING VACANCIES ON THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Several seats will be available on the SAB at the end of this school year for qualified school parents/guardians who, if selected, would be able and willing to volunteer substantial time to support our school and the administration.

The reasons that the SAB will entertain so many upcoming vacancies at one time are that either member terms are ending, or the family is “graduating” from SPX School.

### Upcoming Seats that will be available effective June 1, 2019:

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**St. Edward’s Parish**, South Bowie

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**Ascension Parish**, Old Bowie

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie

\*\*\*One (1) **At-Large seat**—This seat has traditionally been held by a non-Catholic parent, although all interested school parents/guardians may apply.

If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that several of the seats require the applicant to be an active member of that parish. The at-large seat may be filled by either a Catholic OR non-Catholic school parent/guardian. If multiple parents/guardians apply for one seat, the Board reserves the right to schedule interviews of potential qualified candidates.

**If interested in applying, please contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy for an application as soon as possible. The board would like to carefully review and vote on remaining completed applications after February 1, 2019 so please request an application and apply soon if you would like to be considered for a seat.**

To request an application/obtain additional information: contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy at [karoddy@comcast.net](mailto:karoddy@comcast.net)

For general questions/obtain additional information: contact Board President Patricia Reimer at [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net) or 301-464-1520.

### New School Advisory Board Members—Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Melissa Marshall and Mrs. Beryl Prescott as they join the School Advisory Board. Mrs. Marshall will immediately fill the current open St. Pius Parish seat, and Mrs. Prescott will fill one of the two St. Edward’s parish seats starting on June 1, 2019.

### SPX SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (January 27, 2019 from 1-3 pm)

**Please save the date!!**

**\*\*Volunteer opportunities available—please see Sign Up Genius link below\*\***

SPX School will host an open house for prospective students and families on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1 pm to 3 pm. This event showcases our school and “the best of St. Pius”. The open house also traditionally kicks off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

A **mandatory training session for all tour guide volunteers** will take place on **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6 pm in the school library**. Tour scripts will be provided. If you are interested in serving as a tour guide, please also save this date!



# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD CONT'D

If you would like to help support the upcoming open house, please use the link below to view current volunteer opportunities. There are several active SUG lists.

1. Distribute flyers at local businesses;
2. Food/drink donations and kitchen help;
3. Parish speeches (weekend of 1/19/19 and 1/20/19—scripts provided);
4. Tour guides (parents only please);
5. Set up/clean up (Nelson Hall/kitchen).
6. RSVP as club representative to staff club table during activity fair.



[Click here for the Sign Up Genius Link](#)

The Sign Up Genius list may also be accessed from the home page of the school website using the “quick links” tab (top right on the home page), then scroll down to “Sign Up Genius” to access each individual list.

Thank you, in advance, for all of your support and assistance!

## Parent Administration Forums 2019

Please mark your calendars for upcoming grade specific Parent Administration Forums. The meetings allow parents one hour of direct conversation time with the administration in a group setting during grade specific sessions. Please do not bring children, as babysitting is not provided. The forums are designed to gather general sentiments regarding the school and are not time for parents to voice concerns about their individual student.

Tuesday 2/12/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 2 and 3

Tuesday 3/5/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 4 and 5

In addition to verbal comments to the administration, parents will have the opportunity to provide written input (name optional) on the following questions:

- \*How can we make SPX an even better school?
- \*Do you have ideas for new programs, events, or activities that should be considered?
- \*How do you envision the future of SPX School?

If you have any questions about the Parent Administration Forums, please contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net).

## SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS SPORTS



**Basketball:** Our basketball teams are taking it to the Net!!!! Be sure to check out the game schedules at [www.adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/](http://www.adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/). Remember – show your team spirit and wear your SPX CYO uniform jersey over your uniform on Friday! Go Cavs!

**Baseball/Softball:** Be on the lookout for baseball and softball registration! It will be coming out soon!

# OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES – JANUARY 27, 2019



Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends to our Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Families will be given a tour of the school facilities and will have the opportunity to visit our activity fair with our school sponsored clubs and organizations. Please click on the Sign Up Genius link to volunteer for open house activities including: being a tour guides, donating food or drinks, setting-up or cleaning-up, speaking at parishes, distributing flyers, helping with band/chorus, serving food, etc. Volunteer hours will be awarded. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

[SIGN UP GENIUS LINK FOR OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS](#)

## PIZZA DAY – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 is our next Pizza Day. Pizza will be delivered to those students who have preordered/prepaid for pizza. Students may bring 25¢ to purchase a baked good item.



## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR FEBRUARY



**February lunch orders must be placed by January 12th.** Late orders may be placed from the 13th to the 15th of each month for the following month. If you are interested in ordering from Main & Market, you will need to register online at [HTTPS://MAINANDMARKET.BOONLI.COM](https://mainandmarket.boonli.com) with our school password of CAVALIER22. If you have questions, you should call Main & Market at 1-800-381-6511 ext. 1 or email them at [support@boonli.com](mailto:support@boonli.com).

## REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Registration (re-enrollment) for the 2019-2020 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** will be open soon and will continue through January 27, 2019. Information on how to register current students will be sent via email from TADS. Re-enrollment privileges will only be offered to families whose tuition accounts are current.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** will be accepted online beginning Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00pm. Complete information will be posted on our website under admissions. If you are registering a new student for next year, you must wait until January 27<sup>th</sup>.



**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY JANUARY 21, 2019  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

# ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE



Below is the schedule of due dates for the high school application process. Check your child's Google Classroom Homeroom page for forms, information from the high schools and other updates.

## Dates to Remember

Date	Item	Completed
Jan. 2019	HSPT scores distributed by STS to parents electronically.	

## Catholic High School Scholarship Information

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

#### **The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship**

Designed to assist those Brother Knights holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

#### **The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship**

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any Catholic student who is a resident of the State of Maryland to include children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

**Application period is from October 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019.**

Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to:

Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
State Scholarship Chairman  
PO Box 165  
Westminster, MD 21158

Or by contacting our web site at: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org) and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.

## MARCH FOR LIFE MASS - 8TH GRADE



Our 8th grade classes will be taking a field trip on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to the Capital One Arena in Washington DC for the Mass and Rally for Life. All students should have come home with a permission slip and itinerary. Please have your 8<sup>th</sup> grade student: dress in the proper school uniform and footwear, leave all electronic devices including cell phones at home, eat a substantial breakfast, and stay in assigned groups. Students should arrive at school no later than 6:00am. Since January 18<sup>th</sup> is an early dismissal day, lunch will not be eaten on the Field Trip nor at school.

## CINDERELLA'S SHOE IS STILL HERE!

A shoe has been found in the parking lot before Christmas break. It's black suede, size 8 ½ medium, Vince Camuto. It is the left shoe. Please contact the office if it is your missing shoe!



## SAVE THE DATES

January 10 – Tuition Due to TADS

January 16 – Pizza Day

January 17 – Tag Day

January 18 – Early Dismissal Friday

January 21 – No School- Martin Luther King Jr.  
Day

January 23 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 27-February 2 – Catholic Schools Week

January 27 – Open House, 1:00-3:00pm

January 30 – Whole School Mass, 10:30am

January 31 – Report Cards Distributed



### Our Regional Parishes:

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
14720 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715 301-262-2141  
<http://www.spxbowie.org/>

Sacred Heart Parish  
16501 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715 301-262-0704  
<http://www.sacredheartbowie.org>

Ascension Catholic Church  
12700 Lanham Severn Road Bowie, MD 20720 301-262-2227  
<http://www.ascensionbowie.com>

St. Edward the Confessor  
1940 Mitchellville Road Bowie, MD 20716 301-249-9199  
<http://stedwardbowie.com>