



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes December 2nd, 2021



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## Friday, December 3

- \*Purse Bingo - 7-10pm - Nelson Hall - please register ahead using the link
- \*Chorus Rehearsal - 3-4:30pm

## Monday, Dec 6 - Wednesday, Dec 8

- \*Christmas Bazaar - please read packet for more information

## Monday, December 6

- \*Troop 2386 Meeting - 6-8pm - Art Room

## Wednesday, December 8

- \*Whole School Mass for the Immaculate Conception - 10:30am - parents please join us virtually
- \*General SGA Meeting - 11:45am - Mr. Curran's Room

## Thursday, December 9

- \*2nd Quarter Progress Reports Distributed

## Friday, December 10

- \*Reconciliation - GRs 3-8 - 10am-12pm
- \*Chorus Rehearsal - 3-4:30pm
- \*Middle School (Grs 7-8) Dance - 7-10pm - Nelson Hall

## Monday, December 13

- \*Chorus Concerts - day performances for students only - evening performance at 7pm in Church
- \*2nd-3rd Grade Book Club - 3-4pm - Library

## Tuesday, December 14

- \*Band Concerts - day performances for students only - evening performance at 7pm in Nelson Hall

## 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade “Let It Snow & Glow” Winter Dance – Friday, December 10, 2021

The Middle School Dance Committee will be hosting a Winter Dance themed “Let It Snow & Glow” for SPX Students for grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> ONLY on Friday, December 10th.

Christmas apparel and accessories are optional. Face masks used for school are required. As Always, appropriate attire is required. Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00 pm. The price of admission is \$10.00 and includes DJ, snacks, and drinks. Door Prizes will be awarded during the evening. Please pick up your child promptly between 10:00 -10:15 pm. Please note that if a child does not have a permission slip signed by their own parent or legal guardian, they will not be allowed into Nelson Hall. Permission Slips will be sent home. Extras will be available in the school office. Any interested chaperone’s who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy, should contact Claudine Bynum via email [crbynum@verizon.net](mailto:crbynum@verizon.net) by December 3<sup>rd</sup> for additional information. VSP Hours will be earned for chaperoning.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. [Isaiah 40:31](#)

## YEARBOOK & YEARBOOK CLUB

The Yearbook needs your help in filling this year's yearbook. We need first day of school pictures, party pictures, sports pictures etc. We also would need a parent volunteer from the 8th grade parents to help coordinate for now and then, memories, messages and pictures through the years. Please send pictures and or questions/concerns/suggestions to [Monnette.quach@gmail.com](mailto:Monnette.quach@gmail.com)

The YearBook Club needs student members.

<https://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944A4A82AA1FE3-yearbook1>



### Help us Highlight the Diversity of our School!

The Multicultural Day Subcommittee is looking for families from all grade levels willing to submit a photo or video of themselves along with information about their ethnic background, culture, etc. Examples are: how you celebrate a certain holiday, traditional clothing, typical family gatherings, recipes, music, dance, and so much more!

Families that submit their information to the committee using [this Google Form](#) may be selected to be featured in our Inclusive Insider or Family Highlights. This will be a recurring highlight for the school and will have multiple due dates. The Multicultural Committee will close this Google Form for this Newsletter on December 4, 2021. Each participating family will receive 1 VSP hour.

## WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who purchased a water bottle or donated to support the school with purchasing water bottle filling stations. We have raised \$5368.71 towards purchasing the stations. We will be ordering 3 water bottle filling stations and installing them soon. The company Ecovessel will be sending information soon about delivery of the water bottles. The water bottles will be delivered to your child's homeroom once the school receives them. More information on the water bottles to follow. Thank you for all your support.

## TOYS FOR TOTS!

We will be collecting Toys for Tots at our school after Thanksgiving. Please help us by buying a new toy for a boy or girl and do not wrap the gift. There will be a Toys for Tots box in each homeroom. We will start collecting on Monday, December 6th. The deadline for our toy collection is Tuesday, December 14th. Please help support this wonderful program for children in need in our community. Thanks for your kindness!

## MULTICULTURAL DAY DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERS

We will be holding a Multicultural Day on May 20th! We want to highlight and celebrate all the cultures that make up our school community and the greater Bowie community as well. If you or someone you know is part of a dance troupe/group or musical ensemble, please consider donating your time for this event. If you or someone you know owns a restaurant or food truck or wants to show off their traditional food, please consider joining us for that day. Anyone interested in more information, please contact Jami Brooks at [jbrooksspx@gmail.com](mailto:jbrooksspx@gmail.com).



## FRUIT FUNDRAISERS ARE BACK!

The HSA is sponsoring a Fresh Fruit Drive fundraiser from November 1 until December 10, 2021. Fresh hand picked Indian River Fruit is available for purchase. No in-person delivery, product distribution or cash to handle. This "Ship to the Home" fruit sale is a great way to send your family and friends fresh fruit for the Holidays. With this fundraiser, You can support St. Pius X Regional School by

- 1) sharing this link <https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/622547> via email, text and social media with family and friends .
- 2) Place an order through our website, using your group's unique ID number:
  - Go to [www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com](http://www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com)• Selecting "Order Now"• Entering your group's ID Number, 622547

3) There is also an App you can use.



You, your family and friends can purchase products under your child's name online until December 10, 2021, with delivery before Christmas. All Payments can be made Online. Online payments are secure and can be made by check, credit card, or debit card. This fundraiser supports HSA activities and half of the proceeds your child sells will go towards your FSO.

Any questions? Send your inquiries to the HSA President Faith Proctor at [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com) or HSA Vice President Pamela Diedrick at [animldr1997@verizon.net](mailto:animldr1997@verizon.net).

## ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The open application period for the 2022-2023 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began Friday, October 1, 2021. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 3, 2021. The deadline for new families to apply is Friday, February 18, 2022.

To apply, login to your TADS account, and select the Financial Aid tab. There you will find the online application. If you have any questions regarding the application process or necessary documents, please select the Tools and Resources which is also located under the Financial Aid tab. If you have any additional questions, please contact TADS.

**REMINDER:** You must apply to and receive a financial aid award from the ADW Tuition Assistance Program in order to apply for SPX Regional Aid which is offered to parishioners of Ascension, Sacred Heart, St. Edward the Confessor, and St. Pius X. The deadline for SPX Regional Aid is Thursday, March 17, 2022. That application will be available in January 2022.

## GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS

This year, St. Pius X Regional School will once again participate in a Christmas project to help the homeless. The organization S.O.M.E, So Others Might Eat, has asked for our assistance in providing gifts for homeless men. We would like your help in collecting the needed items. Below is a list of items we are asking families to pack in a wrapped shoebox (top and bottom wrapped separately). Please place a tag on the outside of the box designating it is for a man. It is also very helpful to tape a list of the items contained in the box on the lid. Please do not send any partially filled boxes (only completed ones). Wrapped and filled boxes may be returned to school between November 22nd and December 10<sup>th</sup>. This can be a great way to learn the true meaning of giving. The boxes will be taken to SOME first thing Saturday morning, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Each shoebox gift should contain the following items: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap (regular size), comb/and or brush, razors, knit hat, scarf, socks, gloves, deodorant, lotion and underwear.

**\*\*\*Please no cash, food, candy or mouthwash or fast food gift cards\*\*\***



## SPX CYO Announcements

**Fall Sports:** Thank you to all who participated in Fall Soccer and Cross Country. We had a great turnout, with 9 teams and 110 players and 7 cross country runners. Special thanks to all the parents and volunteers who coached and supported our teams. We look forward to seeing you again next fall.

**Winter Sports:** Basketball registration is now closed. For those of you who have registered, please be on the lookout for a message about your child's team. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Megan Bogley. We need at least 2 coaches per team.

**Spring Sports:** Details about spring sports will be forthcoming in the new year

**CYO Board Positions:** Attention parents!! St. Pius X CYO has several board positions available. Please reach out to Megan Bogley if you are interested in joining this volunteer parent-run organization. We are currently recruiting several Commissioner positions – soccer, basketball, baseball, cross country, and track/field, as well as a treasurer. These positions are critical to the organization and are an excellent way to become more involved with your children's school and athletic experiences, as well as earn your VSP hours. Reach out to Megan at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) today to learn more!

**SPX CYO Masks** are still available for purchase!! We have child and adult sizes at \$10 each. Please contact Megan Bogley at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) if you would like to make a purchase. These masks can be worn during the school day

## Christmas Bazaar



It's that time of year! The annual Christmas Bazaar is coming quickly! Are you looking for VSP hours? Santa's elves are busy planning for Santa's workshop and need your help!

A complete packet will be sent home with each student as well.

### Raffle Tickets

Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, is the first day to pre-order tickets. Tickets are \$0.25 each. Tickets can also be purchased during the Bazaar.

### Volunteer

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| Saturday, December 4<br>Hall, VIRTUS not required | 10 am – 2 pm       | Set-up Nelson |
| Sunday, December 5<br>Hall, VIRTUS not required   | 1 pm – 5 pm        | Set Up Nelson |
| Monday, December 6                                | 7:45 am – 12:30 pm |               |

Shopping Grades PreK, K, 1, 2, 6 (VIRTUS)

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Tuesday, December 7

Shopping Grades 3, 4, & 5 (VIRTUS)

11:30 am – 2:45 pm

Shopping Grades 7 and 8 (VIRTUS)

7:45 am – 11:45 am

Clean-up Nelson Hall (VIRTUS)

Interested? Sign up HERE - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4eabaf29a4fd0-2021>

Boxes Wrapped like Presents – Have extra boxes around from Black Friday shopping? We are in need of as many boxes wrapped like presents – use Christmas wrapping paper and bows! – to help set the stage for the Bazaar. Interested? Contact Katie Skerpon at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

### Donate

Halloween candy – Looking to get rid of some of that extra candy? Donate it to the Bazaar! Some of our most popular items are candy filled and we'll happily accept donations of candy – Halloween or otherwise – in the Main Office.

Raffle Table STUDENT & TEACHER - While you are out Christmas shopping, please pick-up something (or things) for the raffle table! Donations of NEW items are needed for the raffle table. We offer a raffle table for our students and a separate one for the teachers. For the students, we are especially requesting tickets to sporting events, gift cards, and High School items with logo imprinted (t- shirts, shorts, sweatpants, hats, bags, etc.). Other donated items might include: NEW children's toys, religious items, and board games. Anything NEW for any and all age groups will add to the variety of the raffle table. For teachers, Christmas décor is always appreciated as well as gift cards or small electronics like a google home, etc. Kindly send your donations to school clearly marked "Raffle Table". Donations may be placed in the box in the lobby labeled Christmas Bazaar. You can also contact Becky Guzman at [beckyolaya@msn.com](mailto:beckyolaya@msn.com).

White Christmas Lights – Every year the hall is transformed into Santa's workshop and a lot of the magic required for that feat is accomplished by large amounts of white Christmas lights! Donate lights to the Bazaar or let us borrow yours – just put your name on a small tag at the end and we'll make sure they get back to you when we're done!

### Student Reminders

All students must wear their uniforms for the days of the Bazaar Walk Through and Shopping. However, they may wear holiday specialty items such as hats, earrings, socks, turtlenecks, antlers, ties, buttons, suspenders, etc. in addition to their regular uniform, as long as they are appropriate. Christmas boxers are not permitted.

All students should bring a shopping bag for their purchases and a wallet to keep their money in. Both the bag and the wallet should have his / her name and homeroom written on them.

To make shopping simpler please bring small bills (\$1s and \$5s) as they are easier than larger bills.

### Pricing

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| Bazaar Items at Tables | \$0.25 - \$8.00 (items at all price ranges at each table) |
| Santa Pictures         | \$3.00 each   |
| Kitchen                | \$1 - \$3 each (we suggest bringing \$5)                  |
| Raffle                 | \$0.25 per ticket (can be purchased in advance or day of) |

Questions? Contact Katie Skerpon at  
[spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)



### Get Involved!

The Home and School Association (HSA) and School Advisory Board (SAB) are both looking for new volunteers this year. Support St. Pius X and earn your VSP hours at the same time!



### What do these organizations do?

**HSA:** Founded to encourage home and school cooperation and to engage in cultural, civic, legislative, educational, charitable, social, and other activities. The membership of the Home and School Association consists of the mothers, fathers, or guardians of currently enrolled students at St. Pius X Regional School and members of the faculty. The HSA is also responsible for record keeping of VSP (volunteer hours) and FSO (fundraising). Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected every other year by the parents/guardians attending the final HSA meeting of the school year. We currently have an opening for a Secretary and our President, Faith Proctor, and our Vice President, Pam Dietrick, are “graduating” this year. We would love new and enthusiastic families to join!

**SAB:** Established to provide advice, guidance, and long-term planning to the Administrative Team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of St. Pius X Regional School. The Board provides this through the functions of: Planning, Policy Development, Finance, Facilities, Communications and Public Relations, Financial Development, and Evaluation. The Board consists of non-voting and voting members. The non-voting members consist of the Pastor, Principal, and Faculty appointed by the principal. The voting members consist of a minimum of two members from



each of the four regional parishes, one at-large member from one of the regional parishes, and the HSA president or appointed HSA representative. The term of a Board member is three years and is renewable. The Officers are elected annually for a one-year term. The Board meets monthly throughout the school year.

If interested in becoming involved with either organization, please email the President of either organization.

HSA – Faith Proctor – [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com)

SAB – Katie Summers – [katie.mason.summers@gmail.com](mailto:katie.mason.summers@gmail.com)



## Flu, Covid-19, colds, illness prevention tips



If you are feeling sick you should stay home and get a lot of rest. Email your teacher and the nurse. ([mbenson@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mbenson@stpiusbowie.org))



It is estimated that people touch their faces about 23 times per hour! Touching our face is something we do without knowing, try your best not to touch your face to try to keep germs from entering your mucus membranes.

Go see a doctor.



Regular check ups can detect potential for sickness later on, also when you're sick you may need medication to feel better. The quicker you see the Doctor the faster you will be back on your feet.



Prevention is key to staying healthy and one thing we can all do is wash our hands and wash them often. 20 seconds or longer with soap and water.



It's FLU SHOT TIME! Make sure you schedule an appointment to get your flu shot or walk in at a pharmacy close to you. Read more from the CDC about the flu shot: [Flu shot for children](#)





Let's watch this video for the importance of why we are all wearing masks right now to keep each other safe. [Kids and why we wear masks](#)

## YOU SHOP AND WE GET PAID - HELP US EARN \$\$

Your shopping can help St. Pius X earn money! These fundraisers bring in thousands of dollars to our school each year and don't cost you a cent. Thank you to those families who participate in these fundraisers now. Your efforts are much appreciated! Thank you in advance to those families who will follow the simple steps below to begin participation.

**AMAZON SMILE REWARDS PROGRAM:** You probably already shop online at Amazon, and now you can help support SPX simply by using the special link here. [Shop on Amazon.com](#). Our unique School Rewards link will take you directly to Amazon, where you can browse and shop just as you normally would. Each month, Amazon will pay us 5% or more of all purchases made by shoppers who reached Amazon through our link. Please support us by bookmarking this [link](#) in your internet browser - then making it the first link you click each time you shop at Amazon. And be sure to pass it on to your friends, family, neighbors, acquaintances, and anyone else who might like to help us raise funds by shopping at Amazon.



**HARRIS TEETER 'S TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM:** This program translates your spending at Harris Teeter to rewards for SPX. We need YOU to register and it's easy and it's FREE. Simply give the cashier our code, 4154, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year. That's it! You only have to link your VIC card once each school year. Once your card is linked, St. Pius X Regional School will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! Don't forget to link your VIC card to our account code next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.



Your purchases at Amazon Smile, Box Tops and Harris Teeter this holiday season (and all year long) will directly support our school! Thanks in advance for your help.

## ACRONYM GLOSSARY

Are you new to St. Pius X and unfamiliar with our acronyms? Here is a quick list of our most used abbreviations:

*ADW - Archdiocese of Washington*

*CYO - Catholic Youth Organization*

*ESP - Extended School Program (before and aftercare)  
Obligation*

*HSPT - High School Placement Test*

*SSC - Student Support Center*

*VSP - Volunteer Service Program*

*CFA - Chick-fil-A*

*HSA - Home and School Association*

*FSO - Fundraising Support*

*SAB - School Advisory Board*

*TADS - Tuition Management Company*

### 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

[www.stedwardbowie.com](http://www.stedwardbowie.com)