



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes October 7th, 2021



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SPA DAY BASKET WINNER

Congratulations to Mrs. Therese Hungate who won our Spa Day Basket online raffle. We raised \$450 for this event. We greatly appreciate everyone's generosity and look forward to offering more raffle prizes throughout the school year.

PURSE BINGO IS BACK!

Join us at our (first of the year) **IN PERSON DESIGNER PURSE BINGO** Friday, October 15, 2021 at 7pm in Nelson Hall (doors open at 6:30pm)! \$25 a ticket includes your Bingo tickets and entry. Due to social distancing guidelines, only 150 entry tickets will be sold. Masks are required. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase, but you may also BYO food and beverages. More information can be found on our EventGroove page for this event, and we ask that you pre-purchase your tickets at:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/65693d/Campaign/Details>

Thursday, October 7

*Bishop McNamara HS Visit - 8th Grade Only - 1:20pm

Friday, October 8

*Whole School Mass - 10:30am - parents cannot come in for Whole School Masses, please contact via our link
*Chorus Rehearsal - 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Monday, October 11

*Indigenous Peoples' Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 12

*Class Mass - Grades 5-8 - 10:30am
*New Parent/Family Administration Forum - 5:00pm - 6:00pm - Nelson Hall

Wednesday, October 13

*Chick-Fil-A Day - more info to come
*Gonzaga/Visitation HS Visits - 8th Grade Only - 10:20am
*General SGA Meeting - 11:45am - 12:30pm - Mr. Curran's Room

Thursday, October 14

*Georgetown Prep/Holy Cross HS Visit - 8th grade only - 11:20am
*Archbishop Carroll HS Visit - 8th Grade only - 1:20pm

Friday, October 15

*St Johns HS Visit - 8th Grade Only - 11:00am
*Chorus Rehearsal - 3pm - 5pm
*Purse Bingo - 7pm-10pm - Nelson Hall

Grades K-4 will be marked late starting at 8:10am.
Grades 5-8 will be marked late starting at 8:00am.

We have this hope as an anchor for our lives. It is safe and sure, and goes through the curtain of the heavenly temple into the inner sanctuary. (Heb 6:19 GNT)

CHICK-FIL-A VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The first Chick-fil-A lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13th. If you are looking for a great way to earn some volunteer hours this may just right for you! The CFA special lunch team needs volunteers to assist in lunch set-up, class deliveries and the breakdown of the event. Email: Mrs. Sisco-Thiong at spxlunchcfa@gmail.com to sign-up!

CHICK-FIL-A ORDERS

The first Chick-fil-A lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, 2021. Order deadline is Friday, October 8, 2021. Take a moment to look over "CHICK-FIL-A HOT LUNCH ONLINE ORDERING" flyer for more details.

7TH AND 8TH GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a HALLOWEEN DANCE for SPX students only in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 22nd. Costumes are optional. No Halloween face masks, but face masks used for attendance in school are required. As always, appropriate attire is required. Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00 pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include DJ, snacks, and drinks. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening. Parents: Please pick up your children promptly between 10:00 pm and 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 chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy, should contact Maria Ray (luv2educateu@gmail.com). Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:15 pm to 11:00 pm. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning.

DON'T FORGET

NO LUNCHES OR FORGOTTEN ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO GO DIRECTLY TO A CLASSROOM. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING MUST SIGN IN AND OUT AT THE RECEPTION DESK.

SPX CYO Announcements



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 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 if you would like to make a purchase. These masks can be worn during the school day.

Basketball Season is coming soon! In advance of opening registration, we are looking to recruit coaches (head coaches and assistant coaches) for the age brackets below. Ensuring that each team has Virtus certificated coaches is extremely important before opening registration for players. The season is scheduled to begin in Nov/Dec so please act fast! Contact Megan Bogley if you are interested in coaching or to learn more.

Basketball eligibility:

14U: 12/1/2006 - 11/30/2008

12U: 12/1/2008 - 11/30/2010

10U: 12/1/2010 - 11/30/2012

8U: 12/1/2012 - 11/30/2014

Coaching Requirements as determined by the Archdiocese of Washington CYO:

- 1) Virtus background check (fingerprinting) and training**
- 2) Play Like A Champion (PLAC) training**
- 3) CDC Concussion training**
- 4) National Federation of HS - Heat Illness training**

Drop In Aftercare

At this time, Drop in aftercare will no longer be available on half days. Drop in will still be available for full days starting September 13, 2021. The sign up genius link to register for drop in aftercare is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a82aa1fe3-aftercar>

FOOTBALL MANIA IS BACK!

As we welcome students back to St. Pius, we welcome back one of our most popular and fun fundraiser, Football Mania! If you are new to our school, FM runs the last 10 weeks of the NFL regular season and with each ticket bought, the ticket holder has the opportunity to win cash prizes each week.



Unlike previous years, FM has gone completely paperless and ALL ticket sales are now online only. No more tickets, no more stubs to fill out and keep track off, and no more messing around with checks or cash.

To get in on the action, use the link below. You can purchase up to 10 tickets at one time. Each ticket cost \$20, with \$14 from each ticket coming back to our school. Tickets can be purchased now through November 6th, 2021. The final 10 weeks begins that weekend. Use the link below to buy tickets. Share the link with coworkers, family and friends. Copy to your social media accounts.

Make sure the buyer fills in your name as the seller so you can receive proper FSO credit!

<http://www.charitymania.com/give/GB04D>

Please email Chris Bogley with any questions you may have, at up5728@hotmail.COM



Christmas Bazaar

We are so excited to bring back the Christmas Bazaar, an SPX tradition! For a week in December the Hall is transformed into Santa's Workshop and our students have a chance to shop for gifts for their loved ones as well as participate in a raffle, get a picture with Santa and enjoy some tasty treats. It's a fantastic week for the kids, and takes many parent volunteers to pull it off!

At this time we're looking for table chairs for the following: Mother / Daughter, Religious, Christmas, Raffle and Kitchen. Parents who have previously led those tables are ready and available to guide you through the process. We're also looking for a parent (or ideally 2!) to 'shadow' our Father / Son Table Chairs this year as this will be their last year. It's a great opportunity to learn hands on how the process works.

If you're able to serve in any of these capacities, please email Katie Skerpon at

spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com as soon as possible - preparation are underway

UNIFORMS

Carousel Uniforms will make deliveries once a week to school so you won't have to make the drive to Waldorf. You may contact Carousel directly with any questions regarding your student's uniform 301-843- 8884. Uniform requirements may be found on pages 18-20 in the Parent Student Handbook (found on our website).



We have 2 wonderful volunteers who have re-organized our Uniform Exchange inventory and they are open for business. Andrea Bramwell and Damali Martin are our Uniform Exchange co-coordinators. Mrs. Bramwell can be reached at 202-276-2436. Dr. Martin can be reached at 240-353-2816

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2021-2022

The open application period for the 2022-2023 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program will begin on Friday, October 1, 2021. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 3, 2020. The deadline date for new families to apply is Friday, February 18, 2021.


MAIN & MARKET LUNCH PROGRAM

St. Pius X Regional School is working with Main & Market to provide a healthy portion controlled lunch for our school. Main & Market is looking forward to supplying our school with great food and service. Main and Market partners with BOONLI (former name Order Lunches) to provide a secure, fast and easy to use online ordering program.

Main & Market/BOONLI allow parents and faculty to view our lunch menu, order, prepay and manage their lunches online. Student and Faculty Accounts, User Names and User Passwords will remain the same as last year. Each lunch costs \$7.00 and you have the option of ordering an extra entrée for just an additional \$3.00. The monthly menu provides a wide variety to choose from so that students are able to experience different foods, with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal, and local foods.

If you are interested in having Main & Market deliver a healthy lunch to your child at school, you will need to register online at <https://mainandmarket.boonli.com/login>.

More details are available on our website. If you have questions, you should call Main & Market at 1-800-381-6511 ext. 1 or email them at support@boonli.com.

 Milk order forms will be sent home at the informal Open house on Thursday, August 26th or the first day of school. The first day of milk service begins September 1st for students in grades 1-8. Pre-K - K students will have milk service starts September 2nd.



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



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)



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.

FLU SHOT



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](#)

SAFETY FIRST

Traffic during arrival and dismissal is very heavy during the first few weeks of school. We ask that parents try and carpool, if at all possible. We have a team of teachers and staff who direct and manage traffic to keep our students safe and it is imperative for the parents to follow their directions. Please familiarize yourselves with our procedures and traffic diagrams, which can be found on pages 27-30 in our Parent Student Handbook. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation to help our arrival and dismissal system run smoothly.



Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a patriotic middle school student interested in winning \$5,000, this scholarship may be for

you.

Each year more than 165,400 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. Each first-place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000!

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.

The 2021-22 theme is: How Can I Be a Good American?

Deadline: midnight, Oct. 31, 2021

If you would like to apply, please contact Commander Megan Bogley, Bowie Memorial Post #8065 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Her email is vfw8065commander@gmail.com or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the nomination form. Note, you can also view this information at the VFW website: <https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award Program

Each year, the VFW presents an elementary, middle and high school teacher with its Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award to recognize them for their outstanding commitment to teach and promote America's history, traditions and citizenship.

VFW Posts nominate their top local candidate in each category to their (state) Department, which then selects a candidate from each category to submit to VFW National Headquarters. The national Department winners in each grade category will receive a VFW National citation for both themselves, and their school.

All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. From planning field trips to city hall and organizing community volunteer projects, to inviting veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences and teachers who foster the development of democratic values and beliefs through unique projects, if you know of such a teacher nominate them today.

Nomination deadline: midnight, Oct. 31, 2021

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please contact Commander Megan Bogley, Bowie Memorial Post #8065 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Her email is vfw8065commander@gmail.com or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the nomination form. Note, you can also view this information at the VFW website: <https://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>

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 programs 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