



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



December 6, 2018



## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR- THANK YOU!

Thank you for your help in making the SPX Christmas Bazaar 2018 so memorable for our students. A tradition like this is not possible without the support of so many.

If you volunteered and did a take-home project, please make sure to **submit your VSP hours on Track It Forward by Wednesday, December 19.** Hours cannot be submitted after that date.

If you have any **outstanding receipts** from the Bazaar they must be turned in by **Wednesday, December 19.**

Questions? Contact the Bazaar Chairpersons at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

## TOYS FOR TOTS TOY DRIVE DUE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>



We will be collecting Toys for Tots at our school. Please help us by buying a new toy for a boy or girl and do not wrap the gift. We will have a Toys for Tots box out front in the school lobby. We started collecting on Monday, November 26th. The deadline for our toy collection is Friday, December 14th. Please help support this wonderful program for children in need in our community. Thanks for your kindness!

## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR JANUARY



**January lunch orders must be placed by December 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).

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Thursday, December 6

- \*K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG I
- \*Service Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Art
- \*Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:00pm, 6B
- \*Den 2 meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, 2B
- \*Keep Christ in Christmas contest posters due to Mrs. Baden!

#### Friday, December 7

- \*Whole School Mass, 10:30am, please join us!
- \*Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm, Music
- \*Chess Club, 3:00-4:15pm, 2B
- \*Cadette Troop, 5:00-6:30pm, Art
- \*Purse Bingo, 7:00-10:00pm, hall, Adults Only

#### Monday, December 10

- \*5<sup>th</sup> gr Field Trip to UMD, 9:30-2:00pm
- \*1A Play, 1:30-2:00pm, Church
- \*1B Play, 2:10-2:40pm, Church
- \*Band with Etter, 3:00-4:00pm
- \*Striders Club, 3:00-4:15pm
- \*Tuition Due to TADS Tuition Management

#### Tuesday, December 11

- \*Band Concerts, 10:00am (gr 6-8, PK and K), 1:30pm (gr 1-5), 7:00pm (parents)
- \*SGA Officers meeting, 11:50-12:34pm, SSC
- \*Band with Martens, 3:00-4:15pm
- \*Righi Scouts, 4:30-5:30pm, 2B

#### Wednesday, December 12

- \*8<sup>th</sup> grade Academic Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Math room
- \*Chorus, 3:00-4:30pm, Hall
- \*GS Troop, 5:30-7:00pm, Art

#### Thursday, December 13

- \*Progress Reports Distributed
- \*K Christmas Play, hall
- \*K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG I
- \*ASL Club, 3:00-3:50pm, Library
- \*After School Spanish Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Library
- \*Cub Scout meeting, 6:00-7:00pm, 6B
- \*Scouts Santa's Helper, 6:00-8:30pm

#### Friday, December 14

- \*3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> gr Reconciliation, 10:00-12:00pm
- \*Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm, Music
- \*2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gr Book Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Library
- \*Chess Club, 3:00-4:15pm, 2B
- \*Cadette Troop, 5:00-6:30pm, Art
- \*7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> gr Holiday Dance, 7:00-10:00pm, Hall

Please check the school calendar for more information:

<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>

## PURSE BINGO – TOMORROW! DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Our Home and School Association is hosting the second Purse Bingo of the year on, Friday, December 7, from 7:00 to 10:00pm in Nelson Hall (doors open at 5:30pm). If you are 18 years or older, please join us for a fun filled evening to support our school. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket and includes 20 games, door prizes, raffles, and jackpots. Prizes include prizes by Coach, Vera Bradley, Origami Owl, Michael Koors, Alex and Ani, and Thirty-One. Food will be sold in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed on Bingo Night. Please call Brian Trice if you are able to help 240-882-3170. VSP hours will be awarded.



## CALLING ALL ARTISTS - DEADLINE APPROACHING



Mrs. Baden would like to encourage all students to enter local art contests. She has posted information about the contest outside of her classroom and outside of the school office.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST:** Open to all students ages 5-14 who attend St. Pius X Regional School and is sponsored by The Sacred Heart Council #2577 Knights of Columbus. The Knights hope that by engaging the talents of our young people, they will come to a deeper understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. They pray that the students' artwork will bring others to remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas". Mrs. Baden has the contest entry form and poster paper.

Deadline: all entries must be returned to Mrs. Baden by Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Rules and Paper are in the art room.

## A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE – TIS THE SEASON FOR COLD AND FLU



▪ **Do not send a student with a fever to school, and do not return them to school until fever-free for 24 hours without any medicine help** (fever-reducing medicines include acetaminophen [Tylenol], aspirin [Bayer], ibuprofen [Advil or Motrin], or combination products like Pediacare, Dayquil, Triaminic, Theraflu, etc). And please, *do not* give fever medicine and then send student to school; it will wear off in 4 hours and you will have to come take your child back home anyway. Fever medicines mask illness symptoms--your child can still be contagious, passing illness along to others at school.

- **\*NOTE:** A normal core body temperature is 97-99°F (36.1-37.2°C), most accurately measured rectally or tympanically (ear canal). Oral and forehead temps are *not* reliable; we measure tympanically at school. Health Dept. and School policies require a student to be sent home if 100°F (37.8°C) or higher. Although 99-100° (37.2-37.6°C) can feel uncomfortable & make the forehead feel "warm," these are 'low-grade' temperatures, often due to non-illness, benign, or temporary causes, like under-hydration, intense concentration/stress, vigorous exercise/play, seasonal allergies/pollen, hot/humid weather, immunization reactions, etc. Fever of 102°F (38.9°C) or higher requires medical attention for possible bacterial or viral illness, heat stroke, severe injury/trauma, etc; some medicines and diseases can also induce high fevers. (*see school website Health Topics for more info*)

## A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE – TIS THE SEASON FOR COLD AND FLU cont'd

- **Repeated vomiting and/or diarrhea at any time indicates illness or infection; keep child home for at least 24hours AFTER the last episode** to allow for adequate rest & recovery, and to reduce spread of illness at school; call your Physician/Licensed Provider if illness symptoms persist.
- **A student diagnosed with Communicable disease and/or who misses 3 or more days of school due to illness or injury, must submit a Physician/Licensed Provider's Back-to-School clearance to RN before returning to class.** Included diagnoses: Pink eye, Flu, Pneumonia, Strep throat, Ringworm, Impetigo, Measles, Chicken Pox, Whooping Cough/Pertussis, Tuberculosis/TB, Meningitis, Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS; complications of or prolonged Asthma, Diabetes, or Seizures; severe trauma/injury and/or surgery. Contact RN for accountability details & Back-to-School Clearance requirements.
- **Keep child home for at least 24 hours after the first dose of any prescribed antibiotic.** Student may return thereafter, provided any remaining symptoms will be manageable at school.
- **A student with open skin lesions may not be at school until AFTER examined by a Physician/Licensed Provider and a Back-to-School Clearance note/proof of treatment is submitted to RN.** Before student returns to class, all exposed lesions must be completely covered by Band-Aids or appropriate/approved head cover. *(see school website Health Topics for more info)*
- **Parent will be called if student has Lice/Pediculosis; student does not have to leave school until the end of the day, but proof of approved Home or Professional treatment and re-check by RN is required before student may return to class.** A second treatment in 7-10 days is strongly recommended. *(see school website Health Topics for more info)*
- **When student needs to go home, please arrange for prompt pick up within 30-60 minutes.** Student will rest & wait in HR. You must sign student out from school at the Front Reception desk; for everyone's safety, we cannot release a student to anyone not authorized to pick up *(must be listed with us as a Primary or Secondary Emergency Contact)*

### **Form links for Medications a child may need while at school**

Allergy Action Plan:

[https://www.stpiusbowie.org/files/1114/9693/7843/ALLERGY\\_ACTION\\_PLAN\\_ADWform6.pdf](https://www.stpiusbowie.org/files/1114/9693/7843/ALLERGY_ACTION_PLAN_ADWform6.pdf)

Asthma Action Plan:

[https://www.stpiusbowie.org/files/8014/9702/6284/ASTHMA\\_ACTION\\_PLAN\\_ASTHMA\\_Rx\\_AUTHORIZATION\\_ADWform9.pdf](https://www.stpiusbowie.org/files/8014/9702/6284/ASTHMA_ACTION_PLAN_ASTHMA_Rx_AUTHORIZATION_ADWform9.pdf)

Medication Form:

[https://www.stpiusbowie.org/files/3515/3632/3081/Form\\_8\\_Student\\_Medication\\_Authorization\\_.pdf](https://www.stpiusbowie.org/files/3515/3632/3081/Form_8_Student_Medication_Authorization_.pdf)

# 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
Dec. 9	Window for selecting High School Choice closes.  <b>Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers.</b>	
Dec. 10	Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools.  <b>Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.</b>	
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.

# Catholic High School Scholarship Information cont'd

## 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.



## MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE NEXT FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a DANCE for SPX students in 7th and 8th grades next Friday, December 14th. **This is a more formal dance and we encourage the students to dress in holiday festive attire.** Attire for the girls can be dresses and the boys can wear nice slacks (like khakis). Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include a DJ, snacks, and drinks. As always, appropriate attire is required. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening. Parents must pick-up your children promptly at 10:00pm. **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 were sent home today and are posted on the school website. Extras will be available in the school office. Any interested chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy should contact Mariana Lathrop at 301-938-7678. Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:00 to 11:00pm. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A4A82AA1FE3-7thand1>

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPX GREEN TEAM MEETING



This month's guest speaker was a paleontologist from the Dinosaur Park in Laurel, MD. Since some students thought a paleontologist was the same as a veterinarian, we discussed their similarities and differences. We also talked about how the things people do to protect the planet may benefit researchers in the future.

In addition, we studied fossils, real and replicated, that were millions of years old. We learned that "fossil" means evidence of ancient life. Therefore, fossils are not only dinosaurs but many different creatures and things like teeth, plants, and bones.

We learned about the history of the Dinosaur Park, and that it began as a mine for ironstone, which is a rock made mostly of iron. We also learned where the first dinosaur was discovered: England.

Like state birds, and state flowers, there are also state dinosaurs. Maryland's state dinosaur is the Astrodon whose name means "star tooth." When scientists first discovered it, they saw that the inside of its tooth looked like a star and gave it that name.

Everyone roared trying to imitate what a dinosaur may have sounded like, only to learn that scientists believe ancient dinosaurs may have quacked like ducks.

**MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE CYO  
CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>  
FROM 4:00-8:00PM AT THE MARKET PLACE IN BOWIE.  
WE GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR SUPPORT!**

### Basketball

- Basketball practices have started! Please contact Nick Trice, SPX Boys' Basketball Commissioner, [NSTrice@co.pg.md.us](mailto:NSTrice@co.pg.md.us) or Jawara Marierose, SPX Girls' Basketball Commissioner, [jawara@gmail.com](mailto:jawara@gmail.com) if you are unsure of your child's team assignment and/or coach.
- The Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) has posted currently scheduled games. Click here for ADW [Basketball Schedules](#) or visit <http://wdccyo.sportstech.net/Scheduler/>



**CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL SIGN UP GENIUS FOR OTHER  
OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER  
[SPX SIGN UP GENIUS](#)**

# 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.

### Current Open Seat Available right now:

\*\*One (1) seat—St. Pius Parish

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

\*\*\*Two (2) seats—**St. Edward’s Parish**, South Bowie

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

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie (note—there will be two (2) open seats as of June 2019 for SPX Parish if the current open seat is not filled prior to June 2019).

\*\*\*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 five of the six 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 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.

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

**Please save the date!!**

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 Sign Up Genius link will be posted in a future edition of News Notes in either December or early January. Please watch this space for updated information. VSP hours will be granted for assistance. The forthcoming sign up genius list will include more details for volunteers.

Some ways that families can help support the open house include:

- \*serve as a tour guide (parents only please and training will be provided as outlined below);
- \*speak at one of our four supporting parishes the weekend prior to the open house (January 19 and 20, 2019—script will be provided);
- \*donate food or drink as specified on the forthcoming SUG list;
- \*staff a club booth at the activity fair;
- \*help with set up/clean up in the kitchen and Nelson Hall;
- \*assist with publicity (post flyers at workplace and/or local shops.);
- \*work in the kitchen, etc.

**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!

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

# CHRISTMAS PLAYS, CONCERTS, AND PERFORMANCES

As our students are busy preparing for their Christmas concerts, plays and performances, we wanted to ask for your cooperation when attending these events. Parents arriving for morning events should park directly in front of the church, so that the back lot is kept open for recess. When arriving for afternoon performances, please park as you would for an afternoon dismissal/carpool. Please note that anyone leaving the performances at 2pm or later may be caught in the parking lot until dismissal. Please be considerate so that all may enter and exit without problems.

Please be aware that siblings of the performing students may not be called out of class to watch the performance, nor will they be permitted to be dismissed early. Early dismissal of the performers is highly discouraged as well, as it creates confusion at dismissal. If you still choose to have your performing student dismissed early, please let the school know with a note via the student's homeroom teacher. Per school policy, parents must pick up students for early dismissal at the front desk, where sign-out is required.

Finally, we ask that all visitors stay in the assigned room for the performance. Parents and guests are not permitted to wander around the building or visit classrooms. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



## COLD WEATHER POLICY



Now that the weather is becoming cold, the school has received many telephone calls about the children being outside. Our rule is that the children will stay out in the morning and go out at recess unless the temperature is below 30 degrees (that includes wind chill). Please make sure your student (s) come dressed appropriately with hats and gloves. Please mark all outer wear with their name and homeroom.

## GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER NOMINATIONS DUE TO MRS. SCHROM BY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>! SHOW YOUR LOVE AND NOMINATE ONE OF OUR FINE TEACHERS!

On May 16, 2019 the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will host the eleventh annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten of our Archdiocese teachers will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.



Golden Apple

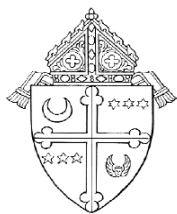
The Golden Apple Award is the creation of the Donahue Family Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue are parents of 13 children, all of whom were educated in Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education for their children, the Foundation has established this award in four dioceses around the country.

The nomination forms are due back to Mrs. Schrom by Jan. 7, 2019.

[Click here for the nomination form!](#)



# LETTER FROM WILLIAM RYAN, SUPERINTENDENT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



## ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

---

Archdiocesan Pastoral Center: 5001 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782-3447  
Mailing Address: Post Office Box 29260, Washington, DC 20017-0260  
301-853-4500 TDD 301-853-5300

December 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Catholic Schools Office is committed to providing the safest possible environment for our students and all school personnel. Over the years, our schools have taken steps to become more secure, but as recent history has dictated, we need to continue to include proactive life-saving measures to ensure the safety of all of our students and employees.

During the last several years, educators and parents have had concerns about the threat of an armed intruder. Our previous response protocol to a violent critical incident would have been to simply “lockdown.” During a traditional lockdown, students and staff are instructed to lock their classroom doors, turn out the lights, and hide in the far corner of the classroom while remaining calm and quiet. We have followed this procedure for many years, but we now know that we must provide students and staff with more options in case they are confronted with an armed intruder.

The ADW Catholic Schools Office has enhanced the lockdown procedures that we, as well as experts across the country, believe will increase the chance of survival during a violent critical incident. The enhancements that we will teach our students and staff are known as **ALICE**.

ALICE is an acronym:

- **Alert:** We will be aware of our surroundings. Alert is overcoming denial, recognizing the signs of danger and receiving notifications about the danger from others.
- **Lockdown:** The lockdown will include locking the door but will also include enhanced measures as to deny entry.
- **Inform:** Continual communication keeping the staff and students informed allows for good decision making.
- **Counter:** Apply skills of movement, noise, distance, distractions, and in some cases using our overwhelming numbers to gain control of the situation (age and ability appropriate). This is used when lockdown or evacuation are not possible.
- **Evacuate:** Create space between our students and the actual threat.

This is not an attempt to teach our students or staff to make any attempt to subdue an armed intruder. However, we will provide them with options that, if faced with a life-threatening situation, can help to greatly enhance their chance of survival. Training will emphasize that the best way to survive a violent critical incident is to evacuate, when possible, and providing our schools the authority and ability to make that decision. Each school principal and one or two other school personnel have been trained to be an ALICE instructor. They are currently training all school employees on the ALICE program, and will begin training students in the near future. Parents will receive updates directly from each school regarding upcoming drills (which may include evacuation and off site reunification locations), parent information sessions, and ongoing training updates.

We look forward to working with your students to provide them with the skills they might need at school and in the community, if confronted with a critical violent incident. You will receive information from your principal regarding an upcoming information session and the implementation of drills. Please contact your school principal or the Catholic Schools Office, if you have any questions or concerns about the ALICE program.

Thank you for entrusting our schools with your children. I look forward to continuing the work to ensure that our schools are the absolute safest that we can make them.

Sincerely in Christ,



William Ryan, III  
Superintendent for Catholic Schools

## HOW MANY VSP HOURS DO YOU HAVE?



Are you on target to fulfill your Volunteer Service Program hours by the end of the school year in June? Remember that all volunteer hours must be submitted electronically on our website called Track it Forward. **Every volunteer** (including parents, CYO coaches/ officers, School Board members, HSA officers, and Room Parents) **must register online using this website:** <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>.

After creating an account, volunteer hours will then be submitted by each volunteer, stating the date, hours, activity, and chairperson. Volunteer hours will then be approved electronically by the chairperson. All event organizers must also create an account. Links to the VSP system can be found on our website and app. Register and start recording your hours now to avoid being billed for unfilled hours at the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Lowe at [nanette\\_lowe@yahoo.com](mailto:nanette_lowe@yahoo.com). Details about family VSP requirements can be found on pages 24—26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

**DROP IN AFTER CARE**  
Please use this link to register for [\*\*DROP -IN AFTERCARE.\*\*](#)

# BRASS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR SALE!



St Pius X School is having a spectacular sale of our limited-edition Brass Christmas Ornament Collection. The ornaments are similar in design to White House Ornaments and samples are on display in the school lobby. Our collection includes: St. Pius X Cavalier, St Pius X Regional Playground, St Pius X

Photo Ornament, St Pius X Church, Sacred Heart Church, Ascension Parish, and St Edward's Church. Ornaments are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. Order forms are going home with students this week.

[Completed forms](#) and checks (made payable to St Pius X) may be sent back to school or you can stop by the office to buy one. Orders will be filled daily and sent home with your students. We have a limited supply, so order today! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Bechtel at 301-262-0203 or [pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org).

## SAVE THE DATES

December 6 – Keep Christ In Christmas posters  
due to Mrs. Baden

December 7 – Whole School Mass, 10:30am

December 7 – Purse Bingo, 7:00-10:00pm

December 11 – Band Concert for Parents,  
7:00pm, Hall

December 13 – Progress Reports 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>



# BRASS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT COLLECTION

(samples are in the school lobby)

**St. Pius X School**

**Playground**

**Photo Insert**

**St. Pius CYO Cavalier**

**St. Pius X Church**

**Sacred Heart Church**

**Ascension Church** (may not be boxed)

**St. Edward the Confessor Church**

**Indicate below which ornaments you would like to order:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Pius X Cavalier
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Pius X Regional School
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Pius X Playground
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Pius X Photo Ornament  
(Insert ~ a 2 x 3 wallet photo of your child)

**CHURCHES:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ascension (may not be boxed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sacred Heart
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Edward's
- \_\_\_\_\_ St. Pius X

<b>Ornaments Cost \$5 Each OR 6 for \$20</b>	
_____	Total Ornaments Ordered
\$ _____	Total Amount Enclosed

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS ONLY – Payable to St. Pius X School**  
Orders will be filled daily and will be sent home with the student.

**Questions:** Patty Bechtel – 301-262-0203 ext. 10 or [pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org)

# YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAN EARN US \$\$\$

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.

**1. Giant A+ Rewards :** Simply register your Giant reward card in the Giant A+ Food Reward Program. Once you complete the card registration, each time you use your GIANT CARD, your purchases are credited to our school. Giant will make a donation at the end of the school year based on a percentage of your total year's purchase. New this year: If you registered your card last year, you *DO NOT* need to re-register this year. You should visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. **Our school A+ School Rewards ID # 00425**



**2. 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](https://www.amazon.com/?ref=af_pill_card). 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.



**3. BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** This program allows our school to collect box tops/labels of food and household products and redeem them for cash. Simply check the items you buy at the grocery store/ Target/Wal-Mart for Box Tops for Education labels. You will find the labels on dozens of different types of products like: food/drink, paper products, office supplies, cleaning supplies, food storage, table ware and many more. Once purchased, please cut the labels off and return them to school. Don't forget to check the expiration date, as we cannot get credit for expired labels. We will earn 10¢ for every label. St. Pius X can also earn cash from Bonus Certificates, which can be found primarily in stores on specially marked packages and at checkout printed on a receipt. These vary on value based on the promotion. Bonus codes begin with the letter A. Also look for eBox Tops Codes, which are a 16 digit eBoxTops code that is printed on the product. You would be surprised at how many products you buy every day carry a Box Tops for Education label.



## **4. 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, Giant Food, and Harris Teeter will directly support our school!**

**Thanks in advance for your help.**

Dear 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Each student attending the **December 14<sup>th</sup>** Middle School Christmas Dance will need to bring this signed permission slip. Permission slips will not be accepted unless signed by their OWN parent or legal guardian. **This is a more formal dance and we encourage the students to dress in holiday festive attire.** For the girls can be dresses and the boys can wear nice slacks (like khakis). Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm.

Please read the rules for the Middle School Dances and discuss them with your child.

**ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF ST. PIUS X SCHOOL AND THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE COMMITTEE. STUDENTS REFUSING TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL BE REMOVED FROM NELSON HALL AND A PARENT WILL BE CALLED.**

This Middle School Dance is for St. Pius 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only.

**NO** guests will be allowed.

The Middle School Dance will be canceled if not enough chaperones (parents) are in attendance.

The Middle School Dance will be from **7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.**

No student will be permitted to leave the building without a parent/guardian.

**PARENTS MUST COME INTO THE HALL TO PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN.**

No children will be allowed to roam the parking lot looking for their ride home.

All parents are asked to be prompt in picking up their children. The dance will end at **10:00 pm.**

**Middle School Dance participants will exhibit proper behavior at all times. Improper language, smoking, drinking or fighting will result in an immediate expulsion from all Middle School Social events.**

**The following rules apply to all Middle School Dance Participants.**

**NO** throwing of food or drink

**NO** offensive slogans on clothes

**NO** revealing clothing may be worn (Appropriate attire for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders reflecting the values of SPX is expected)

**NO** hats or bandanas

**NO** hanging out in the hallway or bathrooms

**NO** running or climbing and jumping off of the stage

All Middle School Dance participants will be respectful to chaperones and other participants at all times. All rules of behavior and dress code expected during SPX school hours apply to Middle School Dances.

*An admission of **\$ 10.00** will be collected the door.*

**Please sign and bring this form with you to the dance. NO CHILD WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP BY THEIR PARENT. ADMISSION COST IS \$10.00**

I have read the rules and regulations and agree to abide by them. I understand that my failure to follow the rules will result in my being ejected from the Middle School Dance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Classroom

I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Middle School Dance at St. Pius X School, Bowie, MD.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Numbers

---

# The Counselor's Corner

St. Pius X Regional School

December 2018



## Meet the Counselor

My name is Mary Jenkins and this is my first year as the Counselor at St. Pius X Regional School. I have a masters degree in Clinical Psychology from Towson University and I am in the final stages of becoming a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) through the state of Maryland. I attended Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington from kindergarten through high school, so I am happy to be counseling in a Catholic school setting. I am excited to be a part of the SPX community and I have loved getting to know the students so far this year! Every other month, a new issue of this newsletter will be added to the SPX website in order to inform parents about my guidance lessons, provide tips on popular topics, and discuss what is to come in the future.

## What is a School Guidance Counselor?

A guidance counselor is a member of the educational team that provides support in the areas of academic achievement and social/emotional development. The counselor provides support through individual and group counseling, academic planning, advocacy, and classroom guidance lessons. Typically, the individual counseling services are brief in nature and focused on problem-solving. At SPX, students come to see me for a variety of reasons such as friendship issues, coping, self-regulation skills, parental divorce, grief, stress management, academic support, and other similar stressors.

## How do students access services?

1. Students can self-refer by filling out one of the "Let's Talk" forms that are located in the hallway outside of my office
2. Parents can contact me via email or phone to refer their child or consult with me
3. Teachers can refer students that may need additional support

Welcome to the  
School Counselor's Corner

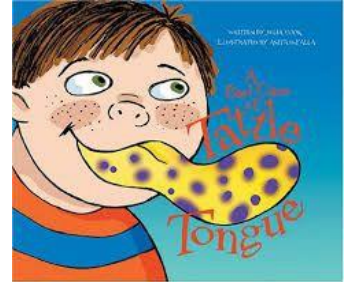


## Guidance Lesson Review

Check out what your child has been learning in guidance lessons this year!

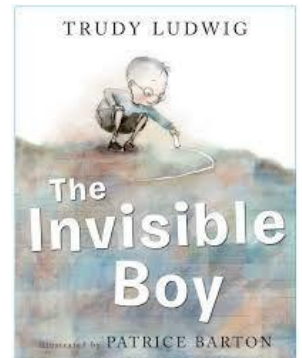
### Kindergarten through Second Grade: Tattling vs. Telling

Students in the lower grades worked on learning the differences between tattling and telling. We read the book *Tattle Tongue* by Julia Cook, which provides children with “tattle rules” and gives examples of tattling vs. telling. After reading the story, we practiced some examples together. The tattle rules are the following: be a danger ranger, be a problem solver, now or later problem?, and M.Y.O.B. (mind your own beeswax).



### 1st Grade: Friendship/Including Others

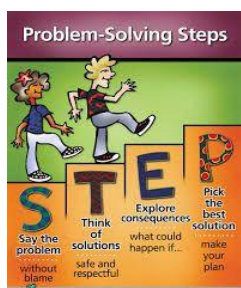
In 1st grade, we discussed friendship/including others by reading *The Invisible Boy* by Trudy Ludwig. The story follows the main character, Brian, who feels invisible at school because he never gets noticed and no one wants to play with him. After reading the story, 1st grade students labeled Brian’s emotions when he felt invisible, identified how the other students excluded him, and talked about alternative strategies. Finally, we applied the story to real life by brainstorming ways that we can include others at St. Pius.



### 7th and 8th Grade: Stress Management/Coping Skills

Middle school can be a stressful time! In 7th and 8th grade, we worked on identifying sources of stress. After students labeled some of their stressors, we discussed stressors we can control (ex: your attitude, your behavior) vs. stressors we can’t control (ex: the weather, other people). We talked about how we can problem-solve things we can control, but we have to learn to cope with things that we can’t control. Students were provided with a coping skills handout that listed a variety of techniques/skills to reduce stress.

### Kindergarten: Bucket Filling; 3rd Grade: Emotional Management; 4th and 5th Grade: Gratitude; 5th Grade: Study Skills; 6th through 8th Grade: Kindness



### Looking Forward...

**Second Step Lessons:** All teachers are implementing this curriculum, which focuses on social-emotional learning and provides students with skills to regulate their emotions. The lessons cover a number of topics such as bullying prevention, empathy, problem-solving, and other related topics