



ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

February 22, 2018



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READERS' CHOICES
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 22

- *Progress Reports Sent Home
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, History Bee Prep, Science Lab
- *7:00 to 8:00pm, Gala Planning Meeting, Library

Friday, February 23

- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Percussion Band, SLAM Room
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play practice
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Spring Concert Rehearsal

Monday, February 26

- *Scholastic Book Fair in Library Class
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Prep Band, Hall
- *3:00 to 3:45pm, After School Spanish for K in SGI
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play practice
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Running Club

Tuesday, February 27

- *Scholastic Book Fair in Library Class
- *3:00 to 4:15pm, Concert Band, Hall
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play practice
- *7:00 to 8:30pm, Catholicism 101 in the Hall

Wednesday, February 28

- *Scholastic Book Fair in Library Class
- *10:30am, Class Mass 6-8th in Church
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music Room
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play practice

Thursday, March 1

- *Scholastic Book Fair in Library Class
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Art Club Art Room
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, History Bee Prep, Science Lab

Friday, March 2

- *Scholastic Book Fair in Library Class
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Percussion Band, SLAM Room
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, 2nd and 3rd grade Book Club, Library

WALK-RUN FUNDRAISER - MARCH 17

St. Pius X Regional School will be holding another Walk/Run fundraising race on March 17, 2018. We will have two distances, 5k and 10k. The 5k race is open to walkers and is a great experience for all ages. For registration information please click here [St. Pius X Regional School Walk Run Fundraiser](#). If you would like to volunteer or need more information please contact Lydia Shell at lydia.shell@gmail.com. Look for the flyer coming home today with more details.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Our school counselor, Mrs. Venturella, has been busy visiting the classrooms. Please be sure to read her new [newsletter for December and January](#) to what the children have been learning during her visit.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SCIENCE FAIR

Adult volunteers are needed for our Middle School Science Fair on March 21st - March 23rd. The volunteer duties include: Set Up, Break Down and Supervision. Set Up will occur on March 21st from 7:00am to about 8:30am depending on student drop off. Break Down will occur on March 23rd starting around 2:00pm to 3:30pm. Supervision will be needed on March 22nd and 23rd during school hours. VSP hours will be given upon completion of fair/duties. Contact Mrs. Norris if available with the job and day you can work: snorris@stpiusbowie.org.



Please do not wait to re-enroll your current student or register your new sibling and risk losing your place at St. Pius X. We will begin filling all open slots TODAY, February 22nd. Some grades already have waiting lists.

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

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR APRIL



APRIL lunch orders must be placed by March 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.

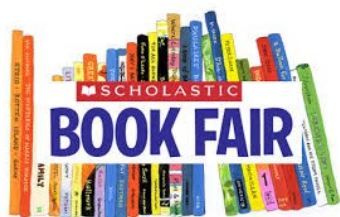
CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION

Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, March 7th.

The last day to order January Chick-fil-a is Friday, March 2nd.



THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING NEXT WEEK!



The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to our School Library NEXT

WEEK! Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. All K-8th grade students will attend the Book Fair during THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED LIBRARY CLASS TIME **NEXT WEEK** from **Monday,**

February 26 – Friday, March 2. Pre K parents, please come during any of our open times to shop for your student.

There will be no earlier scheduled preview time for classes. The Book Fair will be open for parents to preview **or purchase** during the following days and times: Sunday, February 25 10:00 am-1:00 pm (bring your friends/neighbors), Monday, February 26 through Thursday, March 1 9:00 am-3:00 pm and 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, Friday, March 2 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Sunday, March 4 10:00am-1:00pm (bring your friends/neighbors). Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, Discover, Cash or Check will be accepted for PARENT/ADULT purchases. Gift card are not accepted. Cash or Check will be accepted for STUDENT purchases. **For checks, please sign, date and make your check payable to St. Pius X. DO NOT COMPLETE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. In the memo section, PLEASE SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM THAT THE CHECK MAY BE COMPLETED FOR. We will complete the check for the exact amount of the purchase and provide a receipt for your records.** Maryland Sales Tax WILL BE added to all purchases. So, if your check has a maximum of \$10 and the item that your student wants is \$9.95, they will not be able to purchase the item because the total WITH TAX would be \$10.55.

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit: www.scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs. And if you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpius>

Our online Fair is available from February 21st – March 6th.

**SAVE THE DATE: CLASS PICTURES WILL BE ON THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH.
DRESS UNIFORMS ONLY—NO PE UNIFORMS.
DETAILS TO COME IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWS NOTES.
SAVE THE DATE: Spring Portraits will be on Thursday, April 19th.**

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR - DUE NOW

**Register
NOW**

Registration (re-enrollment) for the 2018-2019 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** has started. Information on how to register current students was sent via email from TADS. Please contact Mrs. Hungate in the Finance Office if you have not received an email from TADS. Re-enrollment

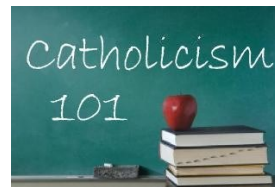
privileges are only being offered to families whose tuition accounts are current. Here is the link for the [2018-2019 TUITION RATES LETTER](#) from Mrs. Schrom.

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** started on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 5:00pm. Complete information is posted on our website under the admissions tab.

**We will begin filling all open slots on February 22nd.
Please do not wait to re-enroll your current student or
register your new sibling and risk losing your place. Some
grades will have waiting lists.**

CATHOLICISM 101

Our Golden Apple Religion Teacher, Mr. Mark Hammett, will once again be hosting our continuing series called Catholicism 101. The sessions are intended to provide, in general, the main material we cover in our religion program here at St. Pius X Regional School. The sessions will briefly and generally introduce attendees to the Catholic Faith ...who We are and what We believe. While the workshops will be geared towards non-Catholics, all are welcome. **THIS IS FOR ADULTS ONLY**, no children will be allowed. Mark your calendars now, as the next session will be Tuesday, February 27th from 7:00- 8:30pm in the hall. Please park in the back.



NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Be Straw Free! Take the pledge to say no to straws and ask for your drink to be straw less. Or, if you must use a straw, consider a compostable or paper one. Skip the straw stirrer when fixing your coffee and opt for a wooden stirrer or something more creative like a linguine noodle! 500 million straws are used and discarded every day in the United States alone. That's 175 Billion a year littering our waterways and oceans, and polluting our earth.



U.S. CONSUMPTION = ENOUGH STRAWS
TO WRAP AROUND THE
EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE
2.5 TIMES A DAY!



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jmacdonald@stpiusbowie.org by
noon Monday to be
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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://www.stedwardbowie.org>

2018 GALA UPDATES



SAVE THE DATE: The 2018 SPX School GALA will take place in Nelson Hall on the evening of **SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**. In a nod to local thoroughbred racing and horses that are such a large part of local Bowie history, the theme for the evening will be the Kentucky Derby. This fabulous adults only event will include: DJ, dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres/drinks, silent auction (basket raffle), live auction, friends and fellowship!

Please save the date, and watch News Notes for more information. We look forward to seeing you there—you don't want to miss this fun night out!

NEW! 2018 GALA RAFFLE (ONE LUCKY STUDENT COULD WIN \$500.00 OFF TUITION)

Would you like YOUR STUDENT to win \$500.00 off tuition for the 2018-2019 school year? Each raffle ticket costs \$20. A ticket order form will be sent home with your child in the near future. If you wish to participate, please complete and return the bottom of the form to the front office with your payment. The winning name will be drawn the evening of the GALA; winner need not be present to win. If the winning family has multiple SPX students, only one (1) \$500.00 raffle award will be applied towards tuition for one (1) student. The price of the \$20.00 raffle ticket does not count towards the Fundraising support obligation. Questions? Please email Mrs. Schrom at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org.



GALA PLANNING MEETINGS - Upcoming GALA committee meetings are outlined below. All meetings start at 7:00pm in the school library unless otherwise noted. Committee members with specific assignments should come prepared. All are invited to attend the meetings to help plan this exciting event. Questions? Contact Mrs. Schrom at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org.

Thursday 2/22/18, 7:00pm school library - TONIGHT

Tuesday 3/6/18, 7:00pm school library

Thursday 3/22/18, 7:00pm school library

Tuesday 4/10/18, 7:00pm school library

Saturday 4/21/18, 10 am to 2 pm, SPX School faculty lounge—GALA basket prep day

Tuesday 4/24/18, 7:00pm school library

GALA TICKETS: Gala tickets will cost \$75.00 per person. One half of the purchase price of each GALA ticket will be applied towards your FSO (fundraising support obligation). Tickets will go on sale on or about Wednesday, **February 28, 2018**. Parents will be able to purchase tickets using cash, check, or (hopefully) PayPal either online or via a ticket order form that will be sent home in the near future. This year, parishioners from our four supporting parishes (Ascension, St. Pius X, Sacred Heart, and St. Edward's) will have an opportunity to purchase tickets to the GALA. Seating will be limited, so please buy your tickets early! Watch this space for more information.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE GALA: If you (or your family, your workplace or local business) have any items of value to donate to our GALA (baskets/silent auction, live auction), please email Mrs. Beryl Prescott. She may be reached at bkj25@hotmail.com. Examples include gift card donations, business service donations, usage of vacation rentals to be auctioned, etc. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!



FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS - UPDATES

YEARBOOK GRADUATION ADS FOR 8TH GRADERS



Send a special message to your 8th grade graduate by placing an ad in this year's yearbook. Express your pride in his/her accomplishments at St. Pius X, congratulate a job well done, or share words of wisdom to take along on their journey to high school. Give a memory that will be treasured forever! Ads should roughly be 35 words total and emailed to Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com with "**Yearbook Ad Submission**" in the subject line with student's last name. Example - "Yearbook Ad Submission - Sanders". Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837. The cost per ad is \$20, cash or checks payable to SPX and can be sent to school in an envelope marked, "Attention Maureen Sanders/Yearbook Ad".

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2018 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. Students may find an application packet on the website after January 25, 2018, <http://www.ljjsf.org/>, which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay. Submissions can be made **only online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than March 31, 2018.** Winners will be announced the first week of May 2018.

PLEASE SEE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS.

YEARBOOK NEEDS YOU!

Have you taken photos during class parties, field trips, around the school, in the pickup line, on the playground, labs? The Yearbook needs your help! Send your photos to piusyearbook@live.com. Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837.



NEW CONTEST!

The Yearbook is also having a design contest. Flyers are going home this week with information on how you can enter a contest to design and name our 2017-2018 Yearbook Title Page. We are looking for original art pieces and they can be drawn, painted or computer generated. Please see the flyer for details. All entries are due by March 1st.

FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES:

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, Friday, March 9th (Professional Development Day)

EASTER BREAK: 1/2 Day on Thursday, March 29th

School closed Friday, March 30th through Sunday, April 8th

Classes resume Monday, April 9th

CYO UPDATES

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED



Attention 3rd and 4th Grade Girls! We are still in need of Softball players to round out our 10U SPX team!! We are extending registration to **Saturday, February 24th**. This is a great experience for the girls to learn the game and hang out with their SPX friends. Don't delay ... sign up today!

Registration link: <https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106236>

This is the *last weekend* of the CYO basketball season. While we have a number of games this weekend, we have 3 teams playing for Division Champion!

- Girls 14U Team: Saturday at 1:10pm at St. Jerome's
- Boys 14U "A" Team: Saturday at 12:00pm at St. Mary of the Assumption
- Boys 12U Mid-Atlantic Team: Saturday at 2:10pm at St. Jerome's



Boys 14U "B" Team playing in the final Division Consolation game this Saturday. Time and location TBD.

We are very proud of ALL our St. Pius X teams and love having the community cheer us on! For other games and times, check out the schedules at www.adw.org/basketball/



SPX CYO Baseball/Softball/T-Ball field cleanup day will be Saturday March 3, 2018 from 8:00am – 12:00pm (weather permitting). Please join us in getting the field ready for another spectacular season and earn VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM (VSP) hours at the same time!

Mark your calendar! SPX CYO will be hosting "Play Like A Champion Today" training on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at St. Pius X Regional School in the library from 5:30-8:30 pm. "Play Like A Champion Today" is a free, one time training requirement for all Archdiocese of Washington CYO Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Anyone coaching, who has never attended a session, must do so before they can begin to coach.



Remember – If your team will be playing basketball this weekend, wear your jersey over your uniform to school tomorrow – Friday – to show your team spirit!

DROP IN AFTER CARE

Please use this link to register for

[DROP –IN AFTERCARE.](#)

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

UPCOMING SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD SEAT - SAINT PIUS X PARISH

The School Advisory Board provides advice, assistance, and long-term planning to the school Administrative Team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of SPX Regional School. We will have one upcoming vacancy for a St. Pius X parish seat effective June 1, 2018.

Parents/Guardians from that parish who might be interested in becoming a Board member should email the Board Secretary Kim Roddy for further information and instruction. She may be reached at karoddy@comcast.net.



PARENT ADMINISTRATION FORUMS:

Next (and last) Parent Administration Forum:

Tuesday 3/6/18, 5:00 to 6:00pm in the Library for parents with students in grades 4 and 5

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or patriciareimer@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you at a future Parent/Administration Forum!

JOIN THE H.S.A. BOARD



Are you looking for a new and exciting way to share your ideas, support our school, and earn VSP hours? Then consider joining the Home School Association (HSA) Board. The HSA Board is seeking to fill two (2) positions on it's School Board. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Jackie Rickers, HSA President, at jmaymaster@hotmail.com.

A RETREAT AT SACRED HEART

Married Couples Retreat will be held on **Saturday, March 10**, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Father Larry Swink will direct this retreat. Theme is **“The Holy Family: A Model in Spirituality in Difficult Times.”** Register at www.sacredheartbowie.org or pick up a form in the parish office. The cost is \$45 per couple. Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office. Questions? Contact Michele Sim at simplicity03@gmail.com or 410-721-2915.