



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
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Thursday, January 5, 2023

CYO Tag Day, Students may dress out of uniform for a \$1.00 donation to CYO. Dress code must be followed and can be found in Student Handbook and News Notes

Monday, January 9, 2023

5th Grade Math MAP Testing

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Middle School Math MAP Testing

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

4th Grade Math MAP Testing

Thursday, January 12, 2023

**2nd Grade Math MAP Testing
Whole School Mass**

Friday, January 13, 2023

3rd Grade Math MAP Testing

Monday, January 16, 2023

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

MAP Make-ups

**RE-ENROLLMENT OF
CURRENT STUDENTS AND
ADMISSIONS FOR NEW
STUDENTS**

Re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** opened on January 5, 2023! Information on this has been sent via email from TADS. The deadline to enroll your child for next year is January 29, 2023. Applications for Admission for the 2023-2024 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** will begin on January 29, 2023 online at 5:00pm. Complete information will be posted on our website under Admissions. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fay at pfay@stpiusbowie.org or at 301-262-0203.

“And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.” [Luke 2:8-9](#)

CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 3rd, 2023 is now a Full Day for students. March 17th, 2023 will be No School for Students.

SPX OPEN HOUSE

Date: January 29, 2023

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Activity Fair: Nelson Hall Arrive 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM

Set-up 12:00 - 1:00 PM/**Clean-up** 3:30 - ~4:30 PM

It is time for our annual SPX Open House – Volunteers are needed!

SPX will host our annual Open House welcoming the community and prospective families to tour the campus. This event showcases the best of St. Pius and kicks off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C7C0D7FBCCFC66&cs=09CBBAD88FCD8B627B7D64745BB59BC8&sortby=l.title>

Tour Guides - Parents only please (4 VSP hours)

- **Mandatory Training on Monday, January 17th at 6:30-7PM (Virtual)**
- **Tour guide day: Sunday, January 29th from 12:30PM-3:30PM**

Set-Up/Clean-up - Nelson Hall (VSP hours based on time)

- **Setup: January 29th 11:30AM-1PM**
- **Cleanup: January 29th 3:30PM-4:30PM**

RSVP as club representative to staff club/activity table during Activity Fair (3 VSP hours)

- 12:30 - 3:30 PM during Open House
- Please contact Katie Summers at SABPresident@stpiusbowie.org if you want your club/activity to have a table. Most clubs and activities will be contacted by Katie in the near future.

Kitchen (3.0 VSP hours)

- 12:30 - 3:30 PM during Open House
- See SignupGenius for signup

Band and Chorus Parent Helpers (VSP hours based on role and time)

Please contact Katie Summers at SABPresident@stpiusbowie.org

Food Donations for Nelson Hall Activity Fair (VSP hours based on donation)

- See SignupGenius for items to donate

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support!

Katie Summers

SAB President

PASSION PLAY AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Calling all 8th graders! The Passion Play is starting up and auditions are next week! The Passion Play is a required activity for all 8th grade students. We are so excited to continue this beloved St. Pius tradition.

January 10th starting at 3:00 --

Male Roles: Jesus, Judas, Peter, Pilate, John

Male and Female Roles: ALL readers, including Voice of Jesus

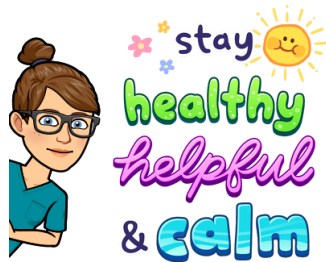
Female Roles: Mary Mother of God, Mary of Magdala, and the
Worship Dancer.

The audition dances should be at least 1 minute. You may bring your music on a phone or a CD player. The audition dance and music should reflect the desired role.

The permission slips and role selection sheets went home on Wednesday, January 4th. If you have any questions, please email ccavanagh@stpiusbowie.org or kparks@stpiusbowie.org.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Please help keep St. Pius X healthy by keeping your sick kids home. Inform the teachers and the nurse if your child is out sick. If your child has been out for 3 or more days, a Doctor's note is required for clearance to return to school. Illnesses going around are Strep throat, Influenza A, Stomach viruses and COVID-19.



If your family needs COVID tests please reach out to Mrs. Benson via email and she can send your child home with a test kit.(While supplies last.)

If your child tests positive for COVID, please report to the school. Your child will have to stay home and isolate for 5 days starting the next day after a positive test.

Contact Nurse Benson with any questions:
mbenson@stpiusbowie.org

SAVE THE DATE

Let's Get Poppin!!

SAVE THE DATE for our Virtual Popcorn Fundraiser - January 19th -26th , 2023! Let's raise funds for our athletic field!! Everyone can participate (Staff, Students, and Parents). Poppin Popcorn has a variety of gourmet popcorn, candies, cookies and seasonal items that can be sent directly to your purchaser sold to them through your online link. Share your link via email, on social media and text message. Prizes will be awarded for our top sellers! To find out more about Poppin Popcorn: [Click Here](#)



SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Do you want to make St. Pius X Regional School the best that it can be? The School Advisory Board is looking for new applicants to get involved in the Board and Strategic Planning (particular need for St. Edward's Parish members).

The SAB was established to provide advice, guidance, and long-term planning to the Administrative Council 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.

If you are interested in getting involved please email the SAB President, Katie Summers, at SABPresident@stpiusbowie.org.

TIES AND TIARAS SCHOOL DANCE

Help make SPX's first annual Ties and Tiaras School Dance a huge success!

This event is planned for June 2, 2023 and is an opportunity for SPX students to invite an important adult in their life for an evening of fun and dancing. We are looking for parents to join the dance's planning committee as well as anyone interested in donating a talent such as photography, advertising, DJ skills, or floral experience making corsages and boutonnieres.

If interested, please contact Katie Summers at SABPresident@stpiusbowie.org

DRESS CODE

For a child to attend school it is the School's policy that each child is dressed in the complete school uniform and that hygiene and hairstyles comply with the intent of the school uniform policy and safety of students. Boys are to be clean-shaven at all times. Fingernail polish or adornments are not allowed; only clear or light pink nail polish is permitted. Excessive jewelry, no ostentatious headbands (cat ears, unicorn horns, etc.), hats, and makeup are not a part of the uniform. Studs and small hoop earrings are permitted; hoops larger than the width

of a finger are NOT allowed. No facial piercings are allowed. No T-shirts with decals or logos may be worn underneath the school blouse or shirt. Boys and girls are expected to wear their hair in a way that is appropriate and fitting to the St. Pius X School uniform. Extreme hairstyles, shaved or spiked hair, dyed hair of non-natural colors (grey, white, pink, red, purple, blue, green, etc.) or other non-traditional hairstyles are not acceptable. The Principal will have sole discretion in determining the appropriateness of a hairstyle and/or dress.

Make-up is not allowed. No tattoos of any kind including permanent, temporary and henna based. Parents will be notified if violations of the dress code occur. Students who are in Scouts may wear their Scout Uniforms on the day of their meeting.

DRESS CODE FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS (TAG DAYS)

Non-uniform days will be announced on an occasional basis. If there is a specific theme announced, students will be asked to dress accordingly. The guidelines for non-uniform days are as follows:

- Attire must be appropriate in size, fit, and coverage
- Midriff must be covered at all times
- No tank tops, crop tops, see-through or off the shoulder clothing will be acceptable
- Clothing displaying offensive, vulgar, obscene or sacrilegious language and pictures, weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other related items are forbidden
- Clothing identifiable with gang activity is not acceptable
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must extend to two inches above the knee
- Yoga, exercise pants, or leggings may not be worn as pants; must be worn with a skirt, dress or shorts over top.
- Ripped clothing is not allowed; if ripped clothing is worn, a shirt or pair of pants must be worn underneath
- Shoes with heels greater than two inches are not permitted
- Flip flops are not permitted
- Outlandish hair styles are not permitted
- Hats are not allowed

SIGNING IN LATE CHILDREN

If your child arrives at school after 8:15am, you must come in and sign them in. PK3 & PK4 must always be signed in by a parent.

FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

If your child forgets their lunch, you may drop it off before 11:00 am. Absolutely no fast food should be dropped off.

TRACK IT FORWARD

Please remember to put your VSP hours into Track It Forward. It is your responsibility to log your hours online on the school VSP site, Track it Forward, <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school>. Every family member should use the same account on Track it Forward and ensure that they log their hours through that 1 account.

Families that did not meet their 2021-2022 VSP hours will be billed in February.

CAROUSEL UNIFORM STORE

As we approach their last month or two.....Carousel now has STORE WIDE markdowns. They have quite a few St. Pius items. Call first to see if they have what you want (301) 843-8884. Also, they are happy to still deliver. They also have Communion attire, etc., should parents want to stop in.

Andrea Bramwell is our Uniform Exchange coordinator. She can be reached at 202-276-2436.

CULTURAL SHOWCASE

In our continuing efforts to celebrate our wonderfully diverse community, we ask all families to share family customs, traditions, and heritage with us. Please send us pictures, recipes, history,

family tree, crests, etc. to include in our monthly newsletter. Please email family information to lhampton@stpiusbowie.org .

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TADS

Please note the new billing address for TADS:

Auncor, Inc.

P.O. Box 850136

Minneapolis, MN 55485

Please include a copy of your invoice with your payment and allow at least 6 business days for checks to arrive and be processed before the 10th of the month to avoid any late charges.

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

- Tuition and ESP payments must be paid on or before the due date each month. Failure to do so will result in withholding a student's progress report, report card, academic record, yearbook, etc.
- If your tuition and/or ESP account becomes overdue by 30 days, your child(ren) may not attend school until it is paid in cash or certified funds in the school office. If payment is made directly online to TADS, it must be paid 7 days prior to this 30-day deadline, so that the funds have time to clear the bank.
- There is no need to call us to confirm the status of your account; we see the same information as you on TADS. If your TADS account shows the payment was made and nothing is past due, then you are in good standing.
- Thank you to the many families who do pay their tuition on time each month! We truly appreciate it! As a token of our appreciation, a prize will be awarded to one family at the end of the year from all who have kept their tuition current every month all year! It is very time consuming to track down families to make their payments. We ask for your cooperation

and understanding with this.

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 can also link your card by visiting tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education and click "link your card" button.

1. Enter email address associated with your VIC account
2. Enter the one-time password sent to your email address
3. Search for your school and click "add" to link your card

Your purchases at Amazon Smile 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)

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 Obligation

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