



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
February 2, 2023



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Friday, February 3, 2023

Whole School Mass 10:30 am
Early Dismissal Pre-K 11:30 am
K-8th Grade 12:00 pm
NO AFTERCARE

Monday, February 6, 2023

MAP Testing Make Ups

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

5th Grade L.A. MAP Testing

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

4th Grade L.A. MAP Testing
Chick-fil-a day for those that
pre-ordered
Middle School Mass 10:30 am
Middle School Honor Roll
Assembly Following Mass

Thursday, February 9, 2023

Middle School L.A. MAP Testing

Friday, February 10, 2023

3rd Grade L.A. MAP Testing
Kids Night Out 6:00 pm

Monday, February 13, 2023

Blood Drive 2:00 - 6:00 pm
2nd and 3rd Grade Virtual Parent
Coffee

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

Applications for Admission for the 2023-2024 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** began on January 29, 2023 online at 5:00pm. Complete information is posted on our website under Admissions.

The deadline to re-enroll your child for next year was Sunday, January 29, 2023, if you have not already done so please do so immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fay at pfay@stpiusbowie.org or at 301-262-0203.

“Jesus said to him, “If you can believe? All things are possible for one who believes.”” [Mark 9:23](#)

CHECK FOR THE “GOLDEN TICKET”

Today at carpool, we will be giving each family a small token of appreciation for your dedication and support for St. Pius X Regional School. Be sure to unwrap the token carefully. Five of them will have a “golden ticket” in them. If you receive a “golden ticket”, please bring it into school and you will receive \$100 off of your school tuition. Good Luck!

SPX OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to all the parent and student volunteers that came together to make our open house a success! We could not have done it without you!

WINTER WEATHER

Winter is upon us! Please make sure your student is coming to school wearing appropriate cold weather attire such as coats, hats, gloves, etc. If the “Real Feel” for the weather is above 32° students



will be going outside for recess.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FACULTY / STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

As part of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we'll be hosting our annual Faculty / Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, February 3. We're looking for school-wide support to show our gratitude to our amazing faculty and staff through donations of food

and non-food items as well as volunteers. A sign-up genius for the event can be found at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a82aa1fe3-2023#/>

Questions? Contact Katie Skerpon at hsapresident1@stpiusbowie.org.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our school!

CHICK-FIL-A VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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If you are looking for a great way to earn some volunteer hours this may be just right for you! We have a few CFA days left and a few volunteers are needed. The CFA special lunch team needs VIRTUS-certified volunteers to assist in lunch set-up, class deliveries and the breakdown of the event. The following dates are needed: Feb. 8th , Mar. 8th , Apr. 5th , May 3rd .

Email: Mrs. Ann Robertson-Blandon at

spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com, with the dates you can

volunteer, please include in the SUBJECT LINE: CFA VOLUNTEER to sign-up!

REMINDER ON ALL CHICK-FIL-A ORDERS – Please place all orders in before the deadline date below:

CFA Lunch Day:	Place Order Before:
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	Friday, February 3, 2023
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	Friday, March 3, 2023
Wednesday, April 5, 2023	Friday, March 31, 2023
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	Friday, April 28, 2022

BLOOD DRIVE AT SPX

St. Pius X Regional School Blood Drive

WHEN:
Monday, Feb. 13, 2023
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

WHERE:
14710 Annapolis Rd.
Bowie, MD

*Inova Blood Donor Services will be in
Nelson Hall.*



**Every Drop Counts.
Donate Blood.**

Book Your Appointment Today

- Visit <https://bit.ly/StPiusX2023>
- Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 8437
- Contact Meghan Benson (301) 262-0203 - mbenson@stpiusbowie.org



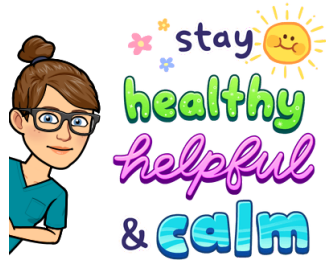
 **INOVA**[®]
Blood Donor Services

inovablood.org

Photo ID and surgical face masks required. Surgical face masks will be provided if needed. Allow one hour for your donation.

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: KIDS NIGHT OUT

Sorry, grown ups, but you'll have to find something to do because this is KIDS ONLY! SPX students and siblings are invited for a super fun night out with friends filled with magic, food, dancing, crafts, face painting and so much more!

Who: PK3 - 5th Grade SPX students and siblings

Please note this event is open ONLY to SPX students and siblings

What: Pizza, dancing, crafts, games, magic show, face painting, snacks and friends!

Where: Nelson Hall

When: Friday, February 10, 2023 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Cost: \$20 for one child, \$10 each additional sibling

Register by February 3 at bit.ly/kidsnightoutfeb2023

Volunteer and donate at bit.ly/knofeb2023volunteer

Do you have a middle school student who'd like to volunteer? If so, please contact sarahkrandle@gmail.com

CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hoops Mania! – Support SPX CYO and purchase your game cards for a chance to win by playing this exciting sweepstakes based on college basketball!

- <https://www.charitymania.com/give/LD02B>
- Tickets are on sale NOW!
- See attached flyer for details and if you have questions, please contact Chris Bogley up5728@hotmail.com

Show your School Spirit! For those participating in the SPX CYO basketball season, you may wear your CYO jersey over your school uniform on Fridays during the season.

Spring Sports Registration opened January 19th! Please visit the SportsPilot website @ [SPX CYO Registration](#) to complete your registration. Please mark your calendars to register at the lowest price by **February 28th!!**

- Spring Soccer is available to 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U players. Please contact SPX CYO Soccer Commissioners, Katie Summers (masonkl8482@gmail.com) or Megan Bogley (m_bogley@hotmail.com) with any questions or if you are interested in coaching a team.
- Track & Field is available to 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U

participants. Please contact SPX CYO Track & Field Commissioner, Heather Gedutis (triburke71@gmail.com) with any questions or if you are interested in coaching.

CYO (CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION) - The purpose of CYO Athletics is to provide and promote recreational activity, which by its nature will lead toward the development of Christian ideals in the youth served. SPX CYO is run by parent volunteers. Please consider coaching or assistant coaching a team. Coaching is not only a wonderful opportunity to be part of your child's youth sports experience but a chance to connect with other SPX families and a fun way to earn VSP hours! Reach out to Megan at m_bogley@hotmail.com today to learn more!

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

SIGNING IN LATE CHILDREN

If your child arrives at school after **8:10** am, 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.

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.

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

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: Please note: **Amazon will end the Smile Rewards Program by February 20, 2023.** 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