



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes October 28th, 2021



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Thursday, October 28

- *PreK Halloween Bash - see Classroom for more information
- *Halloween Parade - 1:30pm - Grades PK - 3 - parents allowed outside on back parking lot

Friday, October 29

- *No School - Collaboration Day for Teachers/Staff
- *End of 1st Quarter
- *Trunk or Treat - 6-8pm - Front parking lot - see flyer for more info

Wednesday, November 3

- *Class Mass 5th-8th Grades - 10:30am - limited seating for parents/families to join

Thursday, November 4

- *Picture Day - more information to come

Friday, November 5

- *Early Learning Program Open House - Grades PreK/K - see website for more info
- *Chorus Rehearsal - 3-4:30pm

Monday, November 8

- *Winter Uniform Begins

Tuesday, November 9

- *Picture Retakes
- *PreK-1st Grade Parent Administration Forum - 5pm

Wednesday, November 10

- *Pizza/Bake Sale
- *General SGA Meeting - 11:45-12:30pm in Mr. Curran's Room

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

NO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 11 FOR STUDENTS

PK THROUGH 5TH GRADES: Report card conference appointment times for parents with students in grades Pre-K through 5 will be sent home **TOMORROW OCTOBER 22ND, 2021**. Please be sure to confirm your appointment time by signing the handout and returning it to your homeroom teacher.

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES: Conferences will **NOT** be scheduled for students in grades 6 through 8. An online scheduler listing conference times in ten-minute intervals will be used this year. Parents should sign-up for a specific conference time with any teacher they wish to see on November 11 by going to [this link](#). This link will take you the Sign Up Genius where you will find a tab for each group of teachers: 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, Specials and Resource teachers. Conferences may be scheduled from 8:00 to 11:30am and from 12:20 to 3:00pm. You are encouraged to have a conference with any teacher that you think necessary. Report cards will be sent home with middle school students on Wednesday, November 10th.

For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. [Romans 15:4](#)

Report Card Conferences - TUITION REQUIREMENTS

As you know, Report Card Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 11, 2021. In order to attend any conference with your student's teacher(s), tuition must be current.

While I understand that TADS offers a five-day grace period before assessing a late fee, you may not attend conferences if your payment is not made by Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Also, if you have had a payment declined, and you make your payment online, it must be made by Monday, November 1, 2021, to allow time for your payment to clear.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mrs. Couture at ecouture@stpiusbowie.org



Just a reminder that Chick-Fil-A day has moved to November 12th. If you have already ordered, your order will be moved to the new date and you will not have to do anything else. For those who still wanted to order, the site is live and all orders are due by November 7th.

All questions regarding CFA ordering should be directed to

spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com.

Your CFA Co-Leads include: Charnise Littles, Angela Ivy, and Ann Robertson-Blandon. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are Virtus compliant. We are still looking for volunteers for CFA Lunch Day on November 12th. October volunteers please reach out to Mrs. Sisco-Thiong to confirm your availability for November.

All CFA volunteer inquiries should be directed to spxlunchcfa@gmail.com.



INTERESTED IN GIRL SCOUTS?

Are you the parent of a Kindergarten girl who loves to be adventurous and try new things? Would you like your daughter to learn about leadership, perseverance, compassion and other core values? If so please reach out to Mrs. Kristin Cahalan-Hudson at kmcahalan@aol.com to express your interest in forming a girl scout troop for our youngest St. Pius Cavaliers.

Pizza Day is back!

Please see below as well as the attachment on how to order online!

All pizza day ordering will take place online at <https://stpiusxschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>
Please note that you will be ordering for the entire 2021-2022 school year at one time.
Ordering closes on Monday, November 1 for Pizza Day.

These are the scheduled dates for Pizza Day this school year:

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| Wednesday, November 10, 2021 | Wednesday, March 23, 2022 |
| Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | Wednesday, April 27, 2022 |
| Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | Wednesday, May 25, 2022 |

If you have any questions or you are interested in volunteering on Pizza Day, please email spxpizza@gmail.com

FRUIT FUNDRAISERS ARE BACK!

The HSA is sponsoring a Fresh Fruit Drive fundraiser from November 1 until December 10, 2021. Fresh hand picked Indian River Fruit is available for purchase. No in-person delivery, product distribution or cash to handle. This "Ship to the Home" fruit sale is a great way to send your family and friends fresh fruit for the Holidays. With this fundraiser, You can support St. Pius X Regional School by

- 1) sharing this link <https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/622547> via email, text and social media with family and friends .
- 2) Place an order through our website, using your group's unique ID number:
 - Go to www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com• Selecting "Order Now"• Entering your group's ID Number, 622547

3) There is also an App you can use.



You, your family and friends can purchase products under your child's name online until December 10, 2021, with delivery before Christmas. All Payments can be made Online. Online payments are secure and can be made by check, credit card, or debit card. This fundraiser supports HSA activities and half of the proceeds your child sells will go towards your FSO.

Any questions? Send your inquiries to the HSA President Faith Proctor at faithproctor@yahoo.com or HSA Vice President Pamela Diedrick at animaldr1997@verizon.net.

FOOTBALL MANIA CONTINUES TILL NOVEMBER 6th!

**FINAL WEEK FOR FOOTBALL
GET IN ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
\$400**



**MANIA!
UP TO**

My how time flies! We are now in our final week of Football Mania sales. The last day for sales is November 6th. All sales this year are through online e-tickets only, using the link provided below.

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. Each week, your ticket will have 3 random teams in which prizes are awarded for the highest combined score. There are \$25 guaranteed winners each week and the chance to win \$400 each week if you have the ticket with the highest overall combined score. We have had several \$400 winners over the years, so it can happen!

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.

ST. EDWARD'S CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAFT FAIR

St. Edward's invites all to join us for our annual Christmas Market Craft Fair on November 6th, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00pm.

Featuring: Thanksgiving and Christmas Items, Throws, Teacher Gifts, Santa's Seconds, Inspirational Gifts, Raffles, Baked Goods, plus much more.

Address: 1940 Mitchellville Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716



Please back in the back of the property.

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>

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).

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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

ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

To apply, login to your TADS account, and select the Financial Aid tab. There you will find the online application. If you have any questions regarding the application process or necessary documents, please select the Tools and Resources which is also located under the Financial Aid tab. If you have any additional questions, please contact TADS.

REMINDER: You must apply to and receive a financial aid award from the ADW Tuition Assistance Program in order to apply for SPX Regional Aid which is offered to parishioners of Ascension, Sacred Heart, St. Edward the Confessor, and St. Pius X. The deadline for SPX Regional Aid is Thursday, March 17, 2022. That application will be available in January 2022.

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.



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SPX CYO Announcements

Basketball Registration is OPEN! Please see attached flyer and below information.

Registration: Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click on Sports Pilot to register. Hurry, teams have limited slots. Registration closes November 5, 2021.

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

Please note that we are in need of head coaches and assistant coaches for the age brackets above. Ensuring that each team has a Virtus certified coach is extremely important. Please contact Megan Bogley m_bogley@hotmail.com if you are interested in coaching or to learn more!

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

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ADMINISTRATION FORUM FAQs

Here are some questions that were asked as the PAF on Oct 26th. Check out the News Notes for more FAQs from our Parent Admin Forums throughout the year.

1. The amount of homework in the 6th grade is a lot.
 - a. We are working with the teachers to ensure that the school policy is followed of 1 hour to 1.5 hours of homework total a night. Parents are able to sign off on work not completed at night if it gets too late, but they must notify the teacher. Parents are encouraged to reach out to teachers about the quantity of homework and to work with teachers.
2. With more and more technology in our students hands, is there a digital citizenship component for students in the curriculum and is there a place for parents to get resources for how to keep their children safe online and on social media?
 - a. Our Technology program will be integrating aspects of digital citizenship into the curriculum as the year goes on for students. Mrs. Schrom and Ms. Kolosky are working on getting a speaker to come for parents to learn some safe online and social media practices for children.
3. How can clubs be started at SPX?
 - a. We love clubs and would love to have more. Typically they are parent run and as long as you have a teacher monitor willing to help out, you can absolutely start one. Please contact Mrs. Schrom for further information if you are interested.

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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

SAB – Katie Summers – katie.mason.summers@gmail.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](#)

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



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

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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 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.

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