



St. Pius X Regional School  
News Notes  
September 15, 2022



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**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

Back to School Night K - 4th grade 7:00pm (Parents only)

**Friday, September 16, 2022**

Back to School BBQ 5:30pm - 8pm in the rear of building

**Monday September 19, 2022**

HSA Meeting 7:00

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

Middle School Math MAP Testing  
8:15 - 9:30 am

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

Late Arrival 10:00 am

**Thursday, September 22, 2022**

Tag Day  
2nd Grade Math MAP Testing 8:30 - 9:30 am  
High School Admissions Meeting  
7:00 pm in Nelson Hall (Parents Only)

**Friday, September 23, 2022**

4th and 5th Grade Reading MAP Testing 8:30 - 9:30

## HSA Virtual Meeting September 19th

The first Home and School & Association meeting of the year will be held virtually.

HSA Meeting - Virtual - September 19, 2022 at 7pm.

Per Ms. Gillespie's letter from September 6th, please email all questions you want addressed to Ms. Hampton at

[lhampton@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:lhampton@stpiusbowie.org)

Please use the subject line HSA questions.

Questions are due no later than Friday, September 16 by 3:30 pm.

The meet information is below, as well as school calendar located on our website.

Monday, September 19 · 7:00 – 8:00pm

Video call link:

<https://meet.google.com/fvi-vshe-hmk>

<https://tel.meet/fvi-vshe-hmk?pin=7838775904756>

*My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 4:19](#)*

If you have any questions that arise during or after the meeting, please also email Ms. Hampton at [hampton@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:hampton@stpiusbowie.org).

## PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

You should have received a Parent Student Handbook. It is also on our website. This handbook is one of the most important pieces of information you will receive. We advise parents to read the book from cover to cover and familiarize themselves with our policies and procedures. It is especially important in the first few weeks of school to understand our arrival and dismissal policies as well as our late arrival/early dismissal and emergency closing policies.

## SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendars for picture day. This year picture day will be Tuesday **Sep 27, 2022**. Students may dress out of uniform for picture day. Please follow the student dress code that can be found in the Student Handbook.

## PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help! We are looking for three parent volunteers to help make picture day a success. All Volunteers need to be Virtus certified. Pictures will start at 8 am. If interested in volunteering please email Mrs. D'Angelo at [kdangelo@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:kdangelo@stpiusbowie.org).



## **ATTENTION BAKERS**

**Attention Bakers! We are looking for a few parents to run our Pizza Day bake sale.**

**The bake sale occurs each pizza day, roughly once a month. The bake sale coordinator would need to monitor who is baking, how many treats we need and receive, organize treats the day of the sale, and approve VSP hours for volunteers and bakers.**

**Please contact Leigh Hampton at [lhampton@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:lhampton@stpiusbowie.org) for more information!**

## **FORGOTTEN LUNCHES**

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

## **CALENDAR UPDATES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Please see the calendar on our website for updates.**

## **2022-2023 SCHOOL SUPPLY**

**School supply lists for the 2022-2023 school year are posted on our school website.**

## **UNIFORMS**

Carousel Uniform Company still has a few items for purchase. Call them at 301-843-8884 to see if what you need is available. Our new supplier is Flynn O'Hara. They can be reached at 240-764-4545. Uniform requirements may be found on pages 16-18 in the Parent Student Handbook (found on our website).

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

## **8th GRADE PARENTS**

On September 22, 2022 there will be a meeting to go over the High School Application Process. It will take place at 7:00pm in Nelson Hall.

It is very important that you attend this meeting as we will be distributing important papers and explaining how the process of applying to Catholic High School works.

Your 8th grade child DOES NOT need to attend this meeting.

## **HSA NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

HSA is looking for parents to take leadership in 3 SPX events - The Christmas Bazaar, Kids Night Out and Purse Bingo.

See the attached flyer for more details on how to get involved.

## BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

School has begun and we can't wait to celebrate as a whole school family. All are invited to join us on Friday, September 16 from 5:30 - 8pm for our annual Back to School BBQ. The school provides hamburgers and hotdogs and you're invited to bring your own drinks and sides! Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! See more details on the attached flyer. RSVP to attend and sign-up to donate at <https://bit.ly/backtoschoolbbq2022>.

## ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for Catholic students in Grades 4-8 to serve at our school Masses as Altar Servers. We will provide training, and they will be selected to serve throughout the year. Please email our campus minister Jen Mayer ([jmayer@stpiusbowie](mailto:jmayer@stpiusbowie)) with your student's name and homeroom if they would like to serve. If your student is already serving as an Altar Server at weekend Masses in your parish, please mention this when you email.

## LABEL UNIFORMS

We already have many sweaters and sweatshirts in our lost and found. Please label them so we can return them to the children.

## MASS READERS

We are looking for students in Grades 4-8 to serve at our school Masses as Readers. We will provide training, and they will be selected to serve throughout the year at various Masses. Please email our campus minister Jen Mayer ([jmayer@stpiusbowie](mailto:jmayer@stpiusbowie)) with your student's name and homeroom if they would like to serve.

## VFW ESSAY CONTEST

Each year, nearly 68,800 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. Applications must be turned in by midnight, October 31, 2022. Applications and additional information can be obtained via the VFW national Website,

<https://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

If you have any additional questions, please contact Bowie Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8065 Commander, Megan Bogley, at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) or (301) 974-2676.

## 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.

## **ATTENTION WALKERS**

**WALKER'S PASSES** will be required for those students who walk home (or to caregivers). Students who do not live in a surrounding neighborhood will not be issued a Walker's Pass and are expected to be picked up and dropped off on school property (translation—you may NOT park your car in a surrounding street and have your child meet you there). These rules apply to everyone and are enforced to keep children safe. Walker's Pass applications were sent home the first day of school and passes will be required on September 9th.

## ATTENTION NEW FAMILIES

Please remember the School requires every new student to provide a Health Inventory and record of your child's immunizations. If you have been contacted by the nurse Please turn them in. The final day to turn them in will be September 19, 2022. After September 19th your child will be excluded until the documents are received.

Contact Nurse Benson with any questions:

[mbenson@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mbenson@stpiusbowie.org)

## ESP (EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM) APPLICATIONS

At this time, ESP is closed for new applications. To be put on a waiting list, email the Directors at [stpiusxesp@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusxesp@gmail.com).

## SPX CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Winter Basketball Registration - coming soon - please keep an eye out for registration information in News Notes!

Attention Parents!! - If you are interested in coaching or helping with one of the CYO basketball teams, please get Virtus Certified now! This will allow you to get involved immediately as teams begin to form. If you aren't already Virtus Certified, ask Mrs. Bechtel for



information today!

**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 volunteers. Please consider coaching or assistant coaching a team. Coaching is not only a wonderful opportunity to be a 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](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) today to learn more!**

**Please see the attached flier for the CYO Fall Sports Program.**

## **VSP HOUR OPPORTUNITIES**

**St. Pius is excited to have an opportunity to offer VSP hours by donating requested materials to the school. We are currently requesting the following items:**

- 200 Pocket Folders with Prongs**

**You will receive 1 ½ VSP hours for every 50 folders donated.**

- Disposable Spoons and Forks**

**You will receive ½ VPS hour for every 50 disposable utensils donated.**

**Please email Mrs. D'Angelo at [kdangelo@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:kdangelo@stpiusbowie.org) to donate.**

## 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](http://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

**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 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](http://www.stedwardbowie.com)