



St. Pius X Regional School  
News Notes  
September 8, 2022



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## Family Survey

This survey is vital to secure services both for our school and those in the county. It is essential to have every family complete the poverty survey. Each form is confidential. Only complete one survey per family, but be sure to include grade levels for all of your children attending our school. Please fill out the survey and send it back to school no later than Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

### Thursday, September 8, 2022

Room Parent Meeting for Grades 6-8 5:30pm-6:30pm

Room Parent Meeting for Grades PK-5 7:00pm-8:00pm

### Tuesday, September 13, 2022

Middle School Parent Meeting  
6:30 Nelson Hall

Back to School Night 5th-8th  
grade 7:00pm (Parents only)

### Thursday, September 15, 2022

Back to School Mass grades 1-8  
10:30 am

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

## 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

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

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.

### **FORGOTTEN LUNCHES**

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

### **HELP WITH XEROXING**

If you are interested in earning VSP hours helping with xeroxing, please call Mrs. Fay at 301-262-0203. It will take about an hour on average.

### **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@stpiousbowie) 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@stpiousbowie) 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**

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

## 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 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)