



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
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PIZZA DAY

Friday, October 14, 2022

Whole School Mass

Purse Bingo 7:00 pm Nelson Hall

Monday, October 18, 2022

Class Mass Grade 4-5

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

**Late Arrival - Students arrive 9:30
- 10:00**

Thursday, October 20, 2022

**Tag Day - Students may dress out
of uniform, dress code must be
followed**

Friday, October 21, 2022

Middle School Dance 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Grades 6-8 Parent Coffee 5:00 pm

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

**Pizza Day for those who ordered
Class Mass Grades 6 - 8**

Thursday, October 27, 2022

**SGA Tag Day - Students may
dress out of uniform for a \$1
contribution to SGA, dress code
must be followed**

Thank you for your orders –
pizza ordering is now
closed. Our first pizza day
is scheduled for
Wednesday, October 26th. If
you are interested in
volunteering on Pizza Day,
please email
spxpizza@gmail.com.
Please note that this
opportunity requires Virtus
Certification and this must
be completed prior to
helping. Thank you!

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

“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him” [Psalm 127:3](#)

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.

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

Please contact Leigh Hampton at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org for more information!

PURSE BINGO IS BACK

The first SPX purse Bingo of the 2022-2023 school year will be held on October 14, 2022 in Nelson Hall. HSA is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 7 p.m. Tickets to the event can be purchased at the door or online. Price for the event is \$25.00. Questions about the event or about volunteer opportunities should be emailed to:

Christina.caron@gmail.com or Kristin.Shazor@gmail.com

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/f7b5dc/Campaign/Details>



SAINTLY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

As we strive to celebrate the unique gifts of God in all students, we look forward to celebrating all students in efforts to nourish their spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional individual growth. There will be many opportunities for all students to be acknowledged and celebrated throughout the course of the year for their individual unique gifts. One of these opportunities will be Sainly Student of the Month. Students that display consistent kindness, reverence and cooperative and “Saint Like” behaviors will be celebrated each month. I know that you will join us in celebrating all of our students!

ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The open application period for the 2023-2024 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program begins Saturday, October 1, 2022. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 2, 2022. The deadline for new families to apply is Saturday, February 18, 2023.

To apply, log into 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.

FOOD DRIVE

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the St. Pius X Student Senate is sponsoring a food drive to support the Father McKenna Center, a soup kitchen and computer literacy center in Washington, DC that serves families facing food insecurity and homeless men. In recent months, the McKenna Center has been serving asylum-seeking migrants who were transported from Texas and Arizona and dropped off by bus at Union Station in DC. Consequently, the McKenna Center's need for food donations has increased with added people accessing the meals at the Center.

Please support our food drive for the Father McKenna Center. While you are out shopping this weekend, please pick up an extra food item from the list below for the food drive. The Student Senate will collect food items from Friday, October 14 through Friday, October 21.

Food Drive Items (preferred size less than 18 oz.) :

chunky soups, baked beans, pinto and kidney beans (dried or canned), pancake mix, maple syrup, vegetable oil, jams and jellies, canned fruits packed in juice, canned vegetables, and canned meats packed in water. God bless you for your support!

THE YEARBOOK CLUB IS LOOKING FOR STUDENT MEMBERS

The yearbook is looking for seven 6th-8th grade students to join this year's club. We meet every Thursday from 3:30-4:30. The club will start meeting on 10/27/2022.

If you are interested in joining please email

Monnette.quach@gmail.com

THE YEARBOOK CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Yearbook needs your help in filling this year's yearbook. We need first day of school pictures, party pictures, sports pictures etc. We also would need a parent volunteer to help as a yearbook advisor.

Please send pictures and or questions/concerns/suggestions to Monnette.quach@gmail.com

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 .

SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Calling all 4-8 grade reporters! We need you to help with our school newspaper. Help us create a great resource for all students and parents to see what is happening at St. Pius! This newsletter will include features from The Inclusive Insider! Email Ms. Hampton at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org to be a part of this awesome experience!

To help us come up with a name for our newspaper - submit your ideas on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd25UMBrrrW2qGFUy6BWgoNX4mOPD But1 NSPCxsrRtIZWpw/viewform?usp=sf_link

HOWL - O - WEEN HUSTLE NOVEMBER 5, 2022

The Howl-o-Ween Hustle 5k is a fun run/walk that will be a fun-filled event serving St. Pius X Regional School's larger purpose, creating a community that we are all proud to be a part of. 100% of money raised helps with our Home School Associations 2022-2023 goal of raising money for improvement projects to our sport fields and play areas!

While this year's race is happening after Halloween, we encourage all runners to come dress in Halloween costumes or spooky attire and have fun!

****To ensure you get a tshirt, register before October 21st****

Register at:

<https://events.eventgroove.com/event/2022-Howl-O-Ween-Hustle-5k-68625>

For more information about race sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please contact the 5K planning committee chair, David Gedutis, via email dhgedutis@gmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Friday, October 28 from 6 - 8 pm for our annual TRUNK OR TREAT! Registration required as well as a \$5 participation fee. Participating families need to make sure that their car is decorated and provides enough candy or treats for all participating students. All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, **NO DROP OFF ALLOWED**. Register today at <https://bit.ly/spx2022trunkortreat>.

ST. PIUS X
60th ANNIVERSARY
PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

It's fun, super easy, and a great way to show off your family's creativity!

Here's what you do:

1. Choose a creative way to highlight either the number 60 or 60 items on your pumpkin in honor of St. Pius' 60 th Anniversary.
 2. Get a medium pumpkin. It can be a real or craft pumpkin.
 3. Decorate your pumpkin with your chosen design by using acrylic paint, permanent markers, or glue to add things onto the pumpkin. Pumpkins may not be carved, cut, or have holes punched in them.
 4. Fill out the form below to turn in with your pumpkin.
 5. You can bring your pumpkin to the St. Pius X Pumpkin Patch (also known as the front lobby) during the week of October 24 th – 27 th .
 6. Pumpkins will be on display at the Trunk or Treat on October 28 th and can be picked up from there.
 7. St. Pius X Gift Bags will be awarded for 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place.
- See Attached flyer to sign up.

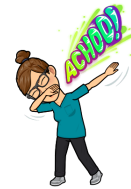
NEWS FROM THE NURSE



Illness and Daily Symptom Checking - when sick, please stay home!



With cold, flu, and allergy season upon us and continuing COVID cases among vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, daily symptom checking remains one of our most important mitigation strategies. If your student is sick, please keep them home until fever free for 24 hours (less than 100.4 without the use of fever reducing medications) and symptoms have improved to reduce the spread of all illnesses. Meghan Benson mbenson@stpiusbowie.org



FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

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

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 is now OPEN! Visit the sportspilot website @

<https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106236> to complete your registration. Available to 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U players. Please contact SPX CYO Basketball Commissioner, Ron Thurston with any questions or if you are interested in coaching a team via (443) 506-4602, rt2016@gmail.com Don't wait too long to register as teams fill up quickly!

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! All Head Coaches and up to 2 Assistant Coaches can earn up to 15 VSP hours.

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 today to learn more!

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.

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.

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 or (301) 974-2676.

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.**

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

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