



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes September 24th, 2020



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Thursday, September 24

*3rd Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Friday, September 25

*4th Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Tuesday, September 29

*2nd Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Thursday, October 1

*Progress Reports Distributed Electronically

Monday, October 5

*School Uniform Shirts required for Meets

Wednesday, October 7

*Early Dismissal

Monday, October 12

*No School

Tuesday, October 13

*New Parent Administration Forum - 6pm - details to follow

Wednesday, October 21

*Early Dismissal

Thursday, October 27

*6th-8th Grade Parent Administration Forum - 6pm - details to follow

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Uniform Exchange

If anyone is interested in exchanging uniforms for a different size or if you have uniforms to donate, please call Mrs. Bramwell at 202-276-2436.

OCTOBER 5th - ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR UNIFORM SHIRTS

Beginning October 5th, all students must attend Google Meets in a school issued uniform shirt. This shirt can be the white uniform shirt, PE shirt, sweatshirt, sweater or girls collared shirt for lower grades. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schrom at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2021-2022

The open application period for the 2021-2022 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program will begin on Thursday, October 1, 2020. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 4, 2020. The deadline date for new families to apply is Friday, February 19, 2021.

They that hope in the LORD will renew their strength, they will soar on eagles' wings; they will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint.

Isaiah 40:31



SCANTRON PERFORMANCE TEST

Our students will take the Scantron Performance Tests throughout the month of September. An email was sent home this week with specific details about the test. The assessment will cover Math and Reading. Each test takes approximately 45 minutes. There is no time limit. Students are encouraged to try their best. Please be sure that your child is well rested and has eaten a good breakfast. These tests provide valuable information to teachers. Teachers use the data from these assessments to drive instruction in the classroom. Please check your child's google classroom as well as the school calendar for specific dates of test administration.

Health Room Corner- Click on the whole picture of the health room to take you to my Virtual Health Room to explore!



2020-2021 CALENDAR

We have "Gone Green" and parents have access to the school Google calendar. The SPX Google Calendar is located on our school homepage, and at <https://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>. On the calendar website, you can add the calendar to your own Google account/calendar, change the view, and print a copy.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE - SEEKING PARENT MEMBERS



We are pleased to announce the creation of the Diversity Committee here at St. Pius. The vision for this committee is to work collaboratively to advocate and support diversity education, encourage and provide opportunities for students, faculty, staff and families to grow in their understanding of diversity, and promote and celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school community through various initiatives. The members of the committee will be a diverse group of St. Pius faculty and parents who have expressed an interest in this important committee, and volunteer to serve as contributing members. The faculty members of the committee have already been identified, and we are now seeking interested parents to join them on the committee. There will be monthly virtual meetings, and members can expect some additional time commitment, as is necessary to achieve the goals of the committee. If you are interested in serving on the Diversity Committee, please send an email to both Donnaka Lewis at dvl525@yahoo.com and Mrs. Schrom at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org by September 30th.

News from the School Advisory Board

Attention parents and guardians of SPX students - We have 2 vacancies on the School Advisory Board.

- 1 open seats – Ascension Parish. Must be a registered parishioner of Ascension Parish in good standing.
- 1 At-Large open seat – Open to Non-Catholic or Catholic parents or guardians of a current SPX student(s).

If you would like to learn more about serving on the Board or request an application, please email rssellan@gmail.com or call 301-651-2027. Please use subject line SAB Open Positions. The School Advisory Board is a joint SPX Administration and Parent organization. Members include parents and guardians of current SPX students in addition to faculty and parish representation. The Board provides advice, assistance and long-term planning to the School's Administrative team. The Board meets once per month during the school year. Time volunteered attending meetings and assisting in Board activities fulfil VSP hours (when applicable).



Getting to (Virtual) Church

Our Regional Parishes have reopened, but many families continue to worship from home. If your family hasn't yet connected with church online, here are some ways to connect you with worship from our regional parishes:



Weekend masses with Fr. Mike Jones (St. Pius): <https://www.spxbowie.org/watch-mass>

Daily and weekend masses with Fr. Tim Daniel (Ascension):
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/ascensionbowie/>

Sunday masses from St. Edwards with Fr. Scott Holmer: <https://stedwardbowie.com/>

Other Area Parishes with online masses: <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayer>

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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

VFW Youth Scholarship Programs



The 2020-21 theme is: What is Patriotism to Me?

The 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, these scholarships may be for you.

Patriot's Pen: Each year more than 138,000 (public, private or parochial or home-study) 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 \$900,000 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 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

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. All student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by *midnight, October 31, 2020*.

Want to apply? Please contact Megan Bogley, Commander, Bowie Memorial VFW Post 8065, m_bogley@hotmail.com. You can also read more information about the [rules and eligibility requirements](#), and download the [2020-21 entry form application](#) from the VFW webpage, (<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>).

Teacher of the Year

Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America.

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a certified/licensed elementary, middle school and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Winners receive:

- A \$1,000 award for professional development expenses.
- A \$1,000 award for his/her school.
- Two award plaques: one for the teacher, the other for his/her school.

Please review the rules and eligibility requirements and nominate a teacher you know by submitting the 2021 nomination form.

Looking to share updated information and materials on VFW's Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher Award programs? Share our National Scholarship Brochure with the students and educators in your community.

Want to nominate a teacher? Please contact Megan Bogley, Commander, Bowie Memorial VFW Post 8065, m_bogley@hotmail.com. You can also read more information from the VFW webpage, (<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>). All entries must be submitted by *midnight, October 31, 2020*.

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.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: This program allows our school to collect box tops/labels of food and

household products and redeem them for cash. Simply check the items you buy at the grocery store/ Target/Wal-Mart for Box Tops for Education labels. You will find the labels on dozens of different types of products like: food/drink, paper products, office supplies, cleaning supplies, food storage, tableware and many more. Once purchased, please cut the labels off and return them to school. Don't forget to check the expiration date, as we cannot get credit for expired labels. We will earn 10¢ for every label. St. Pius X can also earn cash

from Bonus Certificates, which can be found primarily in stores on specially marked packages and at checkout printed on a receipt. These vary on value



based on the promotion. Bonus codes begin with the letter A. Also look for eBox Tops Codes, which are a 16 digit eBoxTops code that is printed on the product. You would be surprised at how many products you buy every day carry a Box Tops for Education label.

HARRIS TEETER 'S TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM: This programs 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

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

FSO - Fundraising Support Obligation

HSPT - High School Placement Test

SSC - Student Support Center

VSP - Volunteer Service Program

CFA - Chick-fil-A

HSA - Home and School

ESP - Extended School Program

SAB - School Advisory Board

TADS - Tuition Management

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

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