



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



October 11, 2018

## PK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Thursday, October 11**

- \*6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 8:15-2:30
- \*Kindergarten Spanish for registered students, 3:00-3:45
- \*Band, 3:00-4:00
- \*ASL Club 3:00-3:50, Art room
- \*After-School Spanish Club, 3:00-4:00
- \*Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:00

#### **Friday, October 12**

- \*No School for Students-ADW Collaboration Day for Faculty and Staff

#### **Monday, October 15**

- \*Math Club, 3:00-4:00, Art room
- \*Striders Club, 3:00-4:15

#### **Tuesday, October 16**

- \*Missions Talk, gr 6-8, 10:30-11:30, Nelson Hall
- \*SGA Officers meeting, 11:50-12:34, SSC
- \*Good Counsel High School visit for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 1:00-1:30
- \*SGA Ice Cream Fundraiser, \$1
- \*Band, 3:00-4:00

#### **Wednesday, October 17**

- \*Pizza Day and Bake Sale
- \*Class Mass, gr 2 & 3, 10:30
- \*Green Team, 3:00-4:30, Lab
- \*Chorus, 3:00-4:30, Hall

#### **Thursday, October 18**

- \*Tag Day
- \*Kindergarten Spanish, 3:00-3:45, SG1
- \*Band, 3:00-4:00
- \*STEM Club, 3:00-4:30, Lab

#### **Friday, October 19**

- \*Early dismissal
  - \*1:00pm for grades K-8
  - \*12:30pm for PK
- \*Cadette Troop, 7:00-8:30, Art room
- \*Halloween Dance Social, gr 7 & 8, 7:00-10:00, Nelson Hall



Please tell your family and friends about our informal Open House for prospective families on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00am. This informal Open House is for prospective families with **PreK and Kindergarten** students, and we will have a special activity for our young visitors. Families will receive information about our school and a guided tour as well.

## TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>



Looking for a fun and different alternative for Halloween night? Come join us for a safe and spirited night of Trick or Treating at St. Pius on **Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 8:00 pm**. We call it **TRUNK OR TREAT**, because children will trick or treat from the trunk of parked cars here at St. Pius X. Due to the limited number of spaces, you must RSVP at [Signupgenius.com](http://Signupgenius.com) to reserve your parking spot.

*Here are the details:*

Park your cars from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the front parking lot. Spaces will be numbered and you will be given a corresponding number. For safety reasons, cars will only be allowed to enter until 6:30 pm. After 6:30, the parking lot will be blocked so that kids can walk around freely.

Get creative! Car trunks can then be decorated until 7:00 pm to create a fun space to pass out candy. A prize will be given to the best-decorated car!

**YOU MUST HAVE A CAR IN A NUMBERED PARKING SPACE HANDING OUT CANDY IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD/REN TO TRICK OR TREAT. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CANDY TO HAND OUT..**

Trunk or treating will begin at 7:00 pm sharp. Kids should wear their costumes and trick or treat through the rows of decorated cars until 8:00pm.

Please check the school calendar for more information:  
<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>

## SGA ICE CREAM SALE \$1 PER CUP– OCTOBER 16



On October 16, 2018, the SGA will hold its first fundraiser to support the victims of Hurricane Florence. We will sell ice cream cups (1/2 vanilla, 1/2 chocolate) during lunch to all grades for \$1 per cup. Any family wishing to make a monetary donation may send a check to school on October 16. Donation checks should be made out to St. Pius X Regional School with "hurricane donation" on the memo line.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE SOCIAL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>



The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a HALLOWEEN DANCE for SPX students only in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Costumes are optional. No facemasks. As always, appropriate attire is required. Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include: D.J., snacks, and drinks. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

Parents-please pick up your children promptly between 10:00 and 10:15pm. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY THEIR OWN PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO NELSON HALL. Permission slips will be sent home soon. Extras will be available in the school office. Any interested chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy, should contact Mariana Lathrop at [mariana.lathrop@gmail.com](mailto:mariana.lathrop@gmail.com). Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:15 to 11:00pm. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning.

## PICTURE DAY - SAVE THE DATE

LifeTouch Photography will be taking individual student photographs at our school on Tuesday, October 23. Picture Day order forms, which describe the portrait packages that are available to be purchased this year, will be distributed soon. ALL STUDENTS will be photographed, and the portraits will be used in the yearbook. The students may d

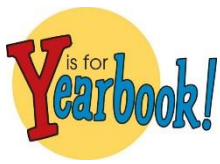
dress out of uniform on this day and appropriate dress, as always, is required. Order forms and payments must be returned to school with your child before the start of the school day on Tuesday, October 23. If you have any questions about picture day, or would like to volunteer to help on picture day, please contact Margaret Lonergan at 301-919-5551 or [Maggielonergan@hotmail.com](mailto:Maggielonergan@hotmail.com).

**OUR NEXT PIZZA DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>  
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PRE-ORDERED**



# YEARBOOK CLUB- FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Join the Yearbook Club!



Yearbook club is back, and we are looking for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to help us create, design, and give input on this year's Yearbook! YB Club will meet every other Tuesday from 3 pm to 4 pm. If your child is interested in joining the club, please register online via the Sign-Up Genius. **Registration will open Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Sign Up Genius.**

**[Click here for the link](#), however it will not be open for registration until October 11<sup>th</sup> at**

**7:00pm. Only 14 students will be able to join.** Please email Maureen Sanders

at [Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com](mailto:Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com) with any questions.

## WEAR PINK

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Support Breast Cancer

This month on TAG day please dress all in **PINK** to show your support!



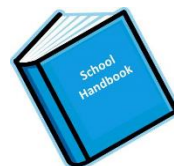
## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR NOVEMBER



**November lunch orders must be placed by October 12<sup>th</sup>.** Late orders may be placed from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month. If you are interested in ordering from Main & Market, you will need to register online at [HTTPS://MAINANDMARKET.BOONLI.COM](https://mainandmarket.boonli.com) with our school password of CAVALIER22. If you have questions, you should call Main & Market at 1-800-381-6511 ext. 1 or email them at [support@boonli.com](mailto:support@boonli.com).

## SPONSORS NEEDED

St. Pius X Regional School is looking for businesses to help underwrite the cost of our school folders, handbooks, directories, excuse pads, Thursday Folders and magnets. If you would like to participate in these ad programs, please fill out the bottom portion of the flyer sent home last week or [on this link](#). Our students receive these items FREE every year from our wonderful advertisers. We hope you will consider this opportunity to help the school and promote your business.



# SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS SOFTBALL AND SOCCER

## SOFTBALL

St. Pius CYO Softball Clinic

Sunday, October 14 and Sunday, October 21

2:30pm to 4:30pm

Buckingham Park, Bowie MD



Please join us for our complimentary softball clinic this fall! The clinic is open to 2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders and will focus on hitting, running bases, catching, fielding, and pitching. The clinic will be held 2 Sundays in October and new players are always encouraged to come out and join the fun!

Please sign up on our [sign up genius link](#)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAEAC28A31-spxcyo5>

Any questions can be directed to Commissioner Suzie Sweeney @ [softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com](mailto:softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com) or Coach Jennifer Murphy @ [Snoopyvrb@gmail.com](mailto:Snoopyvrb@gmail.com)

## SOCCER

Check out your team's progress. Soccer schedules and scores can be found at <https://adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/soccer/>.

## **\*FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR \* APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018**

The Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington (Washington, DC and Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland).

All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Applying for tuition aid has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school.

To apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2019 – 2020 school year, please click on the appropriate [TADS](#) link below.

The deadline date to apply for Archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2019 – 2020 school year is **Saturday, December 1, 2018 for returning families. THIS APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID INCLUDING: ARCHDIOCESAN AID, REGIONAL SCHOOL AID, AND PARISH AID.**

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

## Parent Administration Forums 2018-2019

Please mark your calendars for upcoming grade specific Parent Administration Forums. The meetings allow parents one hour of direct conversation time with the administration in a group setting during grade specific sessions. Please do not bring children, as babysitting is not provided. The forums are designed to gather general sentiments regarding the school and are not time for parents to voice concerns about their individual student.

Tuesday 10/23/18, 5-6 pm—school library—middle school parents (grades 6, 7, 8)

Tuesday 11/13/18, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in PK, K, 1st grade

Tuesday 2/12/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 2 and 3

Tuesday 3/5/19, 5-6 pm—Nelson Hall—parents in grades 4 and 5



In addition to verbal comments to the administration, parents will have the opportunity to provide written input (name optional) on the following questions:

- \*How can we make SPX an even better school?
- \*Do you have ideas for new programs, events, or activities that should be considered?
- \*How do you envision the future of SPX School?

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net). We look forward to seeing you at a future parent/administration forum!

## SPX Parish Seat Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a St. Pius X parish seat.

Parents/Guardians from that parish who might be interested in becoming a Board member should email the Board Secretary Kim Roddy for further information and instruction. She may be reached at [karoddy@comcast.net](mailto:karoddy@comcast.net).

# HALLOWEEN PARADE PK-3RD GRADES

On October 31st the students in Kindergarten through 3 grades will participate in a Halloween parade in the back parking lot of school between 1:30 and 2:00pm. Students in PK will have their Halloween parade in the morning, and parents should plan to be in Nelson Hall by 8:40am. Costumes for all students are to be appropriate for a Catholic elementary school. Costumes depicting violence and/or demonic characters are not appropriate. A letter was sent home today to parents of students in grades PreK - 3 with information and guidelines to help the day run smoothly.



## SPX CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



While it might just be finally beginning to feel like fall, Santa's elves are already hard at work on our annual Christmas Bazaar. There are a number of ways that you can help. Here are a few opportunities we need for this year:

**Mother / Daughter Table Chair in Training** - our Mother / Daughter Table Chair will be retiring this year as her youngest is in 8th grade. Learn the ropes by her side this year. Are you interested in taking on this popular table? Contact Katie Skerpon

at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

**Finances Table Chair in Training** - our Finance Chair is looking for someone to train this year. This role is a great way to earn your hours just during the hours of the Bazaar itself - no pre-work necessary, just the 2 days of shopping. Interested - contact Katie Skerpon at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

**Take Home Projects** - There are a number of projects that you can do at home to earn your hours. All the supplies are provided along with directions from the Table Chair. A list of current projects can be found here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/spxchristmasbazaar/>

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## VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

At the time of enrollment and re-enrollment through TADS, each family agreed to the terms of our Volunteer Service Program (VSP). This requires families to either work the required number of volunteer hours (20 hours for a 2-parent household, or 10 hours for a single parent household), or make a monetary payment for the required hours. If you chose to work the required hours, you must submit volunteer hours electronically on our volunteer website called Track it Forward. All new families will need to create one account per family. Returning families can still use their current account. We would like to streamline the accounts to just one per family, so feel free to edit your first name to include both volunteering family members (ex. Mary and Joseph +last name) and delete your second account. Please remember to log your hours as soon as you complete them. Create an account here:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Lowe at [nanette\\_lowe@yahoo.com](mailto:nanette_lowe@yahoo.com). Details about family VSP requirements can be found on page 26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

## SAVE THE DATES

October 23 - Parent Administration Forum for Parents with 6-8 grade students

October 25 - Patrol and Equipment Crew Luncheon

November 1 - Whole school Mass for All Saints Day

November 12 - Report Card Conference Day - No School

November 13 - Winter Uniform begins

November 13 - Parent Administration Forum for Parents with PK-I grade students

## LABEL ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Be sure to mark all of your student's belongings with their name. Our lost and found items are accumulating already. We keep our Lost and Found box outside of Mrs. Manley's room. Smaller items, like glasses and jewelry, are kept in the main office.



# ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE



Below is the schedule of due dates for the high school application process. Check your child's Google Classroom Homeroom page for forms, information from the high schools and other updates.

## High School Application Process

### **Dates to Remember**

Date	Item	Completed
Sept. 4	HSPT Online Registration Opens	
Oct. 26	HSPT Online Registration Closes	
Nov. 3	Parent input for transcripts due.	
Nov. 19	Window for selecting High School Choices opens; return to the HSPT registration page to make high school selections <b>Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.</b>	
Nov. 26	Authorization to Release Records form due to homeroom teachers.	
Nov. 28	HSPT at St. Pius	
Dec. 9	Window for selecting High School Choice closes. <b>Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers.</b>	
Dec. 10	Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools. <b>Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.</b>	
Jan. 2019	HSPT scores distributed by STS to parents electronically.	



# Catholic High School Scholarship Information

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

### **The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship**

Designed to assist those Brother Knights holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$ 1 , 5 0 0 . 0 0 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

### **The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship**

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any Catholic student who is a resident of the State of Maryland to include children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

**Application period is from October 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019.**

Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to:

Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
State Scholarship Chairman  
PO Box 165  
Westminster, MD 21158

Or by contacting our web site at: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org) and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.

## TIP OF THE DAY

USE THE **QUICK LINKS** TAB AT THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF OUR WEBSITE TO ACCESS FORMS AND SIGN UP GENIUS LINKS

### 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

<http://stedwardbowie.com>