



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
December 1, 2022



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Monday, December 5th, 2022

Christmas Bazaar Day 1

Tuesday, December 6th, 2022

Christmas Bazaar Day 2

Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

Quarter 2 Progress Reports
Distributed

Thursday, December 8th, 2022

Whole School Mass

Friday, December 9th, 2022

Middle School Dance Grades 7th
and 8th 7-10 pm in Nelson Hall

Monday December 12th, 2022

Chorus/Treble Chorus/Liturgical
Choir Concert 10:30 am and
7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

Late Arrival, Students Arrive
Between 9:30 - 10:00 am
Morning Care Begins at 9:00 am

Friday, December 16th, 2022

Reconciliation Grades 3-8
Purse Bingo 7:00 pm in Nelson
Hall

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

“Train up a child in the way he should go; Even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

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.

STOCKINGS FOR HEROS

Cub Scout Pack 730 is providing Holiday Stockings for Heroes and would like your help in supporting this great cause. Please help us collect the following items to make these holiday stockings a special treat!

In order to collect a wide assortment of stocking stuffers, each grade has suggested items to donate below.

Food:

PK3, PK4A, PK4B, 2nd, 7th, and 8th Grades

Packages of holiday nuts, single serving drink mix packets, candy canes, peanut brittle, single serving cookie packages, apple cider packets, hot chocolate packets

Games:

KA, KB, 1st, 3rd Grades

Playing cards, puzzle books (crosswords, sudoku, etc.), holiday-themed writing pens or pencils, travel-sized games, card games (Uno, Phase 10, etc.), stress balls (holiday-themed preferred), small notepads

Accessories:

4th, 5th, 6th Grades, Faculty and Staff

Holiday-themed lip balm, socks, caps, gloves (preferably black; winter; one size fits all), and other holiday-themed items

Please drop off any items in the designated box in front of the school

building. Thanks for your support!

Deadline is Friday, December 2nd

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Raffle Table STUDENT & TEACHER - While you are out Christmas shopping, please pick-up something (or things) for the raffle table! Donations of NEW items are needed for the raffle table. We offer a raffle table for our students and a separate one for the teachers. For the students, we are especially requesting tickets to sporting events, gift cards, and High School items with logo imprinted (t- shirts, shorts, sweatpants, hats, bags, etc.). Other donated items might include: NEW children's toys, religious items, and board games. Anything NEW for any and all age groups will add to the variety of the raffle table. For teachers, Christmas décor is always appreciated as well as gift cards or small electronics like a google home, etc. Kindly send your donations to the school clearly marked "Raffle Table". Donations may be placed in the box in the lobby labeled Christmas Bazaar.

Decorations Needed – Please send in different size boxes wrapped in Christmas wrapping paper. The wrapped boxes can be left in the lobby with Mrs. Bechtel.

Christmas Bazaar Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our Annual Christmas Bazaar. Days are broken down into time slots, but you may sign up for as many slots as you'd like, depending on your availability! Please note when VIRTUS compliance is required. All questions should be direct to Christmas Bazaar Chairs at spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com

Saturday, Dec. 3

9 am - 1 pm (Bazaar Set-up)

VIRTUS not required

Monday, Dec. 5

8:00 am - 12:05 pm (Grades 8th, 1st, 3rd, and 5th BAZAAR Shopping)

12:55 pm - 2:45 pm (Grades 6th and 4th BAZAAR Shopping)

VIRTUS required

Tuesday, Dec. 6

8:15 am - 12:05 pm (Grades K, 7th, PK3, PK4, and 2nd BAZAAR Shopping)

12:55 pm - 1:45 pm (Faculty BAZAAR Shopping)

VIRTUS required

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Clean-up)

VIRTUS not required

Interested? Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4eabaf29a4fd0-2022spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com>

CHORUS CONCERT

All Chorus/Treble Chorus/Liturgical Choir students will sing at their concert on Monday, December 12th in the church. Students should arrive by 6:40pm. Please drop them off at the back entrance by Nelson Hall. The concert will start at 7. Even if you don't have a student participating, you are invited to bring your family and enjoy some fun and inspiring Christmas music!

BAND CONCERT

There will be no band concert in December.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 3rd, 2023 is now a Full Day for students. March 17th, 2023 will be No School for Students.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Service Committee will be collecting Toys For Tots at our school. Please help us by buying a new toy for a boy or a girl and do not wrap the gift. We will have Toys For Tots boxes in the classrooms during school hours. We will begin collecting the gifts on Wednesday, November 16th. The deadline for our toy collection is Monday, December 12th. Please help support this wonderful program for children in need!

SHOEBOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

This year, St. Pius X Regional School will once again participate in **SOME'S (So Others Might Eat)** annual Shoebox Gift Drive.

Through the Shoebox Gift Drive, you can provide essential clothing and toiletry items and show the poor and homeless that you care. This can be a great way to learn the true meaning of giving. The drive will run from November 21 through December 9.

Please wrap the shoebox lid and box separately. It is also helpful to tape a list of the items in the box on the lid.

Listed below are some suggested items to include in your gift.

Each shoebox gift should contain the following items:

1 hat

1 scarf

1 pair of gloves

1 pair of socks

1 pair of underwear 1 deodorant
2 razors 1 soap
1 shampoo 1 lotion
1 toothbrush 1 toothpaste

Please no cash, food, candy, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, or fast food gift cards. Please do not send any partially filled boxes; only complete ones. All items must be brought in to school by Friday, Dec. 9th so that we may deliver them to SOME on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022. Please deliver to PK4A Katie Bryant's room.



DRESS CODE

For a child to attend school it is the School's policy that each child is dressed in the complete school uniform and that hygiene and hairstyles comply with the intent of the school uniform policy and safety of students. Boys are to be clean-shaven at all times. Fingernail polish or adornments are not allowed; only clear or light pink nail polish is permitted. Excessive jewelry, no ostentatious headbands (cat ears, unicorn horns, etc.), hats, and makeup are not a part of the uniform. Studs and small hoop earrings are permitted; hoops larger than the width of a finger are NOT allowed. No facial piercings are allowed. No T-shirts with decals or logos may be worn underneath the school blouse or shirt. Boys and girls are expected to wear their hair in a way that is appropriate and fitting to the St. Pius X School uniform. Extreme hairstyles, shaved or spiked hair, dyed hair of non-natural colors (grey, white, pink, red, purple, blue, green, etc.) or other non-traditional hairstyles are not acceptable. The Principal will have sole discretion in determining the appropriateness of a hairstyle and/or dress. Make-up is not allowed. No tattoos of any kind including permanent, temporary and henna based. Parents will be notified if violations of the dress code occur. Students who are in Scouts may wear their Scout Uniforms on the day of their meeting.

DRESS CODE FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS (TAG DAYS)

Non-uniform days will be announced on an occasional basis. If there is a specific theme announced, students will be asked to dress accordingly. The guidelines for non-uniform days are as follows:

- Attire must be appropriate in size, fit, and coverage
- Midriff must be covered at all times
- No tank tops, crop tops, see-through or off the shoulder clothing will be acceptable
- Clothing displaying offensive, vulgar, obscene or sacrilegious language and pictures, weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other related items are forbidden
- Clothing identifiable with gang activity is not acceptable
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must extend to two inches above the knee
- Yoga, exercise pants, or leggings may not be worn as pants; must be worn with a skirt, dress or shorts over top.
- Ripped clothing is not allowed; if ripped clothing is worn, a shirt or pair of pants must be worn underneath
- Shoes with heels greater than two inches are not permitted
- Flip flops are not permitted
- Outlandish hair styles are not permitted
- Hats are not allowed

PURSE BINGO

Please join us in Nelson Hall for a Christmas themed designer purse Bingo on December 16, 2023. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages. Light refreshments will be available for purchase as well. Come be merry and win! Advanced purchase and registration can be done at:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/5391a3>

SIGNING IN LATE CHILDREN

If your child arrives at school after 8:15am, you must come in and sign them in. PK3 & PK4 must always be signed in by a parent.

FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

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

TRACK IT FORWARD

Please remember to put your VSP hours into Track It Forward. It is your responsibility to log your hours online on the school VSP site, Track it Forward, <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school>. Every family member should use the same account on Track it Forward and ensure that they log their hours through that 1 account.

CAROUSEL UNIFORM STORE

As we approach their last month or two.....Carousel now has STORE WIDE markdowns. They have quite a few St. Pius items. Call first to see if they have what they want (301) 843-8884. Also, they are happy to still deliver. They also have Communion attire, etc., should parents want to stop in.

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

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 .

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Please see the attached information about FLU and RSV. Please help keep St. Pius X Healthy by keeping your sick kids home. Inform the teachers and the nurse if your child is out sick. If your child has been out for 3 or more days, a Doctor's note is required for clearance to attend school.

Contact Nurse Benson with any questions:
mbenson@stpiusbowie.org



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.

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