



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes November 11th, 2021



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## Thursday, November 11

\*NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

\*Parent Teacher Conferences

## Friday, November 12

\*Chick-Fil-A Day

\*Chorus Rehearsal - 3pm-5pm

\*Kids Night Out - more info to come

## Monday, November 15

\*2nd/3rd Grade Book Club - 3-4pm - Library

\*Troop 2386 Meeting - 6pm - 7:30pm - Art Room

## Tuesday, November 16

\*TAG Day - please refer to dress code; NO CROP TOPS OR RIPPED CLOTHING WITHOUT UNDER CLOTHES

## Wednesday, November 17

\*Early Dismissal - PK dismisses at 11:30am; K-8 dismisses at 12:00pm

\*CFA Spirit Day at Bowie Marketplace - 11am to 8pm

## Thursday, November 18

\*1st Quarter Honor Roll Assembly - no parents/families allowed in Church; parents will receive link electronically to live event

## Friday, November 19

\*Grandparents Day - Grades 3-4

\*Chorus Rehearsal - 3pm-5pm

## Monday, November 22

\*HSA Meeting - 7pm - VIRTUAL - link to come

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES IN PERSON ONLY

## **NO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 11 FOR STUDENTS**

**PK THROUGH 5TH GRADES:** Report card conference appointment times for parents with students in grades Pre-K through 5 will be sent home TOMORROW OCTOBER 22ND, 2021. Please be sure to confirm your appointment time by signing the handout and returning it to your homeroom teacher.

**6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES:** Conferences will NOT be scheduled for students in grades 6 through 8. An online scheduler listing conference times in ten-minute intervals will be used this year. Parents should sign-up for a specific conference time with any teacher they wish to see on November 11 by going to [this link](#). This link will take you the Sign Up Genius where you will find a tab for each group of teachers: 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, Specials and Resource teachers. Conferences may be scheduled from 8:00 to 11:30am and from 12:20 to 3:00pm. You are encouraged to have a conference with any teacher that you think necessary. Report cards will be sent home with middle school students on Wednesday, November 10th.

*For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. [Romans 15:4](#)*

## Report Card Conferences - TUITION REQUIREMENTS

As you know, Report Card Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 11, 2021. In order to attend any conference with your student's teacher(s), tuition must be current.

While I understand that TADS offers a five-day grace period before assessing a late fee, you may not attend conferences if your payment is not made by Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Also, if you have had a payment declined, and you make your payment online, it must be made by Monday, November 1, 2021, to allow time for your payment to clear.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mrs. Couture at [ecouture@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:ecouture@stpiusbowie.org)



### Help us Highlight the Diversity of our School!

The Multicultural Day Subcommittee is looking for families from all grade levels willing to submit a photo or video of themselves along with information about their ethnic background, culture, etc. Examples are: how you celebrate a certain holiday, traditional clothing, typical family gatherings, recipes, music, dance, and so much more!

Families that submit their information to the committee using [this Google Form](#) may be selected to be featured in our Inclusive Insider or Family Highlights. This will be a recurring highlight for the school and will have multiple due dates. The Multicultural Committee will close this Google Form for this Newsletter on December 4, 2021. Each participating family will receive 1 VSP hour.

## WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATION UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who purchased a water bottle or donated to support the school with purchasing water bottle filling stations. We have raised \$5368.71 towards purchasing the stations. We will be ordering 3 water bottle filling stations and installing them soon. The company Ecovessel will be sending information soon about delivery of the water bottles. The water bottles will be delivered to your child's homeroom once the school receives them. More information on the water bottles to follow. Thank you for all your support.

If you are Virtus compliant. We are still looking for volunteers for CFA Lunch Day on November 12th. October volunteers please reach out to Mrs. Sisco-Thiong to confirm your availability for November.

All CFA volunteer inquiries should be directed to [spxlunchcfa@gmail.com](mailto:spxlunchcfa@gmail.com)



## FRUIT FUNDRAISERS ARE BACK!

The HSA is sponsoring a Fresh Fruit Drive fundraiser from November 1 until December 10, 2021. Fresh hand picked Indian River Fruit is available for purchase. No in-person delivery, product distribution or cash to handle. This "Ship to the Home" fruit sale is a great way to send your family and friends fresh fruit for the Holidays. With this fundraiser, You can support St. Pius X Regional School by

1) sharing this link <https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/622547> via email, text and social media with family and friends .

2) Place an order through our website, using your group's unique ID number:

• Go to [www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com](http://www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com)• Selecting "Order Now"• Entering your group's ID Number, 622547

3) There is also an App you can use.



You, your family and friends can purchase products under your child's name online until December 10, 2021, with delivery before Christmas. All Payments can be made Online. Online payments are secure and can be made by check, credit card, or debit card. This fundraiser supports HSA activities and half of the proceeds your child sells will go towards your FSO.

Any questions? Send your inquiries to the HSA President Faith Proctor at [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com) or HSA Vice President Pamela Diedrick at [animaldr1997@verizon.net](mailto:animaldr1997@verizon.net).

## ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The open application period for the 2022-2023 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began Friday, October 1, 2021. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 3, 2021. The deadline for new families to apply is Friday, February 18, 2022.

To apply, login to 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. The deadline for SPX Regional Aid is Thursday, March 17, 2022. That application will be available in January 2022.



## GIFTS FOR THE HOMELESS

This year, St. Pius X Regional School will once again participate in a Christmas project to help the homeless. The organization S.O.M.E, So Others Might Eat, has asked for our assistance in providing gifts for homeless men. We would like your help in collecting the needed items. Below is a list of items we are asking families to pack in a wrapped shoebox (top and bottom wrapped separately). Please place a tag on the outside of the box designating it is for a man. It is also very helpful to tape a list of the items contained in the box on the lid. Please do not send any partially filled boxes (only completed ones). Wrapped and filled boxes may be returned to school between November 22nd and December 10<sup>th</sup>. This can be a great way to learn the true meaning of giving. The boxes will be taken to SOME first thing Saturday morning, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Each shoebox gift should contain the following items: shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap (regular size), comb/and or brush, razors, knit hat, scarf, socks, gloves, deodorant, lotion and underwear.



\*\*\*Please no cash, food, candy or mouthwash or fast food gift cards\*\*\*

## SPX CYO Announcements

**Fall Sports:** Thank you to all who participated in Fall Soccer and Cross Country. We had a great turnout, with 9 teams and 110 players and 7 cross country runners. Special thanks to all the parents and volunteers who coached and supported our teams. We look forward to seeing you again next fall.

**Winter Sports:** Basketball registration is now closed. For those of you who have registered, please be on the lookout for a message about your child's team. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Megan Bogley. We need at least 2 coaches per team.

**Spring Sports:** Details about spring sports will be forthcoming in the new year

**CYO Board Positions:** Attention parents!! St. Pius X CYO has several board positions available. Please reach out to Megan Bogley if you are interested in joining this volunteer parent-run organization. We are currently recruiting several Commissioner positions – soccer, basketball, baseball, cross country, and track/field, as well as a treasurer. These positions are critical to the organization and are an excellent way to become more involved with your children's school and athletic experiences, as well as earn your VSP hours. Reach out to Megan at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) today to learn more!

**SPX CYO Masks** are still available for purchase!! We have child and adult sizes at \$10 each. Please contact Megan Bogley at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) if you would like to make a purchase. These masks can be worn during the school day

Troop #730 is providing Holiday Stockings for Heroes, and the SPX Student Senate wants to get the whole school involved in this worthy cause. Will YOU help us collect the following items to make the Holiday Stockings a special treat? In order to collect a wide assortment of stocking stuffers, each grade has suggested items to donate. Please donate one or more of the items below.



**Food: PK3, PK4A, PK4B, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Slim Jims or Beef Jerky  
Packages of Holiday nuts  
Single serving of drink mix packets  
Candy canes  
Peanut brittle  
Single serving cookie packages  
Apple cider packets  
Hot chocolate

**Games: KA, KB, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades**

Playing cards  
Puzzle book (Crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find)  
Holiday-themed writing pens or pencils  
Travel-sized games  
Card games (Uno, Phase 10)  
Stress balls (Holiday-themed preferred)  
Small notepads

**Accessories: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Grades, Faculty and Staff**

Holiday-themed lip balm  
Socks  
Caps (warm weather)  
Gloves (preferably black; winter; one size fits all)  
Other holiday-themed items



Please drop off any items in the designated box in front of the school building or have your child bring the item to the Main Office. Thank you!!

Deadline is Thursday, December 2nd

## Christmas Bazaar



It's that time of year! The annual Christmas Bazaar a month away! Are you looking for VSP hours? The Christmas Bazaar chairpersons are busy planning Santa's workshop and need your help!

### **VOLUNTEER**

Saturday Dec. 4 10 am – 2 pm Bazaar Set-up, VIRTUS not required

Sunday Dec. 5 2 pm – 5 pm Bazaar Set-up, VIRTUS not required

Monday Dec. 6 7:45 am – 12:30 pm Bazaar Shopping Day, VIRTUS required

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Tuesday Dec. 7 7:45 am – 11:45 pm Bazaar Shopping Day, VIRTUS required

11:30 am – 2:45 pm Bazaar Clean-up, VIRTUS required

*A Sign-up Genius will be coming out soon – so reserve the days on your calendar now!*

### **DONATE**

Halloween candy – Looking to get rid of some of that extra candy? Donate it to the Bazaar! Some of our most popular items are candy filled and we'll happily accept donations of candy – Halloween or otherwise – in the Main Office.

**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 school clearly marked "Raffle Table". Donations may be placed in the box in the lobby labeled Christmas Bazaar.

**Christmas Decorations / White Christmas Lights** – Every year the hall is transformed into Santa's workshop. We're always open to more décor for the walls and stage including Christmas Trees and large amounts of white Christmas lights!

**Boxes Wrapped like Presents** – Have extra boxes around from deliveries? We are in need of as many boxes wrapped like presents – use Christmas wrapping paper and bows! – to help set the stage for the Bazaar.

For more information about any of these opportunities or with questions about the Bazaar please contact Katie Skerpon at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

## Get Involved!



The Home and School Association (HSA) and School Advisory Board (SAB) are both looking for new volunteers this year. Support St. Pius X and earn your VSP hours at the same time!



What do these organizations do?

**HSA:** Founded to encourage home and school cooperation and to engage in cultural, civic, legislative, educational, charitable, social, and other activities. The membership of the Home and School Association consists of the mothers, fathers, or guardians of currently enrolled students at St. Pius X Regional School and members of the faculty. The HSA is also responsible for record keeping of VSP (volunteer hours) and FSO (fundraising). Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected every other year by the parents/guardians attending the final HSA meeting of the school year. We currently have an opening for a Secretary and our President, Faith Proctor, and our Vice President, Pam Dietrick, are “graduating” this year. We would love new and enthusiastic families to join!



**SAB:** Established to provide advice, guidance, and long-term planning to the Administrative Team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of St. Pius X Regional School. The Board provides this through the functions of: Planning, Policy Development, Finance, Facilities, Communications and Public Relations, Financial Development, and Evaluation. The Board consists of non-voting and voting members. The non-voting members consist of the Pastor, Principal, and Faculty appointed by the principal. The voting members consist of a minimum of two members from each of the four regional parishes, one at-large member from one of the regional parishes, and the HSA president or appointed HSA representative. The term of a Board member is three years and is renewable. The Officers are elected annually for a one-year term. The Board meets monthly throughout the school year.

If interested in becoming involved with either organization, please email the President of either organization.

HSA – Faith Proctor – [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com)

SAB – Katie Summers – [katie.mason.summers@gmail.com](mailto:katie.mason.summers@gmail.com)





## Flu, Covid-19, colds, illness prevention tips



If you are feeling sick you should stay home and get a lot of rest. Email your teacher and the nurse. ([mbenson@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mbenson@stpiusbowie.org))



It is estimated that people touch their faces about 23 times per hour! Touching our face is something we do without knowing, try your best not to touch your face to try to keep germs from entering your mucus membranes.

Go see a doctor.



Regular check ups can detect potential for sickness later on, also when you're sick you may need medication to feel better. The quicker you see the Doctor the faster you will be back on your feet.



Prevention is key to staying healthy and one thing we can all do is wash our hands and wash them often. 20 seconds or longer with soap and water.



It's FLU SHOT TIME! Make sure you schedule an appointment to get your flu shot or walk in at a pharmacy close to you. Read more from the CDC about the flu shot: [Flu shot for children](#)



Let's watch this video for the importance of why we are all wearing masks right now to keep each other safe. [Kids and why we wear masks](#)

## UNIFORMS

Carousel Uniforms will make deliveries once a week to school so you won't have to make the drive to Waldorf. You may contact Carousel directly with any questions regarding your student's uniform 301-843- 8884. Uniform requirements may be found on pages 18-20 in the Parent Student Handbook (found on our website).

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We have 2 wonderful volunteers who have re-organized our Uniform Exchange inventory and they are open for business. Andrea Bramwell and Damali Martin are our Uniform Exchange co-coordinators. Mrs. Bramwell can be reached at 202-276-2436. Dr. Martin can be reached at 240-353-2816



## MAIN & MARKET LUNCH PROGRAM

St. Pius X Regional School is working with Main & Market to provide a healthy portion controlled lunch for our school. Main & Market is looking forward to supplying our school with great food and service. Main and Market partners with BOONLI (former name Order Lunches) to provide a secure, fast and easy to use online ordering program.

Main & Market/BOONLI allow parents and faculty to view our lunch menu, order, prepay and manage their lunches online. Student and Faculty Accounts, User Names and User Passwords will remain the same as last year. Each lunch costs \$7.00 and you have the option of ordering an extra entrée for just an additional \$3.00. The monthly menu provides a wide variety to choose from so that students are able to experience different foods, with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal, and local foods.

If you are interested in having Main & Market deliver a healthy lunch to your child at school, you will need to register online at <https://mainandmarket.boonli.com/login>.

More details are available on our website. 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).



Milk order forms will be sent home at the informal Open house on Thursday, August 26th or the first day of school. The first day of milk service begins September 1st for students in grades 1-8. Pre-K - K students will have milk service starts September 2nd.



## MULTICULTURAL DAY DONATIONS/VOLUNTEERS

We will be holding a Multicultural Day on May 20th! We want to highlight and celebrate all the cultures that make up our school community and the greater Bowie community as well. If you or someone you know is part of a dance troupe/group or musical ensemble, please consider donating your time for this event. If you or someone you know owns a restaurant or food truck or wants to show off their traditional food, please consider joining us for that day. Anyone interested in more information, please contact Jami Brooks at [jbrooksspx@gmail.com](mailto:jbrooksspx@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 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*

*ESP - Extended School Program (before and aftercare)  
Obligation*

*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*

*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  
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