



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



October 18, 2018



FOOTBALL MANIA FINAL DAYS

FINAL DAYS TO BUY FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 18

- *Tag Day, Wear Pink to support Cancer Survivors!
- *Kindergarten Spanish, 3:00-3:45, SG I
- *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, 7:00-8:30pm, Art room
- *Halloween Dance Social, gr 7 & 8, 7:00-10:00pm, Nelson Hall, \$10

Monday, October 22

- *PK/K Field Trip to Greenstreet Gardens, 9:00am-2:00pm
- *DeMatha Band Concert, 9:00-11:00am, grs 5-8
- *Striders Club, 3:00-4:15pm

Tuesday, October 23

- *Fall Picture Day
- *SGA Full meeting, 11:50am-12:34pm
- *Yearbook meeting, 3:00-4:00pm, Lab
- *Band, 3:00-4:00pm
- *Gr 6-8 Parent Coffee, 5:00-6:00pm, Library

Wednesday, October 24

- *Chorus, 3:00-4:30pm
- *Girl Scout Troop #2997, 5:30-7:00pm, Art room
- *Tiger Den meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, 2B

Thursday, October 25

- *Patrol Lunch, 11:00am-1:30pm, Nelson Hall
- *K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG I
- *Band, 3:00-4:00pm
- *ASL Club, 3:00-3:50pm
- *Cub Scouts meeting, 6:00-7:00pm

Friday, October 26

- *Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm
- *Trunk or Treat, must be preregistered, parking lot

Each ticket sold helps our school AND is a fun and enjoyable way to possibly win some extra cash!

This Friday, October 19th, is the last day to turn in Football Mania tickets and money. PLEASE get those last minute ticket sales and make sure to get them in by Friday. The fun begins with next weekend's games and continue through the end of the regular season. That's 10 chances to win some extra cash with each ticket sold. With each \$20 ticket sold, \$14 goes to our school and \$10 is applied towards your FSO.

If you miss Friday's deadline, you can still buy tickets online. tickets may be bought through Saturday, October 27th. They work the same as a paper ticket. Use the link below to buy an ticket. Forward the link to friends and family via email, or post the link to Facebook and invite your friends to purchase tickets. Make sure the buyer puts YOUR name as the seller so you receive proper FSO credit

It's EASY. It's FUN. It's time to play FOOTBALL MANIA!
tickets link: <http://www.charitymania.com/give/G8062>

7TH AND 8TH GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE SOCIAL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th



The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a HALLOWEEN DANCE for SPX students only in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 19th. 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](#) were sent home. 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. Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:15 to 11:00pm. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning.

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

YEARBOOK NEEDS PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

Do you love taking pictures? Do you need VSP hours? Yearbook needs parent volunteers to take photos at the following school events...

Trunk or Treat

Thanksgiving Feast (1st & 2nd Grade)

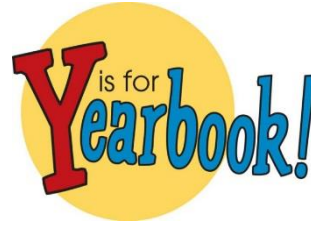
Grandparent's Day (3rd Grade)

Christmas Bazaar

Band & Chorus Concerts

Cinco de Mayo Celebration (5th Grade)

Passion Play



We also need photos from the first day of school, class parties, around the school, and other special events. Please send all your St. Pius photos to Piusyearbook@live.com. If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events, please email Maureen Sanders at Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com. We need lots of photos to fill this year's yearbook and cannot do it without parent help!

SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS SOFTBALL AND SOCCER

SOFTBALL

St. Pius X CYO Softball Clinic

Sunday, October 21st

2:30pm to 4:30pm

Buckingham Park, Bowie MD



Please join us for our complimentary softball clinic this fall! The clinic is open to 2nd through 8th graders and will focus on hitting, running bases, catching, fielding, and pitching.

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 or Coach Jennifer Murphy @ 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/>.

CELEBRATE SPIRIT DAY AT PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH



Stop by Philly Pretzel Factory located at 1153 Maryland Rt. 3 – Crofton Station (next to Giant and Krispy Kreme) on Wednesday, November 7th. Enjoy a fun, delicious treat after school or plan ahead and order a great big party tray or treats for you upcoming football or holiday parties! A portion of the days sales goes directly to our school! These pretzels are delicious! Stop by on November 7th and show your school spirit. Don't forget to mention "SPX Spirit Day" at checkout!

PK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS



Please tell your family and friends about our informal Open House for prospective families on Friday, November 2nd 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 26TH

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 26th 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 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.

CHESS CLUB- FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

Chess Club is coming soon! Chess Club is for 7th and 8th grade students only. Meetings will be held from 3:00-4:15 in classroom 2B.

Registration opened Friday, October 5th at 7pm via Sign Up Genius. [Click here for the link](#). Only 20 students will be able to join- first come, first served. No exceptions will be made.

The meeting dates are as follows (but may be subject to change):



November 2, 9, 30

January 4,11,25

March 8, 29

May 10

December 7, 14

February 8,22

April 5, 12

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 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



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

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

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/>

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR DECEMBER



November lunch orders must be placed by November 12th. Late orders may be placed from the 13th to the 15th 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.

*FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR * APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

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.**

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-1 grade students

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.



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 Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.	
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. Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers.	
Dec. 10	Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools. Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.	
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 and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

CURRENT/UPCOMING VACANCIES ON THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Several seats will be available on the SAB at the end of this school year for qualified school parents/guardians who, if selected, would be able and willing to volunteer substantial time to support our school and the administration.

The reasons that the SAB will entertain so many upcoming vacancies at one time are that either member terms are ending, or the family is “graduating” from SPX School. The entire Board would like to express sincere appreciation and thanks to members John Wasuchno, Kim Roddy, Theresa Cooney, Alisia Ferguson, and Trish Reimer for their years of service to SPX School.

Current Open Seat Available right now:

**One (1) seat—St. Pius Parish

Upcoming Seats that will be available effective June 1, 2019:

***Two (2) seats—**St. Edward’s Parish**, South Bowie

***One (1) seat—**Ascension Parish**, Old Bowie

***One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie (note—there will be two (2) open seats as of June 2019 for SPX Parish if the current open seat is not filled prior to June 2019).

***One (1) **At-Large seat**—This seat has traditionally been held by a non-Catholic parent, although all interested school parents/guardians may apply.

If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that five of the six seats require the applicant to be an active member of that parish. The at-large seat may be filled by either a Catholic OR non-Catholic school parent/guardian. If multiple parents/guardians apply for one seat, the Board reserves the right to schedule interviews of potential qualified candidates.

To request an application/obtain additional information: contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy at karoddy@comcast.net

For general questions/obtain additional information: contact Board President Patricia Reimer at patriciareimer@verizon.net or 301-464-1520.

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 about the Parent Administration Forums, please contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or patriciareimer@verizon.net.

Summary of comments from 10/2/18 Parent Administration Forum (new parents):

**School Safety—Mrs. Schrom takes this issue very seriously and the school has a full emergency plan in place. She discussed the safety plan and security procedures in general. The administration regularly hosts safety drills, and school staff receives up to date training.

**Diversity—Teachers attended diversity training recently, and diversity training will continue in the future. As current faculty leave or retire, she works hard to find the best person for the job. Students and parents will notice diverse materials in the library and classrooms. New teachers are supported at SPX School by both the current administration and other faculty.

**Innovation—parents liked the “flipped classroom” (middle school), science lab, innovative teaching, and cell phone policy.

**Homework—some students need to learn and/or practice time management skills in order to complete homework in a more timely manner. Parents should bring homework concerns to the teacher and administration. Middle school students can use the study hall at recess to complete homework. Students should not stay inside at study hall everyday because they need to socialize too. Many teachers are available at lunchtime to help students if needed.

**High Schools—A parent noted that high schools want SPX students, and the curriculum is rigorous. Mrs. Schrom set up the middle school to prepare students for high school (chromebooks, changing classes with different teachers, etc.).

**Late work—In the middle school, if student work is late, students have until the test to receive partial credit.

**Drop off and Dismissal—Issues were discussed (PK/time confusion, lines at dismissal).

**Aftercare—Parents requested healthy aftercare snacks, not snacks loaded with sugar.

**Parent volunteers—parents have many ways to volunteer at the school (some examples include: library, science lab, front office, open house, playground duty, class parties, bazaar, purse bingo, field trips, field day, etc.). Volunteer opportunities are usually listed in newsnotes. Some of the volunteer opportunities are year long commitments. Parents who volunteer in the classroom must finish the VIRTUS training before they can work with students.

**Our school is a family and we should support each other. When decisions are made, the administration always thinks about what is in the best interest of the student.

**Progress reports and Plus Portals (information/communication with teachers) were discussed.



Ascension Catholic Church
12700 Lanham-Severn Road, Bowie, MD 20715



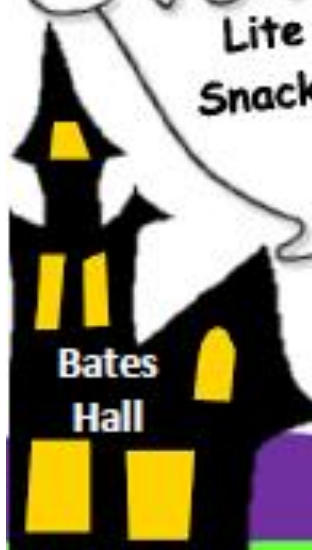
Halloween. SPOOKTACULAR DANCE

for Kids and Teens

Sunday, October 21st
3pm to 6pm



\$5 per person
\$10 family of 4



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For information contact:

Karl Caton, Grand Knight	301-832-0837
Radames Mendoza, Deputy Grand Knight	301-237-8491
Tom Torrell, Past Grand Knight	301-262-8062
William Green, Jr., Warden	301-938-1673
Ascension Office	301-262-2227

FUN DRAISING WITH A TWIST



SAINT PIUS X
Regional School

Spirit Day - November 7th

A percentage of all sales for the entire day goes towards our school. Online or in-store.

Classroom delivery is also available.

1153 Maryland Rt 3 - Crofton Station w/Giant and Krispy Kreme



NO FAT. NO PRESERVATIVES. NO PEANUT ALLERGENS.
FRESH HAND TWISTED, PHILLY STYLE SOFT PRETZELS

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.



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. Details about family VSP requirements can be found on page 26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

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>