



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



September 27, 2018



## PURSE BINGO - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>



Our Home and School Association is hosting the first Purse Bingo of the year on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 10:00pm in Nelson Hall (doors open at 5:30pm). If you are 18 years or older, please join us for a fun filled evening to support our school. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket and includes 20 games, door prizes, Redskin and Ravens Raffles, and jackpots. Prizes include items by Coach, Vera Bradley, Michael Kors, Alex and Ani, and Thirty-One. Food will be available for purchase in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed on Bingo Night. Please call Brian Trice to volunteer 240-882-3170. VSP hours will be awarded.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Thursday, September 27**

- \*Tag Day, refer to pg 20 of the Parent & Student Handbook for Dress Code
- \*Progress Reports issued today
- \*Spanish Club for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- \*Chorus for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- \*Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:00

### **Friday, September 28**

- \*Purse Bingo, 7:00, Nelson Hall
- \*Honors Chorus for registered students, 3:00-4:00

### **Monday, October 1**

- \*Palotti High School visit for 8<sup>th</sup> gr students, 1:00-1:30
- \*Math Club for registered students, 3:00-4:00

### **Tuesday, October 2**

- \*New Parent Coffee, 5:00-6:00, Library
- \*SGA Officers meeting, 11:50-12:34
- \*Art Club for registered students, 11:50-12:34
- \*McNamara High School visit for 8<sup>th</sup> gr students, 1:00-1:30
- \*Band 3:00-4:00

### **Wednesday, October 3**

- \*Chick-Fil-A
- \*Archbishop Carroll High School visit for 8<sup>th</sup> gr students, 1:00-1:30
- \*Chorus for registered students 3:00-4:30

### **Thursday, September 4**

- \*Band, 3:00-4:00
- \*Spanish for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- \*Service Club for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- \*Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:00

### **Friday, September 5**

- \*Whole School Mass, 10:30, Please join us!
- \*Honors Chorus for registered students 3:00-4:00
- \*Cadette Troop, 7:00-8:30

Please check the school calendar for more information:

<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>

## SPANISH CLUB- FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Spanish Club will be offered again this year! It is open to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students only and our first meeting is **Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** in the school library. There is a \$5.00 activity fee associated with this club. Spaces are limited to the first 25 students that sign up. ([See sign up Genius](#) on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>). This club will meet the **second Thursday of each month**.

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

Introducing SPX's first Service Club! This club will participate in service activities such as making Mac n Cheese for Catholic Charities of Baltimore, making sandwiches and so much more. There is a \$10 fee to help cover supplies. Students in grades 6-8 are welcomed to join with a maximum size of 15 students. It will meet the first Thursday of every month and sometimes on the 3rd Thursday. Meetings will take place from 3-4 pm with some extended meetings. Sign up for the club will start at 7 pm on September 27<sup>th</sup>. [Click this link to sign up.](#) We look forward to seeing you there!

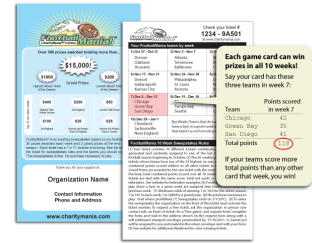
## HELP SPX RECYCLE CRAYONS

Students are encouraged to place their used or broken crayons in the crayon recycling boxes located in the lower grade classrooms. **Don't toss them out, UPCYCLE them instead!** Recycled crayons can be melted down to form brand new products for kids to enjoy. This process is called upcycling. Thanks to students, teachers, parents, and Mrs. Baden in particular, St. Pius collected more than 50 pounds of used crayons last school year.

# FOOTBALL MANIA FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

## UNUSED / EXTRA TICKETS FOR FOOTBALL MANIA

Each family received 5 tickets. While we hope everyone will join in the fun, not every family will. If you have extra or unused tickets, please bring them in to Mrs. Bechtel at the front desk, and likewise, if you have sold your tickets and need extra tickets, please see her as well to get more. Thank you to everyone who has requested extra tickets! If there are no extra paper tickets available, consider etickets as an alternative.



etickets are a great way to sell extra tickets, electronically. Use the link below, and email your friends and family who live out of the area. Post the link to your social media account. The possibilities with selling etickets is endless! Just make sure they put your name in the seller box so you receive proper FSO credit.

<http://www.charitymania.com/give/G8062>

For each \$20 ticket sold, \$10 is applied towards your FSO.

Join in the fun and maybe you could take home some extra cash. Playing Football Mania is as easy as 1....2...3...!

- 1) For the final 10 weeks of the NFL regular season, each ticket is randomly given teams, in which cash prizes are awarded for the most points scored that week. So each ticket gives the ticket holder 10 chances to win!
- 2) We are enrolled in the guaranteed winners program, which means there are guaranteed multiple winners each and every week, based on the tickets sold and activated.
- 3) Return to the school in an envelope, with your child's name, and classroom, # of tickets of sold, amount enclosed (cash, or checks made payable to St. Pius X), and the bottom portion of the ticket, with the buyer's information.

The fundraiser begins with the final 10 weeks of the NFL regular season, which starts on October 28, 2018. **All tickets and payment must be turned into the school no later than Friday, October 19, 2018.** Etickets can be bought till 11:59pm on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

If you have any questions throughout the fundraiser, please email us at [up5728@hotmail.com](mailto:up5728@hotmail.com)

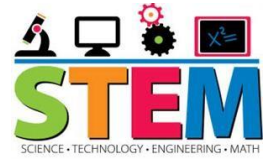
## UNIFORM EXCHANGE



Our Uniform Exchange Closet is open and running with bargains galore! If you need gently used uniforms, please contact Renunda Lee at [leers28@hotmail.com](mailto:leers28@hotmail.com). She is available most weekday afternoons by appointment. You may also contact Mrs. Shirley Williams at 215-510-2916 to set up an appointment. The uniform exchange will gladly take your gently used uniforms, with the exception of blue uniform trousers/shorts (exchanges only for these items). Donated items must be clean and without holes and tears and have the sizes clearly marked. Please make an appointment with either co-chair (Mrs. Lee or Mrs. Williams) to donate your items.

# S.T.E.M. Club- FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

5th Graders are welcomed to join the SPX S.T.E.M. Club with a maximum size of 10 students. It will meet the 3rd Thursday of every month. Meetings will take place from 3-4:30 pm in the Science Lab. Light snacks will be provided. Entry fee will be \$25 to cover cost of supplies. **Sign up for the club will start at 7 pm on September 27th.** [Click this link to sign up.](#)



Dates of Meetings:

Oct. 18, 2018  
Nov. 15, 2018  
Dec. 20, 2018  
Jan. 17, 2019  
Feb. 21, 2019  
March 21, 2019  
April 18, 2019  
May 16, 2019

## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR NOVEMBER



**November lunch orders must be placed by October 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](mailto:support@boonli.com).

## BLANKET ANGELS ARE LOOKING FOR A PARENT CHAIRPERSON

ATTENTION PARENTS OF OUR 6th, 7th & 8th GRADERS! Mrs. Cooper our former Blanket Angel Chairperson is no longer available to coordinate this amazing group of students who make no-sew fleece blankets for area hospitals and is looking for a parent chairperson to lead this club. The group generally meets after school one day per week for about 1 ½ hours in the Art room. Mrs. Cooper would be happy to fill you in about how this group functions and how to get it going. Please contact Mrs. Cooper at [cooperL6886@gmail.com](mailto:cooperL6886@gmail.com) if you can help.



# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR'S SPONSORED PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST- FOR 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

Each year more than 120,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the Veterans of Foreign War's (VFW) **Patriot's Pen** youth essay contest. 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. **The 2018-19 theme is: "Why I Honor the American Flag".** ***The entry deadline is October 31, 2018.***

There are four levels of competition. Contestants begin at the Post (aka local) level. Winners will advance to the regional, then state and finally the national level. Contestants who advance will earn money at each level of competition that they win. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Note, last national year's winner came from the state of Maryland.

If you would like to apply, please contact Senior Vice Commander Megan Bogley, VFW Bowie Memorial Post #8065, Bowie, MD 20715. Her email is [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the entry form.

## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR'S SPONSORED TEACHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

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 classroom elementary (K-5), junior high (6-8) and high school (9-12) teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics — for at least half of the school day in a classroom environment — can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

There are four levels of competition. Winners will be selected at the Post (aka local) level, regional, state and finally the national level. National level 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.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW conference to receive their award.

Submissions will be 350-words or less, describing why you feel your nominee is deserving of the award. Be sure to describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. ***The nomination deadline is October 31, 2018.***

*NOTE: Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Nominations submitted by relatives or self are not eligible.*

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please contact Senior Vice Commander Megan Bogley, VFW Bowie Memorial Post #8065, Bowie, MD 20715. Her email is [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the nomination form.

# SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION CLOSING THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>!!!!

Visit our website at <http://stpiusbowiecyo.com/> and click **SPORTS PILOT** if your student plans to play!

## Fees

14U - \$165 per player

12U - \$165 per player

10U - \$155 per player



## Contacts

Nick Trice, SPX Boys' Basketball Commissioner, [NSTrice@co.pg.md.us](mailto:NSTrice@co.pg.md.us)

Jawara Marierose, SPX Girls' Basketball Commissioner, [jawara@gmail.com](mailto:jawara@gmail.com)

**Special Note:** SPX CYO is run by volunteers. Please consider coaching or assistant coaching a team. Coaching is not only a wonderful opportunity to be part of your child's youth sports experience but a chance to connect with other SPX families and a fun way to earn VSP hours! **This season, we are offering a 50% registration discount to head basketball coaches!** Please contact either of the Commissioners if you have questions regarding registration or are interested in coaching a team.

## FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

### TUITION MUST BE KEPT CURRENT

Tuition and ESP payments must be paid on or before the due date each month. Failure to do so will result in withholding of a student's progress report, report card, academic records, yearbook, etc. If your tuition and/or ESP account becomes overdue by 30 days, your child(ren) may not return to 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.



## SUBMIT REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF PURCHASE

Reimbursement requests for school approved expenses must be submitted within 2 weeks of your purchase. We hope this will help you avoid losing your receipts. You will complete a Reimbursement Request Form (available in the school office) and submit your receipt(s) with the form for final approval. Remember... always get a separate receipt for your specific purchase and do not combine with personal items.

Additionally, we want to set up everyone for direct deposit reimbursements which is very simple for you to do. We just need a voided check from you so that we can enter the bank name, routing number and account number. You will attach the voided check to your first Reimbursement Request Form and sign the bottom of the form. This is by far the quickest and most efficient way to return your money to you as fast as possible.

Question about getting a reimbursement? Contact Mrs. Hungate in the Finance Office at [thungate@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:thungate@stpiusbowie.org) or 301-262-0203 ext. 16.

## SUBMIT Volunteer Service Program (VSP) HOURS WITHIN 2 WEEKS

Volunteer Service Program (VSP) hours must be submitted in Track It Forward within 2 weeks of when you worked your volunteer hours. Read more details about the VSP Program on page 26 of the 2018-2019 Parent and Student Handbook. It is our hope that this deadline will help you remember to submit all of your hours and get them approved by the committee chairperson quickly so you do not forget to do it and then are billed for unworked hours at the end of the year. Please create your Track it Forward account now if you have not done so already! <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school>

## AFTER-SCHOOL SPANISH CLASSES starting date – Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

Hurry! It's not too late. Yes, you can still get that registration form in!

Mrs. Estrada will be offering after-school Spanish classes for children at St. Pius X. She is excited to announce the continuation of this program for currently enrolled kindergarten students.

The purpose of this after school enrichment program is to introduce the students to Spanish in a fun way. The students learn bilingual and Spanish songs, play interactive games using the target language, hear bilingual stories, watch short Spanish or bilingual video clips, and do carefully designed worksheets to support the themes being taught.

When does it meet? The class meets on Thursdays in SG1 – Mrs. Liberati's classroom from 3:00 – 3:45 pm.

How do I register my child? The registration forms were sent home last week in the Thursday envelope to all students in Kindergarten students. Additional forms can be found at the front desk with Mrs. Bechtel. Students should **register by Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** by sending in the registration form, along with the first semester payment, to their child's homeroom teacher. Mark the envelope "After-School Spanish."

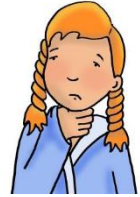


# HEALTH ROOM NEWS

Strep throat Season is upon us.

One or more students at our school have been diagnosed with strep throat. Please take these precautions:

1. Watch your child for signs of sore throat and other signs of strep (headache, fever > 100.4, stomach ache, rash, swollen and tender neck glands).
2. If your child develops a sore throat and any of these signs, please see your healthcare provider, tell him or her that another child in the school has strep, and ask to have your child tested for strep throat.
3. Tell us if your child has been diagnosed with strep infection. Information about strep throat: What is it? Strep throat is an infection caused by streptococcus bacteria. People with strep throat usually have a very red, painful throat, often with fever, and sometimes with headache, abdominal pain, and nausea and/or vomiting. Most sore throats, however, are caused by viruses and are not treated with antibiotics.



**Why is it important that your child receive treatment?** There are two main reasons:

1. Treatment reduces spread. If not treated or not treated long enough, your child may continue to spread the infection to other members of your family or to other children.
2. Treatment with antibiotics can usually prevent rheumatic fever or other rare, but possible dangerous complications. Rarely, some children with strep throat can develop complications like blood infections or rheumatic fever, which can damage the heart or joints.

**When can your child come back to school?**

Children with strep infections may return to school after taking medicine for at least 24 hours and their fever is gone.



**How do you stop the spread of strep throat?**

1. Thoroughly wash your hands and your child's hands after wiping noses and before eating or preparing food.
2. Wash dishes carefully in hot, soapy water or in a dishwasher
3. Do not allow the sharing of food or allow children to share cups, spoons, or toys that are put in the mouth.

Thank you for assistance in keeping our school healthy.

Nurse Meghan Benson RN BSN CPN

## 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>

# ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

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



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## 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.	



# CHICK-FIL-A HOT LUNCH ONLINE ORDERING



All Chick-fil-A orders will be accepted online only. Please find instructions below. You will NOT receive future paper reminders. Reminders will be in the News Notes. **You may order for the entire year now to ensure you don't miss the ordering deadline.** Here is the following listing of Chick-fil-A dates and online ordering due dates:

ORDERS DUE:	CHICK-FIL-A LUNCH:
Friday, September 28, 2018	Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Friday, November 2, 2018	Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Friday, January 4, 2019	Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Friday, February 1, 2019	Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Friday, March 29, 2019	Wednesday, April 3, 2019
Friday, April 26, 2019	Wednesday, May 1, 2019

## CFA

- You can log in to order by going to the SPX website and follow the link for Chick-fil-A or by directly logging into <http://stpiusxschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net>
- If you have not previously created an account (prior year accounts are still active), you will need to create an account. You can place multiple children on one account. **Be sure to place your child in the correct 2018-2019 homeroom classroom (especially if you are using an account from last year) so that their lunch will get delivered to them at the correct time! Please review the Classroom for each Student. Once you are sure the settings are correct, click on the Approve My Settings button.**
- Click on the "ORDER" tab from the home page. A calendar will appear and you will then choose entrees and add-ons for each child for each month/day you are placing an order. You can make changes to your order up through the deadline for that Chick-fil-A's lunch.
- When making selections, please be sure you add condiments, sauces and dressings.
- Once your order is complete for child and/or children you can click the REVIEW CART button on the bottom right corner of the calendar.
- The next screen you will be able to review your order and make changes as necessary. Once all changes have been made and your order is correct, please click on PAY NOW.
- You will be directed to the Authorize.net site to complete your payment. You must set up a payment profile which will be saved for use on future purchases. Once your payment is received and processed, you will receive an email confirmation noting receipt of your paid order. **If you do not receive an email confirmation, your order was not completed.**
- If you have any questions, please e-mail [spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com](mailto:spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com).

## EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (ESP) DROP IN AFTERCARE

ESP is happy to announce that they will open a drop-in room for students who need occasional aftercare.

Please note the following:

1. Space is limited to the first 15 respondents who sign up on the [Drop In After Care sign Up Genius](#), or by noon of the day needed. No exceptions. No walk-ins. Sign up is by individual student, not family.
  2. Students who are signed up for the drop-in room come to the room at dismissal to sign in and then they can go to any after school activity. No students will be permitted to sign in after 3PM.
  3. Drop-in aftercare students in grades 1-8 will be assigned to the mixed grade level drop in room, not a regular aftercare room. Pre-K and K students will go to the Pre-K and K room.
  4. Drop-in students will follow the regular aftercare schedule: recess, snack, homework, etc. Snacks and milk are provided.
  5. For calendaring purposes: the drop-in room will be open when regular aftercare is open and closed when regular aftercare is closed. Those dates are posted on the school calendar.
  6. The fee is \$20/day for use any time between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00pm. The fee for 1/2 Friday is \$35/day for use any time between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00pm. Late fees will apply after 6:00pm. You will be billed through your TADS school account. Drop-in receipts are available upon request.
  7. No medication will be dispensed to drop-in students.
  8. If you use the drop-in more than 2 days a week, you will find it more cost effective to enroll in the regular aftercare program.
  9. This is only an afterschool drop-in program (no before care drop-in offered).
- Interested families should complete the [ESP drop in registration form](#) found on the school website. Email Mrs. Fay for a copy. Sign up daily via the [Drop In After Care Sign Up Genius](#).



## \*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.**