



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



April 11, 2019

H&S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER- March 12- April 29)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 11

- *Tag Day
- *3rd-5th gr Field Day
- *3:00-3:45pm, Kindergarten Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, art
- *3:00-4:00pm, Spanish Club, library
- *3:00-4:30pm, 5th-8th gr Variety Show Try Outs
- *6:00-8:30pm, Scouts Balt. Zoo Presentation

Friday, April 12

- *Cherry Blossom Parade Rehearsal with Mrs. Farina
- *10:30am, Whole School Mass
- *3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- *3:00-4:00pm, 2nd & 3rd gr Book Club, library
- *3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- *5:30-6:30pm, GS Troop 2997, Art
- *7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386, Art

Monday, April 15

- *10:00am, Passion Play performance, church
- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders

Tuesday, April 16

- *No Demerit Tag Day for 3rd quarter for specific 5th-8th gr students
- *11:50-12:34pm, SGA Officer's meeting, SSC
- *1:45pm, 1st gr Egg Hunt
- *3:00-4:00pm, Yearbook Club, Lab
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall
- *5:30-6:30pm, Den 5 meeting, 2B

Wednesday, April 17

- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Academic Club, Math
- *3:00-4:30pm, Chorus, hall

Thursday, April 18

- *Early Dismissal Day- NO ESP, 1:00pm for grades K-8, 12:30pm for PK
- *PK Egg Hunt
- *3:00-4:30pm, STEM Club, lab

Friday, April 19- Sunday, April 28

- *NO SCHOOL-SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 29

- *Students return from Spring Break
- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Math Club, Art
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders

Tuesday, April 30

- *11:50-12:34pm, SGA General meeting, Science
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall
- *5:30-7:00pm, Den I Bears meeting, 1B



HSA is sponsoring the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. This fundraiser has begun and ends April 29, 2019. Each family should have received one box of chocolate to sell. This fundraiser goes towards your Fundraising Support Obligation (FSO). The cost of **One box** of chocolate is \$60. Selling one box earns your family \$30 towards your FSO, which is 50% of the cost of one box of chocolate. You may request additional boxes to sell by sending an email to HSA President Faith Proctor faithproctor@yahoo.com or Mrs. Patty Bechtel pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org. If you are unable to sell your box of chocolates, please return the **unopened** box of chocolates to the front office by **March 21, 2019**. The HSA will **not** accept any **unopened boxes** of chocolates after **March 21, 2019** and you will be charged for the box of chocolates through TADS. The HSA will **not** accept any partially sold or opened boxes of chocolates. Once the box is opened you are responsible for full payment of the opened box of chocolate. Checks should be made payable to St. Pius X Regional School.

BOOST APPLICATION OPEN!



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BOOST Program Application for 2019-2020 opened. Information on the application requirements, including the link to the application system - in English and Spanish - is available on the BOOST Program website - <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>. The BOOST Application is only open until midnight, April 17, 2019 so both renewal and new applicants have just over five weeks to apply!

Income guidelines are available here: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Documents/boost/20192020/IEG2018-19.pdf>

ORDER YOUR FUN DAY T-SHIRTS NOW!



Order your Fun Day T-shirt now! Fun Day is coming up in May- you don't want to be left out! Order your T-shirt here: <https://poppyseed-design-co.square.site/product/saint-pius-x-2019-fun-day-shirts/9>

Orders must be placed no later than April 22nd. No late orders accepted!

Fun day tag day TBA!

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

STRATEGIC PLANNING—MAY 13, 2019 HSA MEETING (note date change)

Ms. Kelly Branaman (Associate Superintendent for School Operations and Strategic Planning, Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office) will speak at the May 13, 2019 HSA meeting at 7 pm in Nelson Hall (please note the date change for the HSA meeting). Associate Sup't Branaman will provide an introduction to the strategic planning process. **The May HSA meeting will provide the first opportunity for current school parents to provide input to be considered as part of a future strategic plan.**

The administration will develop a multi-year strategic plan for our school over the next 18 months; input will be gathered from staff, teachers, school parents, Pastors, Home School Association members, School Advisory Board members, and other key stakeholders in our school and local community. The strategic plan will be based upon the four pillars of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Washington: Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Enrollment, and Governance. We look forward to seeing you in May!

UPDATE: SAB AT-LARGE SEAT

The School Advisory Board would like to welcome Mrs. Neisha Blagrove to the Board. Mrs. Blagrove will fill the at-large board seat vacancy; she is the mother of a kindergarten student.

Thank you to everyone who either applied or expressed interest in the at-large SAB seat. We sincerely appreciate your interest in the School Advisory Board and hope that you continue to remain involved in our school community.

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.

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

***One (1) seat—**St. Edward's Parish**, South Bowie

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

***One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie



If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that the remaining seats require the applicant to be an active member of that parish. If multiple parents/guardians apply for one seat, the Board reserves the right to schedule interviews of potential qualified candidates.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy for an application. We are reviewing applications on a rolling basis, so if you would like to apply, please do so promptly.

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

SCHOOL TUITION AID PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF REGIONAL PARISHES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID APRIL 17 DEADLINE*



The pastors of the four regional parishes of St. Pius X Regional School are pleased for the sixth year to open applications for tuition aid for the 2019-2020 school year. Application to the **School Tuition Aid Program** is open to all member of Ascension Parish, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Pius X Parish, and St. Edward the Confessor Parish who have children attending St. Pius X Regional School.

Please note that you must have previously completed the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application on TADS to apply for the School Tuition Aid Program. If you did not complete the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application by the advertised deadline (December 1, 2018 for current families and February 4, 2019 for new families), you will not be eligible for this tuition assistance.

Click here to download the [School Tuition Aid Program Application](#) or you may go to the school website and download a copy. Hard copies are also available in the school office.

Applications must be scanned and emailed to Therese Hungate at thungate@stpiusbowie.org by **noon on Wednesday, April 17**. If necessary, you may submit a hard copy to the school office.

HSA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 20TH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, MAY 13TH!

VARIETY SHOW!



VARIETY SHOW – SAVE THE DATES!

The Variety Show is coming soon! Auditions for students in grades 5-8 will be held on **Thursday, April 11th**. Auditions will be from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Nelson Hall. The Dress Rehearsal will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall. In-school performances will be held on **Thursday, May 9th**. An evening performance will be held on **Thursday, May 9th**, at 7:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall. **Please save these dates!**

NEW

VARIETY SHOW – You *MUST* have [Signed Permission Slip](#)

Permission slips are included below in the News Notes AND were sent home with students in grades 1-8 last week. Please read that information clearly. Everyone who wishes to audition **MUST have their signed permission slip with them on the day they audition.**

CALLING ALL CYO PLAYERS!

Softball: The season has begun! Check www.adw.org for game times and locations.

Track & Field: The schedule and results can be found at www.adw.org.



Soccer: Registration for 2019 Fall Soccer will be opening soon. Be on the lookout for an announcement in the coming weeks!

Sweatshirts: Order your CYO sweatshirts for those chilly mornings or cool nights! Youth sizes \$20 and adult sizes \$25. Click here [Sweatshirts](#) to download the order form.

UNFULFILLED VSP HOURS WILL BE BILLED



Parents are encouraged to check their VSP balances to make sure their 20- hour commitment (10-hour commitment for single parent household) will be fulfilled by the end of the school year. **You will be charged \$25 per hour for each hour that is unfulfilled, so don't get caught short.** Every hour you serve must be logged on our online volunteer hour tracking system called, Track It Forward. **Every** SPX school family should have a Track-it-Forward account including room parents, CYO coaches, H.S.A. committee chairs and board members. If you have not started your VSP hours, here is the process to get started. **Every volunteer must register online using this website:** <http://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>. After creating an account, volunteers will login and hours will then be submitted online, stating the date, hours, activity, and chairperson. Please be sure to include your name when logging your volunteer hours. Volunteer hours will then be approved electronically by the chairperson.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH'S 4 SPACES UNLESS YOU ARE GOING TO THE RECTORY

Parents, the rectory has asked us to remind you that the four parking spaces near the school's middle school entrance are ONLY for St Pius Church rectory use. We are not allowed to use those spaces for any school activity/visit/pick up, etc.



LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR MAY



MAY lunch orders must be placed by April 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.

CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION

Our last Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, May 1st.



STEMerge All-Girl Overnight Summer Camps at UMD

Those of you who attended the HSA meeting on Monday, March 18th heard Lily Granzow, SPX grad and current University of Maryland Chemical Engineering student, talk about STEMerge Camps: a new career-oriented STEM summer camp for girls at the University of Maryland. The camps focus on instilling confidence by providing a supportive community, having fun with resources available on the University of Maryland campus, and gaining a unique experience through company field trips and activities! This is an awesome, unique camp that you won't find anywhere else. The first camp launches Summer 2020. Learn more on the website: www.stemergecamps.com and show your interest!



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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER FOR 6TH GRADE, NASA'S DR. SARAH JONES



Students in 6A and 6B enjoyed a private science lesson with NASA's Dr. Sarah Jones who spoke about space weather and Part II of a new satellite mission called ICON which is scheduled to launch this summer.

ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

THE SHIRLEY CRESSY SCHOLARSHIP

The Shirley Cressy Scholarship will be offered each year in honor of her devotion to excellence in Catholic education. The one-time \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 8th grade student who will be attending a Catholic high school next year. The recipient must represent the ideals of Catholic education, have achieved academic success, and have demonstrated service to the school and community.

Criteria



Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- "B" average or better during the 8th grade
- Be an active participant in the church community
- Obtain a "Letter of Recommendation" (form enclosed with application- not a teacher)

In addition, each student must submit a composition on the following theme.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE

Why I give service to my Church and/or community?

How the service I do makes a difference.

Services I plan do in the future.

Compositions should not exceed 250 words. They must be typed, double-spaced.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted to Mrs. Schrom by Thursday, May 9, 2019. The winner will be announced, and a \$500 check will be presented to that student at the 8th grade Awards Ceremony.

The judges' decision is final.

Questions

All questions should be directed to Mrs. Schrom 301-262-0203.

Please see Mrs. Schrom for an application.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

Parents of 8th grade students with no other children at St Pius X Regional School must complete their required hours by May 24th. 20 hours are required from a 2-parent household and 10 hours are required from a household with a single parent. You will be billed \$25 per hour for any unfulfilled hours. Diplomas, school report cards and records will be withheld for unfulfilled/unpaid VSP hours as well as unpaid financial obligations.

As we begin 4th quarter, activities for 8th graders will increase: High School t-shirt/sweatshirt day, graduation picture day, their last field day, to name a few. To make sure you are aware of all the events, the details are listed below.

Date	Event
May 9	High School T-shirt/Sweatshirt Day Students should wear their high school shirt with their uniform.
May 3	Field Day Volunteer to be a part of your child's last field day at St. Pius.
May 22	8th Grade Graduation Dance In the hall at 7:00-10:00
May 23	Late arrival for 8th grade Students should come to school at 10AM.
May 24	Hershey Park 6:30a.m- 6:30 p.m.
May 28	8th Grade Breakfast 9AM
	8th Grade Awards Assembly 10AM
May 29	8th Grade Parade 8AM Students must be in a vehicle driven by a parent. Decorations must be in keeping with St. Pius standards. More details will be sent home prior to the parade.
	Graduation Practice 10 -11:30 Students will be released after practice. All students must be picked up in front of the Church by a parent. No students will be permitted to walk or leave school grounds unaccompanied by a parent.
	Graduation 7PM Students only should report to the Hall by 6:30. No parents will be permitted in the Hall. Parents will enter the Church through the front door.

We hope this helps you plan for all activities. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Days for students in PK, K, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be this spring between April 5th and May 10th. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FIELD DAY DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Grades 6-8	Friday, May 3	9:00 to 11:45am
Grades PK, K, 1 and 2	Friday, May 10	9:00 to 11:00am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We rely on parent volunteers for the success of these fun-filled days for our students. THIS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADW'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY (VIRTUS). PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET COMPLIANT. VSP hours can also be earned. Please plan to be available from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm. If you are interested in helping with these Field Days, please send a note or an email to Mrs. Sikorsky at msikorsky@stpiusbowie.org



FUNDRAISING SUPPORT GUIDELINES

FSO has been set at **\$125 per family** for the SY 18-19.

The below fundraisers go towards the Fundraising Support Obligation (FSO) for the 2018/2019 School year:

Football Mania each ticket was \$20, you earned \$10 for each ticket sold.

World's Finest Chocolate The cost of One box of chocolate is \$60. Selling one box earns your family \$30 towards your FSO, which is 50% of the cost of one box of chocolate. (SOLD UNTIL APRIL 29TH!)

Challenge 4 Kids is still going on. It is the online donation site, where family and friends can receive an email and donate online. 50% of your donations count toward your FSO.

If you have not met your FSO by participating in these fundraisers, you can send in a check to pay for your FSO. Clearly Marked "FSO Obligation."

If you have any questions, please contact Faith Proctor, HSA President at faithproctor@yahoo.com or call 202-438-5711.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Attention: PRE-K Parents and 6th Grade parents

Vaccine Requirements 2019-2020 School Year Updates: Please check your students immunization record and make sure it is up to date and the School Nurse has an updated copy.

**** Students **entering 7th grade** must have a **TDAP** and **MCV** vaccine prior to the start of the new school year. First day of school is **08/27/2019**. Please if your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email.

We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the first day of school.

**** Students entering **Kindergarten** must have 2 documented doses of **MMR** and **Varicella** prior to the first day of school. If your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email.

We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the **first day of school, 8/27/2019**.

Please contact the School Nurse if you have any questions.

Meghan Benson RN BSN CPN
mbenson@stpiusbowie.org
301-262-0203



SAVE THE DATES

April 11 – Tag Day & Field Day for grs 3-5

April 12 – Whole School Mass at 10:30 am. Please join us!

April 14 & 15 – Passion Play Performances. Please join us!

April 16 – No Demerit Tag Day for 3rd Quarter for Students in 5th-8th grades

April 18 – Holy Thursday, 12:30 pm dismissal for PK, 1:00 pm dismissal for K-8, No ESP

April 19-28 – No School Spring Break Vacation

May 8 – Carousel Uniform in Library

May 18 – Fun day

May 27 – No School Memorial Day

August 27 – First Day of 2019-2020 School Year

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>



SPX Variety Show

Information and Permission Slip

Students in ESP must report to ESP before coming to the Hall and return to ESP after auditions unless other arrangements are made with ESP.

- Grades 1-4 audition on **Thursday, April 4th** in Nelson Hall. **All students in grades 1-4 should report to Nelson Hall at 3:00 p.m. to check-in.** Students in **grades 1 and 2** will audition from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. and should be picked up by parents at 3:30 p.m. Students in **grades 3 and 4** will audition from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. and should be picked up by parents at 4:30 p.m. Pick up at the rear of the school by Nelson Hall.
- Grades 5-8 audition on **Thursday, April 11th** in Nelson Hall. **All students in grades 5-8 should report to Nelson Hall at 3:00 p.m. to check-in.** Students in **grades 5 and 6** will audition from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. and should be picked up by parents at 4:00 p.m. Students in **grades 7 and 8** will audition from 3:45 to 4:30 and should be picked up by parents at 4:30 p.m. Pick up at the rear of the school by Nelson Hall.
- If performing groups have grade overlap, choose either day.
- Acts are limited to 2 minutes. If longer, you may have to cut songs, etc.
- **No Lip-Sync performances.**
- Bring a tape or CD to the audition. Have it cued and ready to go. Have the tape or CD labeled with student's name, homeroom, and name of act. (This will not be returned until after the final show.)
- **Please bring a copy of song lyrics with you. If songs are deemed inappropriate in any way, we will ask you to choose something different or withdraw the song from the show.**
- You may bring a costume on audition day, but it is not necessary.
- It is your responsibility to practice and polish up the number. There is only one rehearsal scheduled for **Thursday, May 2nd** from 3:00 to 5:00 in Nelson Hall.
- **As you prepare costumes and routines, please remember you are representing St. Pius X Regional School. All costumes should reflect our standards. Costumes should be age appropriate. Please --- no midriffs, etc.**
- During the audition and rehearsal, students are expected to behave appropriately, or they will be dismissed and not allowed to perform.

- **School performances: Thursday, May 9, 2019**
- **Evening performance: Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Nelson Hall**

Thank you, Variety Show Coordinators: Mrs. McDonnell Ms. Erin Feronti

✂ Keep the top for your information. ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ ✂ Please return just the bottom portion. ✂

PARENTS: Please sign below to acknowledge you have received this information.

★ **Have your child bring the signed slip to the Thursday (April 4th) or Thursday (April 11th) audition.** ★

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

ESP student

Name of child (please print): _____ Homeroom: _____ yes no

The student will NOT be permitted to the audition without the signed permission slip.

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St. Pius X SUMMER CAMP 2019

Session 1 - July 8 - 12

Session 2 - July 15 - 19

Session 3 - July 22 - 26

9am to 3pm

(Extended Day option available: 8:00am drop-off, 5:00pm pick-up)

Eligible students: SPX students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade

Cost: \$185.00 per child per week

(additional charge for extended day option:

Before care \$25 per week and After Care \$50 per week)

Activities include COOKING, DRAMA, GAMES, COMPUTERS,
ARTS, CRAFTS AND MORE!

[Click here to download the registration forms from our school website](#)

Registration deadline: May 17, 2019

Any registrations received after this time may not receive a Camp t-shirt.

Please return completed Application, Emergency Forms, and procedures forms to school.

All billing will go directly through your TADS account

All fees must be paid in full by June 7, 2019.

Please do not send payments to school.

Please contact Leigh Hampton for more information at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org