



ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

February 8, 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, February 9

- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Percussion Band, SLAM Room
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, 2nd and 3rd grade Book Club, Library

Monday, February 12

- *3:00 to 3:45pm, After School Spanish for K in SG1
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play practice
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Striders Running Club

Tuesday, February 13

- *9:00 to 11:00am, 4th grade breakfast Hall
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice
- *7:00 to 8:00pm, 8th grade dance meeting, Library

Wednesday, February 14

- *Ash Wednesday
- *Pizza and Bake Sale
- *10:30am, Whole School Mass, in Church
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice

Thursday, February 15

- *TAG Day
- *9:00am, 2A-Play performance, in the hall
- *10:00am, 2B Play Performance, hall
- *3:00 to 4:15pm, Chess Club, Library
- *3:00 to 4:00pm, Art Club, Art Room

Friday, February 16

- *12:30 P.M. Dismissal for Pre-K
- *1:00 P.M. Dismissal for K-8
- *7:00pm, Paint Night, hall

Monday, February 19

- *No School, President's Day

Tuesday, February 20

- *PreK-K Port Discovery field trip
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Club Life 101 Library
- *3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice

WARM NIGHTS OUTREACH PROGRAM AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH

Our students will again be assisting the St. Pius X Church Warm Nights program, February 18th through February 25th. Each grade is asked to donate specific items from the list below by Wednesday February 14th.



MONETARY DONATIONS WILL ALSO BE

ACCEPTED. Please send any money into school in an envelope marked with Warm Nights.

- Pre-K and Kindergarten - individual snack packages of crackers, nuts, dried fruits or raisins, pop tarts
- 1st Grade - individual instant oatmeal packages for microwave, granola bars, pop tarts
- 2nd Grade - small individual boxes of cereal (variety packs)
- 3rd Grade - Jell-O, pudding, or fruit cups, granola bars, individual nut or cookie packs
- 4th Grade - cup of soup, individual microwave containers of soup/noodles, chili or pasta
- 5th Grade - mini bottles of water, Gatorade, hot chocolate packets
- 6th Grade - bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, Kleenex (Travel size)
- 7th Grade - toothbrush, floss, toothpaste, Kleenex (Travel size)
- 8th Grade - Band-Aids, Chapstick, deodorant, hand cream (Travel size)

We are also collecting socks and NEW adult size underwear, both regular and thermal (especially men's). Thank you for your wonderful generosity each year!

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR - DUE NOW



Registration (re-enrollment) for the 2018-2019 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** has started. Information on how to register current students was sent via email from TADS. Please contact Mrs. Hungate in the Finance Office if you have not received an email from TADS. Re-enrollment privileges are only being offered to families whose tuition accounts are current. Here is the link for the [2018-2019 TUITION RATES LETTER](#) from Mrs. Schrom.

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** started on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 5:00pm. Complete information is posted on our website under the admissions tab. **If you have new siblings applying, please do not wait to register. Some grades will have waiting lists.**

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR MARCH



March lunch orders must be placed by February 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 next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, March 7th.

The last day to order January Chick-fil-a is Friday, March 2nd.



2018 GALA NEWS



SAVE THE DATE: The GALA will take place in Nelson Hall on the evening of **SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**. Please save the date, and watch News Notes for more information. This year, the theme will be the Kentucky Derby (in a nod to local Bowie horse racing history—Belair Stables/Mansion, Bowie Race Track, etc.). You don't want to miss this fun night out (adults only). We look forward to seeing you there!

GALA PLANNING MEETINGS - Upcoming GALA committee meetings are outlined below. All meetings start at 7:00pm in the school library unless otherwise noted. Committee members with specific assignments should come prepared. All are invited to attend the meetings to help plan this exciting event. Questions? Contact Mrs. Schrom at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org.

Thursday 2/22/18, 7:00pm school library

Tuesday 3/6/18, 7:00pm school library

Thursday 3/22/18, 7:00pm school library

Tuesday 4/10/18, 7:00pm school library

Saturday 4/21/18, 10 am to 2 pm, SPX School faculty lounge—GALA basket prep day

Tuesday 4/24/18, 7:00pm school library

GALA TICKETS: Gala tickets will cost \$75.00 per person. One half of the purchase price of each GALA ticket will be applied towards your FSO (fundraising support obligation). Tickets will go on sale on or about Wednesday, **February 28, 2018**.

Parents will be able to purchase tickets using cash, check, or (hopefully) PayPal either online or via a ticket order form that will be sent home in the near future. This year, parishioners from our four supporting parishes (Ascension, St. Pius X, Sacred Heart, and St. Edward's) will have an opportunity to purchase tickets to the GALA. Seating will be limited, so please buy your tickets early! Watch this space for more information.



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE GALA: If you (or your family, your workplace or local business) have any items of value to donate to our GALA (baskets/silent auction, live auction), please email Mrs. Beryl Prescott. She may be reached at bkj25@hotmail.com. Examples include gift card donations, business service donations, usage of vacation rentals to be auctioned, etc. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!



PAINT NIGHT - FEBRUARY 16th

Please join us in Nelson Hall on **Friday, February 16th** for our adult **PAINT NIGHT** (originally scheduled for January 19th). Doors open at 6:30pm and the fun will start at 7:00pm. We hope you and your friends will be able to join us for this great night out away from the kids. Bring some snacks, drinks, and have fun. Space is limited, so you must register on the [Sign-Up Genius](#). The cost is \$25 per person and can be sent into the office. If you have any question please contact Angie Trice at angtrice@verizon.net.



www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944A4A82AA1FE3-paint

CHILDREN'S BINGO



The St. Pius X Ladies Sodality is hosting Children's Bingo on Saturday, February 17th in Nelson Hall. This bingo is for children ages 4-13 and the \$5.00 admission fee includes a hot dog, a snack and a drink. The doors will open at 11:30am and the first game will be at 12noon. If you need more information, please call Donna at 302-512-1845 or Sally at 301-655-5329.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

PARENT ADMINISTRATION FORUMS: Thank you to the 2nd and 3rd grade parents who attended this week's Parent Form. We will have a summary of the evening in next week's News Notes.

Next Parent Administration Forums:
Tuesday 3/6/18, 5-6 pm—Library—parents in grades 4 and 5

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or patriciareimer@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you at a future Parent/Administration Forum!



CHESS CLUB VOLUNTEER NEEDED



The Chess Club will be starting up again in February but needs another adult volunteer to help. You do not need to know how to play chess. If you are available for one or more sessions, please contact Heidi Golding at goldingh@gmail.com as soon as possible. Our sessions will be on: February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, May 3rd, and May 17th. Thanks!

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Email: office@stpiusbowie.org

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**News Notes submissions
must be emailed to
imacdonald@stpiusbowie.org by
noon Monday to be
published on Thursday**

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://www.stedwardbowie.org>

NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS GOLDEN APPLE AWARD

On May 10, 2018, the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will host the 10th annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten teachers will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.



The Golden Apple Award is the creation of the Donahue Family Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue are parents of 13 children, all of whom were educated in Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education for their children, the Foundation has established this award in four dioceses around the country.

You are encouraged to recognize a teacher who has provided your student (s) an excellent education rooted in gospel values and the teaching mission of the church.

Teachers, parents and students are invited to nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award and submit a nomination form to our principal, Janet Schrom, by February 16, 2018. Please click here to download the [Nomination Form](#). It is also posted on our school website in Forms under the Parent tab. Please click here for [Eligibility Requirements](#).

A selection committee, made up of former Golden Apple winners, administrators, board members and parents, will then evaluate the entries and chose 10 winners with the approval of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools and the archdiocesan Secretary for Education. No one on the selection committee will be from a school that has a nominee. A dinner in honor of the winners will be held in Washington DC on May 10, 2018, where His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl will present each of the 10 teachers a Golden Apple, a Certificate of Achievement, and a check for \$5,000.

St. Pius X has had several Golden Apple Winners. Our most recent winner was Mr. Mark Hammett who won the award 2 years ago. Our other winner was Mrs. Leigh Hampton, who won the award in 2009. Congratulations to both of you for jobs well done.

Please submit your completed nomination to Principal Janet Schrom by Friday, February 16th.

FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS - UPDATES

NEW

YEARBOOK GRADUATION ADS FOR 8TH GRADERS



Send a special message to your 8th grade graduate by placing an ad in this year's yearbook. Express your pride in his/her accomplishments at St. Pius X, congratulate a job well done, or share words of wisdom to take along on their journey to high school. Give a memory that will be treasured forever! Ads should roughly be 35 words total and emailed to Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com with "Yearbook Ad Submission" in the subject line with student's last name. Example - "Yearbook Ad Submission - Sanders". Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837. The cost per ad is \$20, cash or checks payable to SPX and can be sent to school in an envelope marked , "Attention Maureen Sanders/Yearbook Ad".

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2018 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. Students may find an application packet on the website after January 25, 2018, <http://www.ljfsf.org/>, which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay. Submissions can be made **only online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than March 31, 2018.** Winners will be announced the first week of May 2018.

PLEASE SEE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS.

YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS

Have you taken photos during class parties, field trips, around the school, in the pickup line, on the playground, labs? The Yearbook needs your help! Send your photos to piusyearbook@live.com. Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837.



JOIN THE H.S.A. BOARD

Are you looking for a new and exciting way to share your ideas, support our school, and earn VSP hours? Then consider joining the Home School Association (HSA) Board. The HSA Board is seeking to fill two (2) positions on it's School Board. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Jackie Rickers, HSA President, at jmaymaster@hotmail.com.



CYO UPDATES



Baseball, Softball and T-ball registration is now open! Click here for [T-Ball Registration](#) or here for [Baseball and Softball Registration](#) or visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com/baseballsoftball/ and click on SportsPilot to register your child or volunteer to coach.

Coaching is a great way to spend more time with your children, meet other SPX CYO families and earn VSP hours!



Basketball season is in full swing! Check out the schedules and scores at www.adw.org/basketball/!

Remember – If your team will be playing basketball this weekend, wear your jersey over your uniform to school tomorrow – Friday – to show your team spirit!

SAVE THE DATES

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 14 - Pizza Day

February 15 - 2nd grade performances

February 15 - Tag Day

February 16 - Adult Paint Night

February 16 - Early dismissal Friday

February 19 - No school - President's Day

February 20 - PK and K Field Trip

February 21 - ADHD Parent Support Group Meeting

February 22 - Progress Reports Sent Home

February 26 - March 2 - Scholastic Book Fair

February 27 - Session #2 of Catholic 101

August 29 - 1st day of school for the 2018-2019 school year



DROP IN AFTER CARE

Please use this link to register for [DROP -IN AFTERCARE](#).

EMERGENCY CLOSING/ DELAYED OPENING

WINTER IS HERE!

In case of an emergency or severe weather, we will follow the decision of the Prince George's County Public Schools. However, if Prince George's County Public Schools begin late (whether one or two hours) on a scheduled half-day, St. Pius will NOT dismiss at 1:00 P.M., but at 3:00 P.M. Whenever school closes early, all after-school activities and meetings are cancelled. ESP (after care program) will operate on a modified schedule. For example, if school closes two hours early due to severe weather or other emergency, ESP will close two hours earlier than the normal time of 6:00 P.M.

Please listen to television and radio reports for all school closings or late openings. We recommend that you check www.wtopnews.com, if possible, during inclement weather since WTOP's website typically has the most complete list of closing information. You may listen to WTOP on the radio at 103.5 FM. Also, you may check School Announcements on our website. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. If school closes early for any reason, please wait until the announced dismissal time to pick up your children. It is very disruptive to the teacher and other students when numerous children are being called from the classrooms for early dismissals.

CELL PHONE ALERTS FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

1. SMS TEXT MESSAGING FROM SPX: Take advantage of the St. Pius X School SMS text messaging service. To participate and receive alerts on your cell, just text Y, Yes, or OPTIN to **67587**. With this service, you will receive text messages notifying you of inclement weather, safety alerts, or other important information impacting our school. You can opt-out from alerts at any time - just reply with STOP to any message, or HELP if you need assistance. Your privacy is important - your information will not be sold or provided to third parties. Message and/or data rates may apply.

**FASTEST WAY TO FIND
OUT IF SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

2. There is a service allowing you to receive emergency notifications directly on your cell phone anytime an alert is posted by the public school system. **This is for the county public schools, but we do follow the decision of Prince George's County Public Schools in case of an emergency or severe weather.** You may sign up at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/PGCPS/subscriber/new> There is a cost to receive text message alerts, but email notifications are **FREE**. This is a very convenient and reliable way for you to receive emergency alerts and you won't need to call the school to check if we are closing.

The telephone broadcast system that we use at St. Pius X Regional School enables us to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. **NOTE: Because we follow the decision of the Prince George's County Public Schools in the event of inclement weather, we do NOT use this service to announce such events when PGCPS system is in session.** The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders. When used, the service will simultaneously call all phone numbers in our parent contact lists and will deliver a recorded message from a school administrator. The service will deliver the message to both live answer and answering machines.