



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes January 9th, 2020



WINTER COAT DRIVE TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thursday, January 9

- *7th/8th Grade Spanish Club 3-3:45pm Library
- *Math Olympiads 3-3:45pm Art Room
- *Den 5 Meeting 4-6pm 2B
- *Bear Den Meeting 7-8:00pm Room 2B

Friday, January 10

- *Chorus Rehearsal 3-4:30pm Nelson Hall
- *Troop 2997 Meeting 5-6:30pm Art Room

Monday, January 13

- *Open House Tour Guide Training 5:30pm - 6:30pm Library
- *HSA MEETING 7pm Nelson Hall

Tuesday, January 14

- *6th-8th Grade Reading Scantron
- *Advanced Band Lessons
- *Grs 4-5 Class Mass 10:30am Church
- *SGA General Meeting 11:50-12:34pm Art Room
- *Afterschool Band 3-4:15pm Nelson Hall

Wednesday, January 15

- *5th Grade Reading Scantron
- *Early Dismissal at 12:00pm
- *Beginner Band Lessons
- *Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day at Bowie Marketplace - see details
- *Wolf Den Meeting 6-7:30pm Music Room

Thursday, January 16

- *2nd Grade Reading Scantron
- *Green Team Meeting 3-4:30pm Science Lab
- *Yearbook Club 3-4:00pm Computer Lab
- *Den 5 Meeting 4-6:00pm 2B
- *Pack 730 Meeting 6-8:30pm Nelson Hall

The St. Pius SGA will be hosting a coat drive for Catholic Charities after the Christmas holidays from January 6 - January 13. The coats we collect will provide warmth to our neighbors who are in need. As Matthew 25 reminds us, "I needed clothes and you clothed me." Please act generously. Take the time now and during the holidays to see if any coats at home are no longer needed, due to replacement or size changes. Please wash your coat and check that all zippers and snaps work prior to donation. Each homeroom will have a coat collection bag and SGA members will bring the donations to the SSC. Thank you for your generosity in this season of giving!



2nd ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

SPX School has teamed up with Inova Blood Donor Services to host a blood drive on January 30th from 2-6pm in Nelson Hall and would like to take this time to ask you to donate blood. Donating blood is safe, simple and only takes about an hour. To donate blood, you must be at least 16 years old, weigh 110 lbs and be in good health. If you are eligible to donate blood, please click [HERE](#) to make your appointment today. WALK INS WELCOME!

Each donor will be tracked by your child/student's homeroom and the homeroom with the greatest participation will receive a PIZZA PARTY!

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CFA SPIRIT DAY - JANUARY 15th

Here it comes again...Wednesday, January 15th is St. Pius Chick-fil-A (CFA) Spirit Day. Come out and show support for our school, while at the same time earn money for SPX. Go to CFA Bowie Marketplace on the first half day of this month, January 15th, between the hours of 12-2pm and/or 5pm-7pm. Mention St Pius X Regional School, show the flyer in hand, or on a mobile device and a portion of every sale will directly benefit our children at SPX. Drive thru eligible. Share with all your friends and family. Anyone can participate to help our school! PACK the HOUSE...AGAIN

SPX'S PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE!



**We collected 80 pounds of plastic in the month of December!
Let's Keep It Going!**

Attention ALL students, families, and teachers! Please support the St. Pius X Plastic Bag & Film Recycling Project by bringing your unwanted plastic to school. Acceptable plastic includes grocery, restaurants, department stores, and Ziplock bags, as well as case wrap, and bread wrap. All items must be clean and dry and should be placed in the bin at the front lobby beginning in December. Our goal is to help recycle 500 pounds of plastic to prevent it from polluting our local waterways and landfills. Thanks for your support!

TIS THE SEASON, FLU SEASON

Reminder for keeping your child home when sick to help keep the illness from spreading.

*Do not send a student with a fever to school, and do not return them to school until fever-free for 24 hours without any medicine help (fever-reducing medicines include acetaminophen [Tylenol], aspirin [Bayer], ibuprofen [Advil or Motrin], or combination products like Pediacare, Dayquil, Triaminic, Theraflu, etc). And please, **do not** give fever medicine and then send your student to school; it will wear off in 4 hours and you will have to come take your child back home anyway. Fever medicines mask illness symptoms--your child can still be contagious, passing illness along to others at school.*

**NOTE: A normal core body temperature is 97-99°F (36.1-37.2°C), most accurately measured rectally or tympanically (ear canal). Oral and forehead temps are *not* reliable; we measure tympanically at school. Health Dept. and School policies require a student to be sent home if 100°F (37.8°C) or higher. Although 99-100° (37.2-37.6°C) can feel uncomfortable & make the forehead feel "warm," these are 'low-grade' temperatures, often due to non-illness, benign, or temporary causes, like under-hydration, intense concentration/stress, vigorous exercise/play, seasonal allergies/pollen, hot/humid weather, immunization reactions, etc. Fever of 102°F (38.9°C) or higher requires medical attention for possible bacterial or viral illness, heat stroke, severe injury/trauma, etc; some medicines and diseases can also induce high fevers. (see school website *Health Topics for more info*)*

Repeated vomiting and/or diarrhea at any time indicates illness or infection; keep your child home for at least 24 hours AFTER the last episode to allow for adequate rest & recovery, and to reduce the spread of illness at school; call your Physician/Licensed Provider if illness symptoms persist.

A student diagnosed with Communicable disease and/or who misses 3 or more days of school due to

illness or injury, must submit a Physician/Licensed Provider's Back-to-School clearance to RN *before* returning to class. Included diagnoses: Pink eye, Flu, Pneumonia, Strep throat, Ringworm, Impetigo, Measles, Chicken Pox, Whooping Cough/Pertussis, Tuberculosis/TB, Meningitis, Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS; complications of *or* prolonged Asthma, Diabetes, or Seizures; severe trauma/injury and/or surgery. Contact RN for accountability details & Back-to-School Clearance requirements.

Keep child home for *at least 24 hours* after the first dose of any prescribed antibiotic. Student may return thereafter, provided any remaining symptoms will be manageable at school.



Roaring 20's Gala - March 14th, 2020

The committee for our "Roaring 20's Gala" is already hard at work to make this event the best one yet. However, we still need your help! We are looking for donations from you and community businesses for the silent and live auctions. If you or someone you know is interested in donating prizes, please contact Gala committee members, Beryl Prescott at bkj25@hotmail.com or Frank Schrom at wfschromjr@gmail.com. We can't wait for this event and hope to see you there on Saturday, March 14th. More details including ticket sale info to follow.



LUNCH TIME-ORDER NOW FOR JANUARY



The open ordering period for February Lunches is until 1/15. If you are interested in ordering from Main & Market, you will need to register online at <https://mainandmarket.boonli.com> with our school password of CAVALIER22.

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

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES AT SPX

Did you know that St. Pius recycled 239 pounds of printer cartridges during the last school year? Millions of ink cartridges are thrown away each year. Since they are made of plastic and other eco-unfriendly parts, they can take more than 500 years to decompose in landfills. To help make a positive impact, you can recycle your printer cartridges at St. Pius. Simply bring your used inkjet or laser toner cartridges to Vice Principal Kolosky in the Front Office. Easy Peasy!

News from the School Advisory Board

SPX Open House

Date: January 26, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Activity Fair: Nelson Hall Arrive 12:30 PM until 3:30 PM

Set-up 12:00 - 1:00 PM/Clean-up 3:30 - ~4:30 PM

SPX will host our annual Open House welcoming the community and prospective families to tour the campus. This event showcases the best of St. Pius and kicks off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. We are excited this year to be able to include information about the Early Learning Program opening fall 2020. Volunteers are needed for a successful Open House!

Sign-Up Genius for all volunteer opportunities will be available under the Quick Links drop down on the School website (top ribbon):

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=08C7C0D7FBCCFC66&cs=09CBBA D88FCD8B627B7D64745BB59BC8>

Tour Guides - Parents only please (4.0 VSP hours)

- Mandatory Training - Monday January, 13th at 5:30 PM

Parish Speakers - script provided (1.0 VSP hour)

- Volunteers needed for all masses at the 4 supporting parishes the weekend of January 18th - 19th

Set-Up/Clean-up - Nelson Hall (VSP hours based on time)

RSVP as club representative to staff club/activity table during Activity Fair (30. VSP hours)

- 12:30 - 3:30 PM during Open House

Kitchen and Slam Room (3.0 VSP hours)

- 12:30 - 3:30 PM during Open House

Band and Chorus Parent Helpers (VSP hours based on role and time)

Food Donations for Nelson Hall Activity Fair (VSP hours based on donation)

Distribute flyers at local businesses (VSP hours based on time)

Thank you in advance for all your support and assistance!



Basketball: Check out the schedule @ CYO Basketball Schedule [Washington DC CYO Schedules](#) to cheer on an SPX basketball team! Go Cavs!!

Spring Sports: Registration for Baseball, Softball, and Track and Field is coming soon. Please keep an eye out for flyers and News Notes with further details.

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is a volunteer organization and we can't do it without you! Please consider coaching one of our many teams or contact us if you'd like to get involved! It's a great experience! <https://stpiusbowiecyo.com/contact-us/>

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:

Band & Chorus Concerts
Passion Play
FUN Day

Cinco de Mayo Celebration (5th Grade)
Field Trips
Roaring 20's Gala

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 spxyearbook@stpiusbowie.org If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events, please email Monnette Quach at monnette.quach@gmail.com.

We need lots of photos to fill this year's yearbook.



LUCINDA L. JASPER SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2019 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. For 26 years, the Fund has awarded two scholarships to an eighth grade student graduating from a Catholic elementary school to enter a Catholic high school. The scholarships awarded are \$1,750.00 for first place and \$1,250.00 second place. For an application packet, visit our website after January 15, 2020, <http://www.lljsf.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 11:59 pm March 31, 2020. It is important that the teacher recommendation and school report be submitted on time. An applicant's submission is not considered complete without these forms and the student will be disqualified without them.

Previous years' winners have attended Holy Cross, St. John's College High School, Georgetown Visitation, Bishop McNamara, Gonzaga College High School, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elizabeth Seton and Archbishop John Carroll. Winners will be announced the first week of May 2020.

DOWNLOAD THE BOX TOPS APP & LET'S RAISE MORE FUNDS



Box Tops has a new app, and it's simple to use! Just download the app, select "St Pius X School" as your school, and help us raise funds! Have your family and friends, in town or out of town, download the Box Top app and help St. Pius meet our goal of \$1000.

From now on, when you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to take a picture of your receipt. The app will then automatically find participating products purchased at any store and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online.

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out, but still clip them and send them to school! Box Tops are still worth 10¢. Every bit counts! Thank you!

WINTER IS COMING!

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: 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.

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)

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 Obligation

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

<http://www.ascensionbowie.com>

St. Edward the Confessor

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