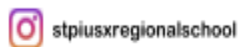




# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes January 28, 2021



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## Thursday, January 28

\*2nd Grade Math Scantron

\*Report Cards Distributed Electronically

## Sunday, January 31

\*Virtual Open House - 1-3pm - details to follow

## Wednesday, February 3

\*Early Dismissal

\*Honor Roll Assembly Grs 6-8 12pm - link to follow

## Monday, February 8

\*IN PERSON Students Grades K-3 Return

## Tuesday, February 9

\*Grs 6-8 Math Scantron

\*Grs 2-3 Parent Administration Forum - 5pm - link to follow

## Wednesday, February 10

\*5th Grade Math Scantron

## Monday, February 15

\*No School - President's Day

## ENROLLMENT OF CURRENT STUDENTS AND ADMISSIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** is now open! Information on this was sent via email from TADS. *The **deadline to enroll** your child for **next year** is **January 29, 2021**.*

Applications for Admission for the 2021-2022 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** will **begin** on **January 31, 2021 online at 5:00pm**. Complete information will be posted on our website under Admissions. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fay at pfay@stpiusbowie.org or at 301-262-0203.

## CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE DESIGNER PURSE RAFFLE

The HSA is raffling off designer handbags since Purse Bingo has been paused. Proceeds will help SPX students. You can purchase TEN chances to win a designer purse for only \$10. Winners will be announced on Saturday, February 7, 2021. For more details, please visit the raffle page here:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/14bf1f/Campaign>

*Instruct the wise, and they will become still wiser; teach the just, and they advance in learning. **Proverbs 9:9***



## FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK

Water is something that all living things need to survive but have you ever thought about the work it takes to make water safe to drink, how water is moved around the community, or what happens to water after you use it? Join one of two workshops to explore water in your community and cool jobs that help ensure communities have access to water.

### Discover Engineering Day – Water Wednesday

- Wednesday, February 24, 2021, – 3:30 – 4:30PM
- Audience - 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their families/teachers
- During this engaging virtual event, participants will learn about the system that moves water and wastewater around their community and the tools and technology that engineers use to keep the system working.

### Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

- Thursday, February 25, 2021, 3:30 – 5:00PM
- Audience - Girls in 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- This program is great for any girl who is curious, creative and enjoys problem solving. During the event we'll explore the role of engineers in society, learn about where drinking water comes from and what happens to water after we use it and hear stories from female engineers at WSSC Water.

Learn more and register today. Space is limited.

Register before February 1, 2021 to secure a spot.

<https://www.wsscwater.com/education-and-recreation/steam-education-science-technolo/eweek/eweek-2021.html>

Direct all questions to [communityoutreach@wsscwater.com](mailto:communityoutreach@wsscwater.com)

## SUPPORT ST. PIUS X HSA!!

Stay healthy...wear your very own St. Pius X mask. We have youth and adult size masks for sale. They are \$10 each (via cash or check).

If you would like to order a mask or shirt, please contact Megan Bogley, (301) 974-2676, or [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com). Mask pick-up will be conducted at the school.



## SUPPORT OUR MISMATCHED SOCKS FUNDRAISER



The HSA's socks fundraiser has begun. These crazy, comfy, colorful socks will make your feet smile. Sizes range from toddler to adult, and they make great gifts. These socks can even be worn to show school spirit. When you give just a little, you help quite a lot. For more details, please visit the fundraiser page here [palssocks.rallyup.com/spx](http://palssocks.rallyup.com/spx).

# Greetings from the Diversity (and Inclusion) Committee! Happy New Year!

The vision for this committee is to work collaboratively to advocate and support diversity education, encourage and provide opportunities for students, faculty, staff and families to grow in their understanding of diversity, and promote and celebrate diversity and inclusivity within our school through various initiatives.

To assist us with this vision, we recently surveyed the SPX community for your suggestions and feedback. We thank you for your participation and your thoughtful responses. We are in the process of planning future events and activities, so stay tuned for more information coming soon.

## Bowie Youth Services High School Group & Middle School Group

Both groups:

Meet 6 weeks starting in Feb

Current Bowie area students only -need to live in Bowie zip codes to attend

(20715, 20716, 20720, 20721)

*Bowie Youth  
& Family Services*  
301-809-3033



*Helping Families Build a Brighter Future*

Able to commit to 6 daytime sessions

High School - Wednesdays; 1030am group

Middle School - Wednesdays- time to be announced

(If you are unavailable during the day on Wednesdays, please email me to be put on the night group waitlist)

Cameras are on for this group

\$10 a week in Target giftcards with a chance of \$5 more if you win the raffle

Topics are general regarding support with stress management, school, emotions, covid stress, grief, etc.

Register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe\\_oEZgiwZV0B\\_uNOyd6NOS5AatUUU-ek--SMsCp\\_oUOv6huqA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_oEZgiwZV0B_uNOyd6NOS5AatUUU-ek--SMsCp_oUOv6huqA/viewform)

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## GOLDEN APPLE AWARD NOMINATION 2021



The Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will award the thirteenth annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten of our ADW 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 were the 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 five dioceses around the country.

ADW teachers, parents and students are invited by their principal to annually nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award. Please submit a nomination form to Mrs. Schrom by February 21, 2021 via email at [jschrom@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:jschrom@stpiusbowie.org). Applications will only be accepted electronically a single PDF document. No late applications will be accepted.



### Shop our Virtual Book Fair from Feb 22 - Mar 7, 2021!

Dear Parents and Families:

We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our school with our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair from February 22, 2021-

March 7, 2021!

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to experience the magic of a Book Fair through this virtual shopping experience!

Plus, enjoy these special virtual shopping features:

- Access to over 6,000 products

- All orders ship direct to home

- eWallet so friends and family can contribute

- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25\*

- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Virtual Fair Page for more information by clicking [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your support!

Ms. Feronti, Librarian, SPX [eferonti@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:eferonti@stpiusbowie.org)

### News from the School Advisory Board

Reminder: The St. Pius X Open House will be Sunday, January 31, 2021, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Refer to the SPX homepage for more information. The event will be virtual this year. Mrs. Schrom will kick-off the Open House at 1:00 PM followed by breakout sessions for individual grades,



Specials, Tuition/Finance and Clubs/Organizations.

SPX Parent/Administration Forums will resume on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5PM – 6PM for Grades 2-3. A link will be distributed to parents and guardians of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students prior to the event. The forums are a productive way to engage in open discussion and share information to benefit our children's educational experience.



## SCHOOL TUITION AID PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF REGIONAL PARISHES

### \*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID\* MARCH 19 DEADLINE\*

The pastors of the four regional parishes of St. Pius X Regional School are pleased for the eighth year to open applications for tuition aid for the 2021-2022 school year. Application to the School Tuition Aid Program is open to all members 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 4, 2020 for current families and February 19, 2021 for new families), you will not be eligible for this tuition assistance. The School Tuition Aid Program application is attached to this announcement. You may go to the school website and download a copy also. Hard copies are also available in the school office. Applications must be scanned and emailed to Erin Couture at [ecouture@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:ecouture@stpiusbowie.org) by Thursday, March 18, 2021. If necessary you may submit a hard copy to the school office.

## **SOME's Toiletry Kit Drive** **February 1 through February 26, 2021**

This year, St. Pius X Regional School will participate in SOME's (So Others Might Eat) Toiletry Kit Drive. Through the Toiletry Kit Drive, you can provide essential clothing and toiletry items and show the poor and homeless that you care. This can be a great way to learn the true meaning of giving. When buying these items, please keep in mind that SOME helps more men than women.

Please place the items in a gallon size Ziploc bag marked MAN, WOMAN, or CHILD to let them know for whom the kit is intended. It is also very helpful to place a list of the items contained inside the bag or tape it to the front of the bag. Listed below are the items to include in your bag.

Each bag should include:

**MAN:** 1 hat, 1 scarf, 1 pair of gloves, 1 pair of socks, 2 razors, 1 bar of soap, 1 small or travel size bottle of shampoo, 1 small or travel size lotion, 1 stick of deodorant, 1 tube of toothpaste, and 1 toothbrush

**WOMAN:** 1 hat, 1 scarf, 1 pair of gloves, 1 pair of socks, 2 razors, 1 bar of soap, 1 small or travel size bottle of shampoo, 1 small or travel size lotion, 1 stick of deodorant, 1 tube of



toothpaste, 1 toothbrush, and 5 maxi pads or tampons

CHILD: 1 hat, 1 scarf, 1 pair of gloves, 1 pair of socks, 1 bar of soap, 1 small or travel size bottle of shampoo, 1 small or travel size lotion, 1 stick of deodorant, 1 tube of toothpaste, and 1 toothbrush

\*\*\*\*\* Please no cash, food, candy, or mouthwash \*\*\*\*\*

Please do not send any partially filled bags, only complete bags. All items must be brought to school by Friday, February 26th so that we may deliver them to SOME on Saturday, February 27th. Toiletry Kit bags can be placed in the drop box located outside the front doors of the school during school hours. Students attending in person can give their Toiletry Kit bags to their homeroom teacher. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

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 summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards. To get more detailed information or an application, click on their site [here](#).

### *The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship*

Designed to assist those Brother Knights, in good standing and 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 \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made based on 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, including children and grandchildren of any member, in good standing, 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, 2020 to February 1, 2021. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2021.*

## 2021 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship was founded in 1993 by the late Richard W. Jasper, Jr. in memory of his mother, a Catholic educator for over 35 years. His wish was simple: continue her encouragement of young people and help them advance their Catholic education. The Scholarship also promotes Mrs. Jasper's belief that students' lives are enriched by

people from different races, colors, and creeds. In her honor, students of all backgrounds are asked to describe an African American who has made a positive influence on their lives and educational goals.

For 27 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.

Interested students should go to <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 from Mrs. Schrom and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2021.

## YOU SHOP AND WE GET PAID - HELP US EARN \$\$

Your shopping can help St. Pius X earn money! These fundraisers bring in thousands of dollars to our school each year and don't cost you a cent. Thank you to those families who participate in these fundraisers now. Your efforts are much appreciated! Thank you in advance to those families who will follow the simple steps below to begin participation.

**AMAZON SMILE REWARDS PROGRAM:** You probably already shop online at Amazon, and now you can help support SPX simply by using the special link here. Shop on Amazon.com. Our unique School Rewards link will take you directly to Amazon, where you can browse and shop just as you normally would. Each month, Amazon will pay us 5% or more of all purchases made by shoppers who reached Amazon through our link. Please support us by bookmarking this link in your internet browser - then making it the first link you click each time you shop at Amazon. And be sure to pass it on to your friends, family, neighbors, acquaintances, and anyone else who might like to help us raise funds by shopping at Amazon.



**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** This program allows our school to collect box tops/labels of food and household products and redeem them for cash. Simply check the items you buy at the grocery store/ Target/Wal-Mart for Box Tops for Education labels. You will find the labels on dozens of different types of products like: food/drink, paper products, office supplies, cleaning supplies, food storage, tableware and many more. Once purchased, please cut the labels off and return them to school. Don't forget to check the expiration date, as we cannot get credit for expired labels. We will earn 10¢ for every label. St. Pius X can also earn cash from Bonus Certificates, which can be found primarily in stores on specially marked packages and at checkout printed on a receipt. These vary on value based on the promotion. Bonus codes begin with the letter A. Also look for eBox Tops Codes, which are a 16 digit eBoxTops code that is printed on the product. You would be surprised at how many products you buy every day carry a Box Tops for Education label.



**HARRIS TEETER 'S TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM:** This program translates your spending at Harris Teeter to rewards for SPX. We need YOU to register and it's easy and it's FREE. Simply give the cashier our code, 4154, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year. That's it! You only have to

link your VIC card once each school year. Once your card is linked, St. Pius X Regional School will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! Don't forget to link your VIC card to our account code next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.

Your purchases at Amazon Smile, Box Tops and Harris Teeter this holiday season (and all year long) will directly support our school! Thanks in advance for your help

## 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*

*FSO - Fundraising Support Obligation*

*HSPT - High School Placement Test*

*SSC - Student Support Center*

*VSP - Volunteer Service Program*

*CFA - Chick-fil-A*

*HSA - Home and School*

*ESP - Extended School Program*

*SAB - School Advisory Board*

*TADS - Tuition Management*

### 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

[www.stedwardbowie.com](http://www.stedwardbowie.com)