



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



September 13, 2018



HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 17TH



Home & School

The first Home and School General Meeting will be held on Monday, September 17th, in Nelson Hall at 7:00pm. **Remember that every year we have a FREE TUITION DRAWING and to be eligible for the drawing you MUST be present at all 5 General Meetings throughout the year.** You MUST sign in at the entrance table when you enter the meeting. Volunteers will be available to help you sign in. Please be on time to the meeting, and we hope you will make it a priority to make all 5 meetings so you will be informed about school events and be eligible for the Free Tuition Drawing (drawn at the last general meeting in May 20th).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 14

*High school visits for 8th grade students

Monday, September 17

*HSA meeting, 7:00pm in Nelson Hall

Tuesday, September 18

*High school visits for 8th grade students
*Homeroom Parent meeting, 7:00pm in Library

Wednesday, September 19

*Opening School Mass, 10:30am in the Church- Join us!

Thursday, September 20

*High School Parent Meeting, 7:00pm in Nelson Hall (for parents of 7th and 8th grade students)

Friday, September 21

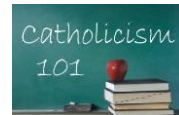
*Early dismissal
*1:00pm for grades K-8
*12:30pm for PK
*Back to School BBQ, 5:00pm in the back parking lot

Monday, September 24

*Motivational Assembly for grades 6-8, 10:00am in Nelson Hall
*Virtus Training for Parents Only, 6:30pm in Nelson Hall

Tuesday, September 25

*Catholicism 101, 7:00pm in the Library



CATHOLICISM 101

Our Golden Apple Religion Teacher, Mr. Mark Hammett, will be hosting a series called Catholicism 101. The sessions are intended to provide, in general, the main material we cover in our religion program here at St. Pius X Regional School. The sessions will briefly and generally introduce attendees to the Catholic Faith ...who We are and what We believe. While the workshops will be geared towards non-Catholics, all are welcome. THIS IS ONLY FOR ADULTS, no children will be allowed. The first session will be September 25th from 7:00- 8:30 in the school Library.



DON'T FORGET!

- 1. NO LUNCHES OR FORGOTTEN ITEMS MAY BE DROPPED OFF DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.
- 2. TUITION PAYMENTS ARE DUE ON THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH.

LUNCH TIME – LATE ORDERS FOR OCTOBER

October lunch orders should have been placed by September 12th. However, late orders may be placed from the 13th to the 15th of each month for the following month, which means if you wanted to order lunch for October, you should have ordered by yesterday. You may place a late order with an additional late fee until the 15th. If you are interested in ordering from Main & Market, you will need to register online at [HTTPS://MAINANDMARKET.BOOONLI.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.

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

If you need a Milk Order Form, please contact Mrs. Bechtel at the front desk.



PIZZA DAY - SEND IN ORDERS BY SEPTEMBER 21st

Pizza Day Order Forms were sent home last Thursday. We have seven pizza days scheduled throughout the school year when students may pre-order Pizza for their lunch at \$1.50 per slice. Order forms and payments are due back to your child's teacher by Friday, September 21st. Please send in one pizza order form and one check per child. No late orders will be accepted. October 17 is the first pizza day. If you would like to earn VSP hours by volunteering to work on Pizza Days, please contact Maggie Lonergan at maggielonergan@hotmail.com or Stacy Baker at bakerinmd@aol.com. Information about special lunches such as Chick-fil-A day will be sent home soon. Special lunch days will start in October.

VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED FOR PIZZA DAY



The school is looking for bakers to commit to providing 2 dozen baked items for EACH bake sale. Bake sales occur with each Pizza Day. When you commit to baking, you are committing to the entire school year. VSP hours will be awarded. If you would like to participate, please send an email to Eileen Granzow at spxbakesale@gmail.com with your name, your child's name and classroom. We can only take a limited number of volunteers for this activity. If you have any questions about the Pizza Day Bake Sale, please contact spxbakesale@gmail.com

LATE PICK-UP POLICY: Families whose children are not picked-up from school by 3:30pm on a regular dismissal day will be charged a fee of \$1.00 per minute per child for each minute beyond 3:30pm. On Half Days, students not picked up from school by 1:30pm will be charged a fee of \$35 (ESP Drop-In Rate). The fees will be charged through TADS. This policy went into effect on Monday, September 4th. (updated info)

LATE DROP OFF POLICY: UPDATED If a child arrives late more than 2 times per quarter, they will not be allowed to be considered for perfect attendance.



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 if you can help.

FOOTBALL MANIA FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

It has been a few years, but Football Mania is back at St. Pius. Today, tickets were sent home with your child. Each family received 5 tickets and we strongly encourage everyone to try and sell every ticket, either to themselves, family members, friends or co-workers. Each ticket gives the holder 10 chances to win cash prizes.

So how does it work?

- Each ticket cost \$20, of which our school receives \$14.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Although we hope each and every family will try and sell their 5 tickets, we understand some will not want to participate. If you choose so, please return extra tickets to the school, with "extra tickets" marked on the envelope. If you need more tickets, please check with the front desk, inside the lobby.

In addition to paper tickets, you can also buy etickets, online. Simply log onto:

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

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 October 27, 2018.

If you have any questions throughout the fundraiser, please email Chris Bogley at up5728@hotmail.com



Information about Chick-fil-A Day went home today. The first Chick-fil-A day is planned for October 3rd. Please read the flyer that went home for details.

HIGH SCHOOL VISITS FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

We have scheduled several Catholic High Schools to visit our 8th grade classes over the next two months. Please be sure to ask your students about any information they may have received from these visits. Upcoming:

- Georgetown Visitation and Gonzaga- September 14th
- DeMatha, Seton and Georgetown Prep- September 18th

CLUB LIFE 101 IS LOOKING FOR A PARENT CHAIRPERSON

Mrs. Neitzey is looking for a willing parent to chair Club Life 101. For the past few years, Mrs. Neitzey has coordinated a small club of ten 6th grade students in long lasting life skills. She is no longer able to run this club since she has taken a new position in the school as Registrar. The club generally met twice a month for 1 ½ hours after school. She introduced students to various life skills including, but not limited to, sewing (the school owns two basic sewing machines), sewing buttons, doing laundry, needlepoint, wrapping gifts, writing thank you notes, simple cooking recipes, table setting, and use of simple tools. Please contact Mrs. Neitzey at kneitzey@stpiusbowie.org if you are available to take on this amazing life club!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE



Our Uniform Exchange is open and running. If you need gently used uniforms, please contact Renunda Lee at 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 pants/trousers (exchanges only for these items).



PURSE BINGO - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Our Home and School Association is hosting the first Purse Bingo of the year on Friday, September 28th, 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.

JOIN THE ART CLUB



Art Club is back and ready to inspire our young artists in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. It will be held in the Art Room starting Tuesday, September 25th during middle school lunch & recess from 11:50am to 12:34pm. There is a small fee of \$15.00 for supplies. Spaces are limited and again, registration is limited to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. The link to the Sign up Genius will OPEN on September 18th at 7:00pm. Please note that no additional spaces will be available after the cut off time. Thank you and see you in the Art Room - Mrs. Baden. Please contact Mrs. Baden at dbaden@stpiusbowie.org with any questions.



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

SPX Parish Seat Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a St. Pius X parish seat.

Parents/Guardians from that parish who might be interested in becoming a Board member should email the Board Secretary Kim Roddy for further information and instruction. She may be reached at karoddy@comcast.net.

PARENT ADMINISTRATION FORUMS 2018-2019

Please mark your calendars for upcoming grade specific Parent Administration Forums. The meetings allow parents one hour of direct conversation time with the administration in a group setting during grade specific sessions. Please do not bring children, as babysitting is not provided. The forums are designed to gather general sentiments regarding the school and are not time for parents to voice concerns about their individual student.

the first session will be for parents (with children in ANY grade) who are NEW to SPX School

Tuesday 10/2/18, 5-6 pm—school library—NEW SPX school parents only

Tuesday 10/23/18, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 6, 7, 8 (middle school parents)

Tuesday 11/13/18, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades PK, K, and 1st grade

Tuesday 2/12/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 2 and 3

Tuesday 3/5/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 4 and 5

In addition to verbal comments to the administration, parents will have the opportunity to provide written input (name optional) on the following questions:

*How can we make SPX an even better school?

*Do you have ideas for new programs, events, or activities that should be considered?

*How do you envision the future of SPX School?

WELCOME CALLS TO NEW SPX SCHOOL FAMILIES

On behalf of the administration, members of the School Advisory Board and Home School Association Board will call new families throughout September and early October to: 1) welcome new families to the school, 2) answer questions, and 3) remind new families of important upcoming events (including the back to school BBQ on 9/21 and new family parent Administration Forum on 10/2). Board members are not selling or soliciting. We hope to speak with you soon!

Science Lab Aides Needed



If you have completed the Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Program and want to earn VSP hours as a science lab aide, please read over the following information. Check the activity in which you are interested and return this form either to your child's homeroom teacher or to me in the science lab. The more volunteers we have, the better we are able to assist the students in the lab. You do not have to pick your child's lab time. If you sign up for an activity, a letter will be sent home after Sept. 17th providing more details. If you have any questions, please contact me at: msparks@stpiusbowie.org. Thank you for any help you may be able to provide!

Mrs. Sparks

◇ I can assist with occasional (around once a month) labs on a rotation schedule. (You will receive credit for the time you are here.) Please check your preference(s) of the following times below:

- KA** - will attend lab every full day Friday from 8:30 – 9:10 and on a half day Friday from 8:30 – 9:00.
- KB** - will attend lab every full day Friday from 9:20 – 10:00 and on a half day Friday from 9:10 – 9:40.
- 1A** - will attend lab every full day Wednesday from 11:30 – 12:15 and on a half day Wednesday from 10:38 – 11:11.
- 1B** - will attend lab every full day Wednesday from 2:00 – 2:45 and on a half day Wednesday from 12:17 – 12:50.
- 2A** - will attend lab every full day Wednesday from 8:45 – 9:30 and on a half day Wednesday from 8:43 – 9:16.
- 2B** - will attend lab every full day Wednesday from 9:40 – 10:25 and on a half day Wednesday from 9:16 – 9:49.
- 3A** - will attend lab every full day Tuesday from 8:40 – 9:25 and on a half day Tuesday from 8:43 – 9:16.
- 3B** - will attend lab every full day Tuesday from 2:00 – 2:45 and on a half day Tuesday from 12:17 – 12:50.

◇ I can clean lab station counters and sinks on the last school day of each week. I understand that I will need to come in every week for the third and fourth quarters. (Each week for the two quarters earns 20 VSP hours – anytime from 1 to 5 PM on Fridays.)

Please fill out the following information in *print*, neatly and clearly, and return the form as stated above by Monday, September 17, 2018.

Class: _____ Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email Address _____

(I will communicate with you mostly by email so please include one that you check regularly ☺)

ALL ABOUT VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS



At the time of enrollment and re-enrollment through TADS, each family agreed to the terms of our Volunteer Service Program (VSP). This requires families to either work the required number of volunteer hours (20 hours for a 2-parent household, or 10 hours for a single parent household), or make a monetary payment for the required hours. If you chose to work the required hours, you must submit volunteer hours electronically on our volunteer website called Track it Forward. All new families will need to create one account per family. Returning families can still use their current account. We would like to streamline the accounts to just one per family, so feel free to edit your first name to include both volunteering family members (ex. Mary and Joseph +last name) and delete your second account. Please remember to log your hours as soon as you complete them. Create an account here: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Lowe at nanette_lowe@yahoo.com. Details about family VSP requirements can be found on pages 24—26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

If you wish to volunteer at St. Pius X School (field trips and other classroom activities), you must be compliant with the Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Policies, called VIRTUS. To begin the process, complete the Volunteer Application (available at the Front desk with Mrs. Bechtel), and register for an account on VIRTUS at www.virtus.org. Return the completed Application to Mrs. Bechtel (in the main office) and then call Mrs. Bechtel to schedule a time when you can come in to do an electronic background check. It should only take about ten minutes to complete and you will need to bring in two forms of identification. The final step is to register for a Child Protection Workshop class.

A Child Protection Workshop will be offered at St. Pius X Regional School at 6:30 on Monday, September 24th, in Nelson Hall. It is mandatory that all volunteers who will have contact with students attend a Child Protection Workshop offered by the Archdiocese of Washington. You must sign-up online to attend this workshop. You may choose to take a class offered at another location in the Archdiocese of Washington if it is more convenient for you. There are several being offered throughout September and October. THERE ARE VERY FEW SPOTS LEFT FOR THIS DATE!!

NOTE: Please arrive early to sign-in before the workshop begins. This workshop will start promptly at 6:30 pm. If you arrive after the workshop has started you are late and will not be allowed to attend this workshop. CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED to attend this workshop and child care is not provided.



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity for this school year? Please consider volunteering in the school library! TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED. You do not have to choose your student's scheduled library time, but may if you would like to. Multiple volunteers for the same class will rotate duties each month. In addition to scheduled class times, Ms. Feronti needs volunteers each morning from 8:30-9:30am to check in and re-shelve books and to monitor study hall from 11:45am-12:45pm most afternoons. Choose one of the times or more! Volunteer schedule may change each quarter, and you may choose different volunteer times to accommodate your schedule. Second thru fourth quarters will be arranged via www.signupgenius.com. Volunteering in the library is a yearlong commitment. You must be compliant with the Child Protection Policy to volunteer in the school library. Please contact Ms. Feronti at 301-262-0203 x13 or eferonti@stpiusbowie.org.

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.

Giant A+ Rewards: Simply register your Giant reward card in the Giant A+ Food Reward Program. Once you complete the card registration, each time you use your GIANT CARD, your purchases are credited to our school. Giant will make a donation at the end of the school year based on a percentage of your total year's purchase. New this year: If you registered your card last year, *you DO NOT need to re-register* this year. You should visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. **Our school A+ School Rewards ID # 00425**



To participate:

Visit www.giantfood.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select **REGISTER YOUR CARD** from the red box on the right marked **FOR CUSTOMERS**; or,



Call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance; or,

Email the A+ Hotline. Please include the last name associated with your GIANT CARD, your 12-digit GIANT CARD number and our school name and school ID number* of our school (or the name, city and state in which the school is located) to: askaplus@cranecommunications.com.

** If you are supporting more than one (1) school, please include the ID numbers for both schools (or the names, cities and states of your schools.*

2. 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.



3. 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, table ware 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.



4. 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, Giant Food, and Harris Teeter 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
- CFA - Chick-fil-A
- CYO - Catholic Youth Organization
- ESP - Extended School Program (before and aftercare)
- FSO - Fundraising Support Obligation
- HSA - Home and School Association
- HSPT - High School Placement Test
- SAB - School Advisory Board
- SSC - Student Support Center
- TADS - The name of our tuition management company
- VSP - Volunteer Service Program

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12th - NO SCHOOL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th - TAG DAY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19th - 7th AND 8th GRADE DANCE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23rd - FALL PICTURE DAY



JOIN THE SPX GREEN TEAM!

The SPX Green Team is an after-school environmental club whose objective is to help create a greener school culture. Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 are invited to join the club to participate in kid-friendly discussions, games, and activities that promote environmental awareness. The club will meet in the SPX Science Lab from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., once per month on Wednesdays. New topics are covered each school year and presented by subject matter experts. Please complete the Online Application using the following link for those students who wish to join:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=c.SignUpSearch&eid=0DC6C0DAF9CFFB66&cs=09B7BAD98FCD8B147B0664715BB49BC8&sortby=l.title>

Additional details about the club are included in the Online Application. -- "Say Yes to Less!"

AFTER-SCHOOL SPANISH CLASSES

starting Thursday, October 4th



Mrs. Estrada, our 1st-5th grade Spanish teacher, will be offering after-school Spanish classes for our kindergarten children at St. Pius X. The class is only offered to currently registered kindergarteners.

The purpose of this after-school language 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 today in the Thursday envelope to all students in Kindergarten. Additional forms can be found at the front desk with Mrs. Bechtel. Students should **register by Friday, September 28th** by sending in the registration form, along with the first semester payment, to their child’s homeroom teacher. Please mark the envelope “After-School Spanish.”

Be sure to send your registration in quickly, as classes will begin the week of October 1st. If you have any questions about the class, please contact Mrs. Estrada at restrada@stpiusbowie.org.

**News Notes submissions must be emailed
to Mrs. Neitzey at
kneitzey@stpiusbowie.org
by noon Monday to be published on Thursday**



**SPX CYO girls and boys basketball
registration is now open thru Sunday,
September 30th!**

Click here [Fall 2018 basketball](#) for additional details and visit our website at <http://stpiusbowiecyo.com/> for player eligibility information. Then click **SPORTSPILOT** to register! Basketball flyers will be in today’s Thursday folder.

SPX CYO sweatshirts will be available for sale beginning Monday, September 17th. Youth sizes are \$20 and adult sizes are \$25. To obtain an order form click here [Sweatshirt Order Form](#) or visit our website at <http://stpiusbowiecyo.com/>. We will have a limited supply of sweatshirts for sale at Monday’s HSA meeting, September 17th.

Soccer and Cross Country schedules can be found at <https://adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/>. Come out and support our teams!

EMERGENCY CLOSING/ DELAYED OPENING

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 ALERT 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.

*Since St. Pius X Regional School is air-conditioned we will NOT close for excessive heat even if the Prince George's County Public Schools close.

SACRED HEART BLAZE CLUB FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS

Sacred Heart Church in Bowie invites all 7th and 8th graders of St. Pius X School to a new after-school club focused on reaching the hearts of Christian youth through Scripture, discussion, mentorship by high schoolers, and Catholic fellowship, centered on Christ's love for us as we were created to be. It emphasizes authentic character, virtuous friendship, and finding a love for prayer!

There is an information meeting for parents and students on Friday, September 14th from 7:15-8:15pm in Whitemarsh Hall (on the hill) at Sacred Heart. Please consider joining us!



INFO NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND KIDS
SEPT. 14, 7-8 PM
WHITEMARSH HALL

GAMES, SNACKS, MEET THE TEEN LEADERS TOO!

IGNITE
FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GUYS

ABOUT IGNITE:

Ignite is the Sacred Heart mentorship club for boys using the Conquest materials to inspire virtuous Catholic boys to have a "Heart of a Warrior" for Christ.

ABOUT BLAZE:

Blaze is the Sacred Heart mentorship club for girls using the WWP's new Blaze program, reaching the hearts of girls with the love of Christ and their Catholic Faith, that compares the lies of the world with the truths found in Sacred Scripture.

The 7th/8th grade youth group will be run bi-weekly on Friday's as an after school club, with high school mentors who will plan the snacks, games, faith/virtue talks, & adoration, using specific curriculums. Cost \$50/year. Email to sign up by 9/14! sacredheartbowie@gmail.com

BLAZE
FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADE GIRLS

WEEKLY MEETINGS BEGIN IN WHITEMARSH:
9/28 & 10/12
Will meet from 5-6:15.

All other meetings, will meet from 4-5:15
10/26, 11/9, 11/30, 12/14, 12/21

OUTREACH DAYS:
9/29, 11/3, 11/17, 12/7

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SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

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
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