



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



January 3, 2019

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES COAT DRIVE – JANUARY 2-11



The St. Pius School Government invites all St. Pius families, relatives, and friends to participate in the Catholic Charities coat drive. From January 2 to January 11, you may drop off your cleaned, gently used coats to the front lobby of St. Pius. Look through your closet to donate coats that no longer fit in size and style. Your generosity will benefit people who spend a lot of time in the harsh winter weather, but do not have the means to buy a warm coat. Thank you for your kindness and caring. The coat collection started January 2, 2019. Please write your child's homeroom on your bag of donated coats.

## SERVICE CLUB BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR GRADES 5-8, JANUARY 4-18



The Service club will be running a Baby Bottle Campaign in grades 5-8 to help support the Gabriel Network. The Gabriel Network is a pro-life organization that helps women and families with a crisis pregnancy in Maryland and Washington DC. On Friday, January 4, 2019 students in grades 5-8 will bring home a baby bottle to fill with coins, bills, or checks (made out to SPX). All bottles need to be returned by Friday, January 18, 2019.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, TAG DAY - \$1.00



Tuesday, January 8<sup>TH</sup> is a Tag Day and students **may pay \$1.00** to dress out of uniform. This is a special TAG Day that is **NOT included in your activity fee** because the proceeds of this TAG Day will benefit our CYO. Appropriate dress, as always, is required. Please see page 20 in your Parent Student Handbook for Tag Day dress guidelines.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Thursday, January 3**

- \*Coat Drive Collection
- \*3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Service Club, Art
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- \*7:00-8:00pm, Den 2 meeting, 2B

#### **Friday, January 4**

- \*Coat Drive Collection
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- \*7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386 meeting, Art

#### **Monday, January 7**

- \*4<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Scantron
- \*Coat Drive collection
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Striders Running Club
- \*7:00pm, Home and School Meeting

#### **Tuesday, January 8**

- \*5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Scantron
- \*Coat Drive collection
- \*CYO Tag Day \$1.00
- \*11:50-12:34pm, SGA Officers meeting, SSC
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall
- \*5:30-7:00pm, Den 1 Bears meeting, 1B

#### **Wednesday, January 9**

- \*6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Scantron
- \*Chick-fil-A/ Bake Sale
- \*Coat Drive collection
- \*3:00-4:00pm, 8<sup>th</sup> gr Academic Club, Math room
- \*3:00-4:30pm, Chorus, hall
- \*5:30-7:00pm, Girl Scout Troop 2997, Art room

#### **Thursday, January 10**

- \*3<sup>rd</sup> grade Reading Scantron
- \*Coat Drive collection
- \*TUITION DUE TO TADS TUITION MGMT
- \*3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- \*3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, Art
- \*3:00-4:00pm, After School Spanish Club, Library
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Cub Scout Den meeting, 6B
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- \*7:00-8:00pm, Den 2 meeting, 2B

#### **Friday, January 11**

- \*2<sup>nd</sup> grade Math Scantron
- \*Coat Drive Collection
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

## SCANTRON TESTING STARTS NEXT WEEK



Students in 2nd through 8th grades will be taking mid-year Scantron tests starting next week through the end of the month. Please make sure your students are well rested and have a healthy breakfast before coming to school on testing days. Middle school students should make sure your Chrome Books are charged. Class testing days may be found in Plus Portals or with your student's homeroom teacher.

## OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES – JANUARY 27, 2019



Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends to our Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Families will be given a tour of the school facilities and will have the opportunity to visit our activity fair with our school sponsored clubs and organizations. Please click on the Sign Up Genius link to volunteer for open house activities including: being a tour guides, donating food or drinks, setting-up or cleaning-up, speaking at parishes, distributing flyers, helping with band/chorus, serving food, etc. Volunteer hours will be awarded. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

[SIGN UP GENIUS LINK FOR OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS](#)

## COLD WEATHER POLICY

Now that the weather is becoming cold, the school has received many telephone calls about the children being outside. Our rule is that the children will stay out in the morning and go out at recess unless the temperature is below 30 degrees (that includes wind chill). Please make sure your student (s) come dressed appropriately with hats and gloves. **Please mark all outer wear with their name and homeroom.**



## GOLDEN APPLE TEACHER NOMINATIONS DUE TO MRS. SCHROM BY JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>! SHOW YOUR LOVE AND NOMINATE ONE OF OUR FINE TEACHERS!

On May 16, 2019 the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will host the eleventh annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten of our Archdiocese teachers will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.



Golden Apple

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.

The nomination forms are due back to Mrs. Schrom by Jan. 7, 2019.

[Click here for the nomination form!](#)

## CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION



Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, January 9<sup>TH</sup>.

The last day to order January Chick-fil-A is, Friday, January 4<sup>TH</sup>

## PIZZA DAY - JANUARY 16

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 is our next Pizza Day. Pizza will be delivered to those students who have preordered/prepaid for pizza. Students may bring 25¢ to purchase a baked good item.



## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR FEBRUARY



**February lunch orders must be placed by January 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](mailto:support@boonli.com).

## REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR

Information on how to register your **current SPX student** for the 2019-2020 school year will be sent via email in the next few weeks. Please do not attempt to register your student until you have received an email from us with detailed instructions. Registration privileges will not be available to those whose tuition accounts are not current. Please read you weekly News Notes for updates.

Applications for the 2019 - 2020 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** will be accepted online beginning Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00pm after our Open House. Complete information is posted on our website under admissions. If you are registering a **new** student for next year, you must wait until January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please note that we are not accepting anymore applications for this for **this** school year (2018-2019).



**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY JANUARY 21, 2019  
IN OBSERVANCE OF  
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

## 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

\*\*\*One (1) **At-Large seat**—This seat has traditionally been held by a non-Catholic parent, although all interested school parents/guardians may apply.



If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that several of the seats require the applicant to be an active member of that parish. The at-large seat may be filled by either a Catholic OR non-Catholic school parent/guardian. If multiple parents/guardians apply for one seat, the Board reserves the right to schedule interviews of potential qualified candidates.

**If interested in applying, please contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy for an application as soon as possible. The board would like to carefully review and vote on remaining completed applications after February 1, 2019 so please request an application and apply soon if you would like to be considered for a seat.**

To request an application/obtain additional information: contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy at [karoddy@comcast.net](mailto:karoddy@comcast.net)

For general questions/obtain additional information: contact Board President Patricia Reimer at [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net) or 301-464-1520.

### New School Advisory Board Members—Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Melissa Marshall and Mrs. Beryl Prescott as they join the School Advisory Board. Mrs. Marshall will immediately fill the current open St. Pius Parish seat, and Mrs. Prescott will fill one of the two St. Edward’s parish seats starting on June 1, 2019.

### SPX SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (January 27, 2019 from 1-3 pm)

**Please save the date!!**

**\*\*Volunteer opportunities available—please see Sign Up Genius link below\*\***

SPX School will host an open house for prospective students and families on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1 pm to 3 pm. This event showcases our school and “the best of St. Pius”. The open house also traditionally kicks off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

A **mandatory training session for all tour guide volunteers** will take place on **Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 6 pm in the school library**. Tour scripts will be provided. If you are interested in serving as a tour guide, please also save this date!

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD CONT'D

If you would like to help support the upcoming open house, please use the link below to view current volunteer opportunities. There are several active SUG lists.

1. Distribute flyers at local businesses;
2. Food/drink donations and kitchen help;
3. Parish speeches (weekend of 1/19/19 and 1/20/19—scripts provided);
4. Tour guides (parents only please);
5. Set up/clean up (Nelson Hall/kitchen).
6. RSVP as club representative to staff club table during activity fair.



## [SIGN UP GENIUS LINK FOR OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS](#)

The Sign Up Genius list may also be accessed from the home page of the school website using the “quick links” tab (top right on the home page), then scroll down to “Sign Up Genius” to access each individual list.

Thank you, in advance, for all of your support and assistance!

### **Parent Administration Forums 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.

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?

If you have any questions about the Parent Administration Forums, please contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net).

## HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Our next general H.S.A meeting will be on January 7, 2019 at 7:00pm in Nelson Hall. Don't forget, you can be eligible to be entered in a drawing for free tuition if you attend all 5 H.S.A meetings.



# ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE



Below is the schedule of due dates for the high school application process. Check your child's Google Classroom Homeroom page for forms, information from the high schools and other updates.

## **Dates to Remember**

Date	Item	Completed
Dec. 10	Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools. <b>Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.</b>	
Jan. 2019	HSPT scores distributed by STS to parents electronically.	

## Catholic High School Scholarship Information

### Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

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 brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

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

Designed to assist those Brother Knights 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 on the basis of 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 to include children and grandchildren of a member 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, 2018 to February 1, 2019. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019.**

Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to:

Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
State Scholarship Chairman  
PO Box 165  
Westminster, MD 21158

Or by contacting our web site at: [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org) and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.

## A NOTE ABOUT EARLY DROP-OFFS



Just a reminder that the school does not open until 7:30am. Per page 8 in our Parent Student Handbook, “Adult supervision in the school yard at the St Pius campus begins at 7:30am. The school will not assume responsibility for children who arrive earlier than 7:30am.” If you drop your children off in the front before that time, they will have to wait outside. We do offer morning care that begins at 7:00am. Please call Mrs. Fay if you want to start morning care.

## BRASS CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS FOR SALE! (WE STILL HAVE SOME ORNAMENTS LEFT)



St Pius X School is having a spectacular sale of our limited-edition Brass Christmas Ornament Collection. The ornaments are similar in design to White House Ornaments and samples are on display in the school lobby. Our collection includes: St. Pius X Cavalier, St Pius X Regional Playground, St Pius X Photo Ornament, St Pius X Church, Sacred Heart Church, Ascension Parish, and St Edward’s Church. Ornaments are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$20.00. Order forms are going home with students this week. [Completed forms](#) and checks (made payable to St Pius X) may be sent back to school or you can stop by the office to buy one. Orders will be filled daily and sent home with your students. We have a limited supply, so order today! Questions? Please contact Mrs. Bechtel at 301-262-0203 or [pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org).

## HOW MANY VSP HOURS DO YOU HAVE?



Are you on target to fulfill your Volunteer Service Program hours by the end of the school year in June? Remember that all volunteer hours must be submitted electronically on our website called Track it Forward. **Every volunteer** (including parents, CYO coaches/ officers, School Board members, HSA officers, and Room Parents) **must register online** using this website: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>.

After creating an account, volunteer hours will then be submitted by each volunteer, stating the date, hours, activity, and chairperson. Volunteer hours will then be approved electronically by the chairperson. All event organizers must also create an account. Links to the VSP system can be found on our website and app. Register and start recording your hours now to avoid being billed for unfilled hours at the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Lowe at [nanette\\_lowe@yahoo.com](mailto:nanette_lowe@yahoo.com). Details about family VSP requirements can be found on pages 24—26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

# SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL



The ADW has updated the basketball schedules. Click here [ADW CYO](http://www.adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/) or go to [www.adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/](http://www.adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/). Remember to wear your SPX CYO uniform jersey over your uniform on Friday! Go Cavs!

## CINDERELLA'S SHOE HAS BEEN FOUND!

A shoe has been found in the parking lot before Christmas break. It's black suede, size 8 ½ medium, Vince Camuto. It is the left shoe. Please contact the office if it is your missing shoe!



## SAVE THE DATES

January 10 – Tuition Due to TADS

January 16 – Pizza Day

January 17 – Tag Day

January 18 – Early Dismissal Friday

January 21 – No School- Martin Luther King Jr.

Day

January 23 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

January 27-February 2 – Catholic Schools Week

January 27 – Open House, 1:00-3:00pm

January 30 – Whole School Mass, 10:30am

January 31 – Report Cards Distributed



### 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>



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## **WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THE 2019 SPX SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!!**

**Please access the Sign Up Genius links to volunteer for open house activities including: tour guides, food/drink donations, set up/clean up, speak at parishes, distribute flyers, help serve food, represent a club at the activity fair, etc.**

**Volunteer hours will be awarded as outlined in the Sign Up Genius (SUG) list. To access**

**the sign up genius lists, please either:**

- 1) use the “Quick Links” tab at the top of the St. Pius School website, scroll to and click on the “Sign Up Genius” tab, and then open the multiple open house 2019 sign up genius lists.**
- 2) The list may also be accessed through News Notes on the school website ([stpiusbowie.org](http://stpiusbowie.org)) on the home page of the website (please see page 8 of the 12/13/18 News Notes, page 5 of the 12/20/18 News Notes.)**

**Questions? Please contact SAB President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net).**

**Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!**