



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



November 1, 2018

## REPORT CARD CONFERENCES – NOVEMBER 12

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12  
DUE TO REPORT CARD CONFERENCES.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Thursday, November 1**

- \*Whole School Mass- All Saints Day, 10:30am, PLEASE JOIN US!
- \*END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER!
- \*Service Club, 3:00-4:15pm, Art room
- \*K Spanish, 3:00-3:45, SG I
- \*Righi Scouts meeting, 4:30-5:30, 1A
- \*Cub Scouts meeting, 6:00-7:00pm, 6B
- \*Den 2 meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, 2B

#### **Friday, November 2**

- \*Open House for Prospective Parents in PK & K, 9:00-10:00am, Library
- \*Chess Club, 3:00-4:15, 2B
- \*Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm, Music room

#### **Sunday, November 4**

- \*Daylight savings time ends. Set clocks back 1 hour.

#### **Monday, November 5**

- \*Etter Band, 3:00-4:00pm
- \*Striders Running Club, 3:00-4:15pm

#### **Tuesday, November 6**

- \*SGA General meeting, 11:50-12:34pm
- \*Yearbook meeting, 3:00-4:00pm, Lab
- \*Martens Band, 3:00-4:15pm
- \*Righi Scouts meeting, 4:30-5:30, 2B
- \*H&S/SB meeting, 6:00-7:30pm

#### **Wednesday, November 7**

- \*Chick-fil-A for those who ordered
- \*Philly Pretzel Factory Fundraiser (see article)
- \*Chorus, 3:00-4:30pm, Hall
- \*Tiger Den meeting, 5:30-6:30pm, 2B

#### **Thursday, November 8**

- \*K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG I
- \*ASL Club, 3:00-3:50pm, Art Room
- \*Spanish Club, 3:00-4:00, Library
- \*Cub Scouts meeting, 6:00-7:00pm, 6B
- \*Den 2 meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, 2B

#### **Friday, November 9**

- \*Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm, Music room
- \*Chess Club, 3:00-4:15pm, 2B

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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



**PK THROUGH 5TH GRADES:** Report card conference appointment times for parents with students in grades Pre-K through 5 were sent home today, Thursday, October 25th. Please be sure to confirm your appointment time by signing the handout and returning it to your homeroom teacher.

**6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES:** Conferences will **NOT** be scheduled for students in grades 6 through 8. An online scheduler listing conference times in ten-minute intervals will be used this year. Parents should sign-up for a specific conference time with any teacher they wish to see on November 12 by going to [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St\\_Pius\\_X\\_Regional\\_School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Pius_X_Regional_School). You will first register your email address and click on the names of the teachers with whom you wish to have a conference. You will receive an email allowing you to pick a time slot for the conferences by clicking on the link in the email. Finally, you will receive an email confirmation and reminder. You will also receive a link that you may use if you wish to change your appointment later. Conferences may be scheduled from 8:00 to 11:30am and from 12:20 to 3:00pm. You are encouraged to have a conference with any teacher that you think necessary. Report cards will be sent home with middle school students on Thursday, November 8th.

## PK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS - TOMORROW



Please tell your family and friends about our informal Open House for prospective families on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 10:00am. This informal Open House is for prospective families with **PreK and Kindergarten** students, and we will have a special activity for our young visitors. Families will receive information about our school and a guided tour as well.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS THIS  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>.  
DON'T FORGET TO "FALL BACK" AND  
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS.**

## FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE TUITION MUST BE KEPT CURRENT

Tuition and ESP payments must be paid on or before the due date each month. Failure to do so will result in withholding of a student's progress report, report card, academic records, yearbook, etc. If your tuition and/or ESP account becomes overdue by 30 days, your child(ren) may not return to school until it is paid in cash or certified funds in the school office. If payment is made directly online to TADS, it must be paid 7 days prior to this 30-day deadline so that the funds have time to clear the bank.

There is no need to call us to confirm the status of your account; we see the same information as you on TADS. If your TADS account shows the payment was made and nothing is past due, then you are in good standing.

Thank you to the many families who do pay their tuition on time each month! We truly appreciate it! As a token of our appreciation, a prize will be awarded to one family at the end of the year from all who have kept their tuition current every month all year!! It is very time consuming to track down families to make their payments. We ask for your cooperation and understanding with this.

## CELEBRATE SPIRIT DAY AT PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH



Stop by Philly Pretzel Factory located at 1153 Maryland Rt. 3 – Crofton Station (next to Giant and Krispy Kreme) on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a fun, delicious treat after school or plan ahead and order a great big party tray or treats for your upcoming football or holiday parties! A portion of the day's sales goes directly to our school! These pretzels are delicious! Stop by on November 7<sup>th</sup> and show your school spirit. Don't forget to mention "SPX Spirit Day" at checkout!

## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR DECEMBER

**December lunch orders must be placed by November 12<sup>th</sup>.** Late orders may be placed from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

## CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION



**No Chick-fil-A Day in December.**  
**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>.**

# WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Winter uniforms begin on **Tuesday, November 13th**.

NO SHORTS MAY BE WORN after Friday, November 9th.

Just a few other clarifications on school uniforms:

- Winter PE uniform includes black SPX or CYO logo sweatpants, and teal SPX tee shirt or SPX/CYO logo sweatshirt. No shorts.
- PE uniforms must be worn with white crew socks. No colored socks of any kind are permitted with PE uniform.
- Navy blue is the only color of hosiery (socks, knee socks or tights) permitted under uniform pants and skirts.



## ENERGY SAVING TIPS FROM THE SPX GREEN TEAM



As the weather gets colder, it is very useful to find and plug up any areas of your home that may be drafty because of the entry of cold air, or the loss of heat. The more cold air entering your home, the more heat is necessary to warm it. With the cost associated with generating heat, it serves your wallet, and the environment, to find and plug the drafty areas.

Some quick and simple DIY methods for plugging heat loss areas include using foam strips or draft stops for doors and windows, to name a few.

Go green, save money and protect the environment. Win, win, win!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE GRANDPARENTS' DAY NOV. 16th – SAVE THE DATE!!!

The Third Grade Grandparent's Day is scheduled for Friday, November 16, 2018, from 9:00 am to 11:30 a.m. There are many ways to earn VSP hours: donate light breakfast food, set up and decorate the night before, serve during the event, or clean up afterwards. Grandparent's Day is an activity for third grade students, but any SPX parent can earn VSP hours for this event. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Trice at [angtrice@verizon.net](mailto:angtrice@verizon.net).

Here is the link for the Sign-up Genius:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094\\_4A4A82AA1FE3-grandparents](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094_4A4A82AA1FE3-grandparents)

Donations will be accepted in the afternoon on THURSDAY, November 15th, by placing non-perishable donations **clearly marked Grandparents' Day** on the cart located in the front lobby. There will also be someone in the Nelson Hall kitchen on FRIDAY, November 16th starting at 7:15 am to accept donated items. Please note this event begins at 9 am. As such, all contributions need to be delivered no later than 8:30 am on November 16th. If you would like to volunteer during Grandparents' Day itself, please be advised that you must have completed your VIRTUS training.

Thanks so much for helping to make one of our schools most beloved events a success this year!

# SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY, SOCCER, AND BASKETBALL



**SOCCER:** A number of play-off games were cancelled or rescheduled over the weekend. Please keep an eye out for information from your coaches for new times, dates and locations. You can also go to the ADW website at <http://wdccyo.sportstech.net/Scheduler/public/contests.aspx>. Once again, **Good Luck** everyone!!!

**SOCCER and CROSS-COUNTRY:** Uniform return will be on November 6<sup>th</sup>!

**BASKETBALL:** If your child has been registered to play basketball this season, please see the information below for basketball evaluations:

## **10U BOYS and GIRLS**

**NO EVALUATIONS WILL BE HELD**

## **12U BOYS**

**\*\*\*Optional\*\*\*** EVALUATIONS for the **U-12 "Mid-Atlantic" BOYS** team is as follows:

#1\*MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th from 4:00pm-5:30pm (4:00-4:30 individual shoot-around, 4:30-5:30 will be instructional evaluations)

#2\*WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th from 4:00pm-5:30pm (4:00-4:30 individual shoot-around, 4:30-5:30 will be instructional evaluations)

## **12U Girls**

**\*\*Required\*\*** EVALUATIONS for **"ALL" 12U GIRLS** teams will be as follows:

#1\*MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th from 5:30pm-7:00pm (5:30-6:00 individual shoot-around, 6:00-7:00 will be instructional evaluations)

#2\*WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th from 5:30pm-7:00pm (5:30-6:00 individual shoot-around, 6:00-7:00 will be instructional evaluations)

## **14U BOYS**

#1\*MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5th from 5:30pm-7:00pm (5:30-6:00 individual shoot-around, 6:00-7:00 will be instructional evaluations)

#2\*WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th from 5:30pm-7:00pm (5:30-6:00 individual shoot-around, 6:00-7:00 will be instructional evaluations)

All Evaluations will be held at the **Bowie City Gymnasium located at 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie.**

Everyone who is registered for St. Pius CYO basketball will be placed on a team, evaluations just allow the coaches to place kids on the appropriate skill level team so all may have an enjoyable basketball experience and season. If you have any questions, please contact Nick Trice, SPX Boys' Basketball Commissioner at, [NSTrice@co.pg.md.us](mailto:NSTrice@co.pg.md.us) or Jawara Marierose, SPX Girls' Basketball Commissioner at, [jawara@gmail.com](mailto:jawara@gmail.com)

## \*FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR \* APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington (Washington, DC and Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland).

All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Applying for tuition aid has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school.

To apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2019 – 2020 school year, please click on the appropriate [TADS](#) link below.

The deadline date to apply for Archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2019 – 2020 school year is **Saturday, December 1, 2018 for returning families. THIS APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID INCLUDING: ARCHDIOCESAN AID, REGIONAL SCHOOL AID, AND PARISH AID.**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS

It's that time of year! The annual Christmas Bazaar is coming! Are you looking for VSP hours? The Christmas Bazaar chairpersons are busy planning Santa's workshop and are in search of your talents. If you are interested in earning VSP hours and supporting this wonderful SPX tradition please visit the Christmas Bazaar website. Our Bazaar website has information about take home projects, wish lists, and volunteer opportunities:

<https://sites.google.com/view/spxchristmasbazaar>. Please email [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com) for more info or answers to any questions.



## SAVE THE DATES

- November 12 – School Closed for Students- Report Card Conference Day
- November 13 – Winter Uniform Begins AND Grade PK-I Parent Administration Forum
- November 14 - Pizza Day
- November 15 - Tag Day
- November 16 - Grandparent's Day AND Early Dismissal Day
- November 19 - H.S.A. Meeting
- November 21 - 23 - No school, Thanksgiving break
- November 28 - HSPT Administered to 8th grade
- November 29 - Picture Make-Ups
- November 30 – Kids' Night Out



# 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.

### Current Open Seat Available right now:

\*\*One (1) seat—St. Pius Parish

### Upcoming Seats that will be available effective June 1, 2019:

\*\*\*Two (2) seats—**St. Edward’s Parish**, South Bowie

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**Ascension Parish**, Old Bowie

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie (note—there will be two (2) open seats as of June 2019 for SPX Parish if the current open seat is not filled prior to June 2019).

\*\*\*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 five of the six 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 no later than the close of business (5 pm) on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.**

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.

## 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.

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

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

Tuesday 3/5/19, 5-6 pm—Nelson Hall—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).



# 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.

## High School Application Process

### **Dates to Remember**

Date	Item	Completed
Sept. 4	HSPT Online Registration Opens	
Oct. 26	HSPT Online Registration Closes	
Nov. 3	Parent input for transcripts due.	
Nov. 19	Window for selecting High School Choices opens; return to the HSPT registration page to make high school selections <b>Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.</b>	
Nov. 26	Authorization to Release Records form due to homeroom teachers.	
Nov. 28	HSPT at St. Pius	
Dec. 9	Window for selecting High School Choice closes. <b>Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers.</b>	
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.

#### 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>



# St. Edward's Christmas Market

## Craft Fair

November 3rd, 2018

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Featuring: Thanksgiving and Christmas Items, Throws,  
Teacher Gifts, Santa Seconds, Inspirational Gifts,  
Raffles, Baked Goods, plus much more.....

Address: 1940 Mitchellville Road

Bowie, Maryland 20716

