



St. Pius X Regional School  
News Notes  
November 22, 2022



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**Tuesday, November 22, 2022**

**Whole School Thanksgiving Mass  
1st and 2nd Grade Thanksgiving  
Feast 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
NO AFTERCARE**

**Wednesday, November 23, 2022**

**Thanksgiving Break Begins**

**Monday, November 28, 2022**

**Classes Resume**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

**Giving Tuesday  
Special \$1 Tag Day  
Class Mass 6th - 8th 10:30  
Honor Roll Assembly for Grades  
6-8 11:30 in the Church**

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

**HSPT Testing for 8th Grade**

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

St. Pius X Regional School would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!



## GIVING TUESDAY

St. Pius X Regional School will take part in [#GivingTuesday](#) this November 29, 2022. Giving Tuesday is a day of generosity amidst the holiday season. There are many ways to participate this year;

👉 On that day, students can bring in \$1 and come out of uniform for the day (November 29th only). We encourage all families to participate and if you would like to donate more, please feel free.

👉 In addition, our HSA will be in the parking lot to collect any donations during both our first and second carpool waves.

👉 You may also make a financial gift through December 3rd by clicking on this link:

<https://bit.ly/SPXgivingtuesday>.

*“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus”. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The open application period for the 2023-2024 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program begins Saturday, October 1, 2022. **The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 2, 2022.** The deadline for new families to apply is Saturday, February 18, 2023. To apply, log into your TADS account and select the Financial Aid tab. There you will find the online application. If you have any questions regarding the application process or necessary documents, please select the Tools and Resources which is also located under the Financial Aid tab. If you have any additional questions, please contact TADS.

**REMINDER:** You must apply to and receive a financial aid award from the ADW Tuition Assistance Program in order to apply for SPX Regional Aid which is offered to parishioners of Ascension, Sacred Heart, St. Edward the Confessor and St. Pius X.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The Service Committee will be collecting Toys For Tots at our school. Please help us by buying a new toy for a boy or a girl and do not wrap the gift. We will have Toys For Tots boxes in the classrooms during school hours. We will begin collecting the gifts on Wednesday, November 16th. The deadline for our toy collection is Monday, December 12th. Please help support this wonderful program for children in need!

## SIGNING IN LATE CHILDREN

If your child arrives at school after 8:15am, you must come in and sign them in. PK3 & PK4 must always be signed in by a parent.

## **STOCKINGS FOR HEROS**

**Cub Scout Pack 730 is providing Holiday Stockings for Heroes and would like your help in supporting this great cause. Please help us collect the following items to make these holiday stockings a special treat!**

**In order to collect a wide assortment of stocking stuffers, each grade has suggested items to donate below.**

### **Food:**

**PK3, PK4A, PK4B, 2nd, 7th, and 8th Grades**

**Packages of holiday nuts, single serving drink mix packets, candy canes, peanut brittle, single serving cookie packages, apple cider packets, hot chocolate packets**

### **Games:**

**KA, KB, 1st, 3rd Grades**

**Playing cards, puzzle books (crosswords, sudoku, etc.), holiday-themed writing pens or pencils, travel-sized games, card games (Uno, Phase 10, etc.), stress balls (holiday-themed preferred), small notepads**

### **Accessories:**

**4th, 5th, 6th Grades, Faculty and Staff**

**Holiday-themed lip balm, socks, caps, gloves (preferably black; winter; one size fits all), and other holiday-themed items**

**Please drop off any items in the designated box in front of the school building. Thanks for your support!**

**Deadline is Friday, December 2nd**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Raffle Table STUDENT & TEACHER - While you are out Christmas shopping, please pick-up something (or things) for the raffle table! Donations of NEW items are needed for the raffle table. We offer a raffle table for our students and a separate one for the teachers. For the students, we are especially requesting tickets to sporting events, gift cards, and High School items with logo imprinted (t- shirts, shorts, sweatpants, hats, bags, etc.). Other donated items might include: NEW children's toys, religious items, and board games. Anything NEW for any and all age groups will add to the variety of the raffle table. For teachers, Christmas décor is always appreciated as well as gift cards or small electronics like a google home, etc. Kindly send your donations to the school clearly marked "Raffle Table". Donations may be placed in the box in the lobby labeled Christmas Bazaar.

Decorations Needed – Please send in different size boxes wrapped in Christmas wrapping paper. The wrapped boxes can be left in the lobby with Mrs. Bechtel.

### Christmas Bazaar Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for our Annual Christmas Bazaar. Days are broken down into time slots, but you may sign up for as many slots as you'd like, depending on your availability! Please note when VIRTUS compliance is required. All questions should be direct to Christmas Bazaar Chairs at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

#### Saturday, Dec. 3

9 am - 1 pm (Bazaar Set-up)

VIRTUS not required

#### Monday, Dec. 5

8:00 am - 12:05 pm (Grades 8th, 1st, 3rd, and 5th BAZAAR Shopping)

12:55 pm - 2:45 pm (Grades 6th and 4th BAZAAR Shopping)

VIRTUS required

Tuesday, Dec. 6

8:15 am - 12:05 pm (Grades K, 7th, PK3, PK4, and 2nd BAZAAR Shopping)

12:55 pm - 1:45 pm (Faculty BAZAAR Shopping)

VIRTUS required

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Clean-up)

VIRTUS not required

Interested? Sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4eabaf29a4fd0-2022spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com>

## SHOEBOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

This year, St. Pius X Regional School will once again participate in **SOME'S (So Others Might Eat)** annual Shoebox Gift Drive.

Through the Shoebox Gift 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. The drive will run from November 21 through December 9.

**Please wrap the shoebox lid and box separately.** It is also helpful to tape a list of the items in the box on the lid.

Listed below are some suggested items to include in your gift.

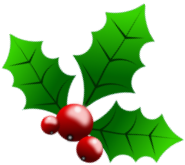
Each shoebox gift should contain the following items:

1 hat

1 scarf

1 pair of gloves      1 pair of socks  
1 pair of underwear 1 deodorant  
2 razors                      1 soap  
1 shampoo                  1 lotion  
1 toothbrush                1 toothpaste

Please no cash, food, candy, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, or fast food gift cards. Please do not send any partially filled boxes; only complete ones. All items must be brought in to school by Friday, Dec. 9th so that we may deliver them to SOME on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022. Please deliver to PK4A Katie Bryant's room.



## GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL GUESTS DAY

Grandparents & Special Guests Day was a **SUCCESS!**  
The 3rd Grade Team is appreciative of those who donated, volunteered and made this tradition so special for our 3rd graders and their guests.

**\*\*Please don't delay submitting your VSP hours.**

**All hours MUST be submitted within 30 days of the event. THANK YOU!**

## FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

If your child forgets their lunch, you may drop it off before 11:00 am.  
Absolutely no fast food should be dropped off.

## TRACK IT FORWARD

Please remember to put your VSP hours into Track It Forward. It is your responsibility to log your hours online on the school VSP site, Track it Forward, <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school>. Every family member should use the same account on Track it Forward and ensure that they log their hours through that 1 account.

## CAROUSEL UNIFORM STORE

As we approach their last month or two.....Carousel now has STORE WIDE markdowns. They have quite a few St. Pius items. Call first to see if they have what they want (301) 843-8884. Also, they are happy to still deliver. They also have Communion attire, etc., should parents want to stop on in.

Andrea Bramwell is our Uniform Exchange coordinator. She can be reached at 202-276-2436.

## CULTURAL SHOWCASE

In our continuing efforts to celebrate our wonderfully diverse community, we ask all families to share family customs, traditions, and heritage with us. Please send us pictures, recipes, history, family tree, crests, etc. to include in our monthly newsletter. Please email family information to [lhampton@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:lhampton@stpiusbowie.org) .

## NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Please see the attached information about FLU and RSV. Please help keep St. Pius X Healthy by keeping your sick kids home. Inform the teachers and the nurse if your child is out sick. If your child has been out for 3 or more days, a Doctor's note is required for clearance to attend school.

Contact Nurse Benson with any questions:

[mbenson@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mbenson@stpiusbowie.org)



## IMPORTANT CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TADS

Please note the new billing address for TADS:

Auncor, Inc.

P.O. Box 850136

Minneapolis, MN 55485

Please include a copy of your invoice with your payment and allow at least 6 business days for checks to arrive and be processed before the 10th of the month to avoid any late charges.

## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

- Tuition and ESP payments must be paid on or before the due date each month. Failure to do so will result in withholding a student's progress report, report card, academic record, yearbook, etc.
- If your tuition and/or ESP account becomes overdue by 30 days, your child(ren) may not attend 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.

## 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.



**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 can also link your card by visiting [tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education](http://tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education) and click "link your card" button.

1. Enter email address associated with your VIC account
2. Enter the one-time password sent to your email address
3. Search for your school and click "add" to link your card

Your purchases at Amazon Smile 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*

*ESP - Extended School Program (before and aftercare)*

*HSPT - High School Placement Test*

*SSC - Student Support Center*

*VSP - Volunteer Service Program*

*CFA - Chick-fil-A*

*HSA - Home and School Association*

*FSO - Fundraising Support Obligation*

*SAB - School Advisory Board*

*TADS - Tuition Management Company*

### Our Regional Parishes:

#### St. Pius X Catholic Church

14720 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715 301-262-2141

<http://www.spxbowie.org/>

#### Sacred Heart Parish

16501 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715 301-262-0704

<http://www.sacredheartbowie.org>

#### Ascension Catholic Church

12700 Lanham Severn Road Bowie, MD 20720 301-262-2227

<http://www.ascensionbowie.com>

#### St. Edward the Confessor

1940 Mitchellville Road Bowie, MD 20716 301-249-9199

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