



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



May 2, 2019

SERVICE CLUB- \$1.00 TAG DAY, MAY 2nd, WEAR YELLOW/GOLD

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 2

- *\$1.00 Tag Day-Service Club fundraiser for Kids Helping Hopkins
- *8:30-10:00am, 2nd gr Math Scantron
- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-4:00pm, Service Club meeting, Art
- *3:00-5:00pm, Dress Rehearsal for Variety Show, hall
- *6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- *7:00-8:00pm, Den 2 meeting, 2B

Friday, May 3

- *Early Dismissal Day, 12:30pm for PK, 1:00pm for K-8
- *6th-8th gr Field Day
- *8:30-10:00am, 3rd gr Reading Scantron
- *3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- *5:30-6:30pm, GS Troop 2997, Art
- *7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386, Art

Monday, May 6

- *8:30-10:00am, 4th gr Reading Scantron
- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders

Tuesday, May 7

- *8:30-10:00am, 5th gr Science Scantron
- *3:00-4:00pm, Yearbook Club, Lab
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall

Wednesday, May 8

- *8:30-10:22am, 6th & 7th gr Reading Scantron
- *10:30am, PK-I Class Mass, church
- *11:45-1:45pm, 5th gr Cinco de Mayo, hall
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Academic Club, Math
- *3:00-5:00pm, Chorus, church
- *4:00-7:00pm, Fall Carousel Uniform Fittings, Library
- *5:30-6:30pm, Tiger Den, 2B
- *5:30-7:00pm, GS Troop 2997, Art

Thursday, May 9

- *Progress Report Distributed
- *8th gr High School T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Day
- *8:30-10:00am, 2nd gr Reading Scantron
- *Variety Show, 10:30am PK-4, 1:30pm 5th-8th gr, 7:00pm parent show
- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, Library

Friday, May 10

- *4th-7th gr SGA Convention
- *9:00-11:00am, PK-2nd gr Field Day
- *3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- *3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- *7:00-10:00pm, 6th & 7th gr Dance, hall



On Thursday, May 2nd bring in a \$1 donation and wear yellow/gold to help support pediatric cancer research through Kids Helping Hopkins. All money collected will be donated to the John Hopkins Children's Center. Please note that to dress out of uniform you must bring in \$1, this is not a prepaid TAG day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR



A Middle School Dance Chair Person is needed for the 2019-20 school year. Anyone interested in taking over the Middle School Dances please contact Mariana Lathrop or by email at mariana.lathrop@gmail.com. All VSP hours will be earned for the year. It's easy and fun.

VARIETY SHOW!



Dress Rehearsal for Variety Show participants is scheduled for, **Thursday, May 2nd 3:00-5:00.**

Please report to the Hall immediately after school. All ESP students check into ESP first.

* Children may show us their costumes at the Dress Rehearsal instead of changing into them. This will save time in getting the rehearsal moving.
School Performance: Thursday May 9th at 10:30 for Grades PK-4, 1:30 for Grades 5-8. You will be only performing for your Grade Level.

Evening Performance: Thursday May 9th 7:00-9:00

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

STRATEGIC PLANNING—JUNE 3, 2019 HSA MEETING (note date change)

Ms. Kelly Branaman (Associate Superintendent for School Operations and Strategic Planning, Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office) will speak at the June 3, 2019 HSA meeting at 7 pm in Nelson Hall (please note the date change for the HSA meeting). Associate Sup't Branaman will provide an introduction to the strategic planning process. **The June HSA meeting will be the first opportunity for current school parents to provide input to be considered as part of a future strategic plan. Parents of graduated eighth grade students are welcome to attend the June 3, 2019 HSA meeting to provide comments regarding the school strategic plan.**

The administration will develop a multi year strategic plan for our school over the next 18 months; input will be gathered from staff, teachers, school parents, Pastors, Home School Association members, School Advisory Board members, and other key stakeholders in our school and local community. The strategic plan will be based upon the four pillars of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Washington: Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Enrollment, and Governance. We look forward to seeing you in June!

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 (currently in process of interviewing applicants)

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

***One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie

If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that the remaining seats require the applicant to be an active member of that parish. If multiple parents/guardians apply for one seat, the Board reserves the right to schedule interviews of potential qualified candidates.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy for an application. We are reviewing applications on a rolling basis, so if you would like to apply, please do so promptly.

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

For general questions/obtain additional information: contact Board President Patricia Reimer at patriciareimer@verizon.net

**HSA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 13TH
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, JUNE 3RD !**

CALLING ALL CYO PLAYERS!

HUNGRY FOR CHIPOTLE? Our Spring Chipotle Fundraiser will be on Monday, May 20th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bowie Marketplace, 15475 Annapolis Road in Bowie, Md. Click [Chipotle Flyer](#) for details!

Soccer: Registration for 2019 Fall Soccer will be opening soon. Be on the lookout for an announcement in the coming weeks!



Sweatshirts: Order your CYO sweatshirts for those chilly mornings or cool nights! Youth sizes \$20 and adult sizes \$25. Click [Sweatshirts](#) to download the order form.

Softball: The season has begun! Check www.adw.org for game times and locations.

Track & Field: The schedule and results can be found at www.adw.org.

2019-2020 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS DUE BY MAY 17TH

In making decisions on the classroom placement of students, the school will consider the following: girl/boy balance, familial relationship, ability grouping, recommendations of the Resource/Counseling Center, recommendations of the previous year's teachers, and teachers' strengths (matching class needs with teacher strengths). Parental choice, mixing classes to improve socialization and other commonly requested considerations will be viewed only after the criteria listed above has been fully met and as long as it does not impact the proper placement of other students. All requests for classroom placement for the 2019-2020 school year must be emailed to our principal, Mrs. Janet Schrom, at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org by **May 17th**. No requests will be accepted after this date.

Please email a separate request for each child and include the following information: the student's present grade and homeroom, the teacher you are requesting, a detailed reason for the request, and your name, address, and phone number. Classroom requests are neither required nor encouraged. **Please note that a request does not guarantee placement.**



UNFULFILLED VSP HOURS WILL BE BILLED



Parents are encouraged to check their VSP balances to make sure their 20- hour commitment (10-hour commitment for single parent household) will be fulfilled by the end of the school year. **You will be charged \$25 per hour for each hour that is unfulfilled, so don't get caught short.** Every hour you serve must be logged on our online volunteer hour tracking system called, Track It Forward. **Every** SPX school family should have a Track-it-Forward account including room parents, CYO coaches, H.S.A. committee chairs and board members. If you have not started your VSP hours, here is the process to get started. **Every volunteer must register online using this website:** <http://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>. After creating an account, volunteers will login and hours will then be submitted online, stating the date, hours, activity, and chairperson. Please be sure to include your name when logging your volunteer hours. Volunteer hours will then be approved electronically by the chairperson.

6th and 7th gr MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE – FRIDAY, MAY 10



The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a HAWAIIAN LUAU DANCE for SPX students in grades 6 and 7 on Friday, May 10th. Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include a DJ, snacks, and drinks. Please wear your favorite Hawaiian Luau outfit (as always, appropriate attire is required). Door prizes will be awarded, and there will also be prizes for best Hawaiian shirt/ outfit and a limbo contest during the evening! Parents-please pick up your children promptly between 10:00 and 10:15pm. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY THEIR OWN PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO NELSON HALL. Permission slips will be sent home this week. Extras will be available in the school office. Any interested chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy, should contact Mariana Lathrop at mariana.lathrop@gmail.com or at 301-938-7678. Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning

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EXTRA CLASS PICTURES



Class pictures have been distributed to those who had pre-ordered and pre-paid for pictures. A limited number of extras are available in the school office. If you would like to see if we have extra class pictures for your student's grade, please contact Mrs. Fay at pfay@stpiusbowie.org Pictures will be \$13.00 and checks should be made out to Lifetouch.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Days for students in PK, K, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be this spring between May 3rd and May 10th. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FIELD DAY DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Grades 6-8	Friday, May 3	9:00 to 11:45am
Grades PK, K, 1 and 2	Friday, May 10	9:00 to 11:00am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We rely on parent volunteers for the success of these fun-filled days for our students. THIS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADW'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY (VIRTUS). PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET COMPLIANT. VSP hours can also be earned. Please plan to be available from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm. If you are interested in helping with these Field Days, please send a note or an email to Mrs. Sikorsky at msikorsky@stpiusbowie.org



FUNDRAISING SUPPORT GUIDELINES

FSO has been set at **\$125 per family** for the SY 18-19.

The below fundraisers go towards the Fundraising Support Obligation (FSO) for the 2018/2019 School year:

Football Mania each ticket was \$20, you earned \$10 for each ticket sold.

World's Finest Chocolate The cost of One box of chocolate is \$60. Selling one box earns your family \$30 towards your FSO, which is 50% of the cost of one box of chocolate. (SOLD UNTIL APRIL 29TH!)

Challenge 4 Kids is still going on. It is the online donation site, where family and friends can receive an email and donate online. 50% of your donations count toward your FSO.

If you have not met your FSO by participating in these fundraisers, you can send in a check to pay for your FSO. Clearly Marked "FSO Obligation."

If you have any questions, please contact Faith Proctor, HSA President at faithproctor@yahoo.com or call 202-438-5711.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Attention: PRE-K Parents and 6th Grade parents

Vaccine Requirements 2019-2020 School Year Updates: Please check your students immunization record and make sure it is up to date and the School Nurse has an updated copy.

**** Students **entering 7th grade** must have a **TDAP** and **MCV** vaccine prior to the start of the new school year. First day of school is **08/27/2019**. Please if your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email.
We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the first day of school.

**** Students entering **Kindergarten** must have 2 documented doses of **MMR** and **Varicella** prior to the first day of school. If your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email.
We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the **first day of school, 8/27/2019**.

Please contact the School Nurse if you have any questions.

Meghan Benson RN BSN CPN
mbenson@stpiusbowie.org
301-262-0203



ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

THE SHIRLEY CRESSY SCHOLARSHIP

The Shirley Cressy Scholarship will be offered each year in honor of her devotion to excellence in Catholic education. The one-time \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 8th grade student who will be attending a Catholic high school next year. The recipient must represent the ideals of Catholic education, have achieved academic success, and have demonstrated service to the school and community.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- "B" average or better during the 8th grade
- Be an active participant in the church community
- Obtain a "Letter of Recommendation" (form enclosed with application- not a teacher)

In addition, each student must submit a composition on the following theme.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE

Why I give service to my Church and/or community?

How the service I do makes a difference.

Services I plan to do in the future.

Compositions should not exceed 250 words. They must be typed, double-spaced.

Deadline

All applications must be submitted to Mrs. Schrom by Thursday, May 9, 2019. The winner will be announced, and a \$500 check will be presented to that student at the 8th grade Awards Ceremony.

The judges' decision is final.

Questions

All questions should be directed to Mrs. Schrom 301-262-0203.

Please see Mrs. Schrom for an application.



ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE CONT'D

8TH GRADE

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

Parents of 8th grade students with no other children at St Pius X Regional School must complete their required hours by May 24th. 20 hours are required from a 2-parent household and 10 hours are required from a household with a single parent. You will be billed \$25 per hour for any unfulfilled hours. Diplomas, school report cards and records will be withheld for unfulfilled/unpaid VSP hours as well as unpaid financial obligations.

As we begin 4th quarter, activities for 8th graders will increase: High School t-shirt/sweatshirt day, graduation picture day, their last field day, to name a few. To make sure you are aware of all the events, the details are listed below.

Date	Event
May 9	High School T-shirt/Sweatshirt Day Students should wear their high school shirt with their uniform.
May 3	Field Day Volunteer to be a part of your child's last field day at St. Pius.
May 22	8th Grade Graduation Dance In the hall at 7:00-10:00
May 23	Late arrival for 8th grade Students should come to school at 10AM.
May 24	Hershey Park 6:30a.m- 6:30 p.m.
May 28	8th Grade Breakfast 9AM
	8th Grade Awards Assembly 10AM
May 29	8th Grade Parade 8AM Students must be in a vehicle driven by a parent. Decorations must be in keeping with St. Pius standards. More details will be sent home prior to the parade.
	Graduation Practice 10 -11:30 Students will be released after practice. All students must be picked up in front of the Church by a parent. No students will be permitted to walk or leave school grounds unaccompanied by a parent.
	Graduation 7PM Students only should report to the Hall by 6:30. No parents will be permitted in the Hall. Parents will enter the Church through the front door.

We hope this helps you plan for all activities. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Pius CYO. Come in to the Chipotle at **15475 Annapolis Road** in Bowie on **Monday, May 20th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Pius CYO.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

SAVE THE DATES

May 3 – Early dismissal day

May 8 – Carousel Uniform in Library

May 9 – Progress Reports Distributed

May 10 – 6th and 7th gr Dance

May 14 – Band Concert

May 15 – Chorus Concert

May 16 – Tag Day

May 17 – Early dismissal day

May 18 – Fun day

May 22 – End of Year Whole School Mass

May 27 – No School Memorial Day

August 27 – First Day of 2019-2020 School Year

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>

Please join us for

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SAINT PIUS X

FUN DAY 2019

Saturday, May 18, 2019

11:00am to 3:00pm

In the back lot of the school Rain or Shine!

Prizes

Games

Raffles

Rides

Food

Special Fun Day T-Shirts are available for purchase. SPX has a special TAG Day for those who order a Fun Day t-shirt is **Monday, May 20th**! Go online and order yours today. Last Day to order Fun Day t-shirts is **Friday, April 22nd**.

<https://bit.ly/2I4QklF>

WE NEED YOUR HELP

It takes dozens of volunteers to make Fun Day run smoothly. Please help us with this great SPX tradition. Earn valuable VSP hours as well. Use the link below to sign-up.

<https://bit.ly/2Da7LxH>

Another way parents can help is to donate a small toy, game, book, or other prize to the Wishing Well game. A bin will be placed in the lobby where donations can be dropped off. Students of all ages love this game and we need your help to keep it going!

Please email Christa Hagins (christahagins3@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



St. Pius X SUMMER CAMP 2019

Session 1 - July 8 - 12

Session 2 - July 15 - 19

Session 3 - July 22 - 26

9am to 3pm

(Extended Day option available: 8:00am drop-off, 5:00pm pick-up)

Eligible students: SPX students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade

Cost: \$185.00 per child per week

(additional charge for extended day option:

Before care \$25 per week and After Care \$50 per week)

Activities include COOKING, DRAMA, GAMES, COMPUTERS,
ARTS, CRAFTS AND MORE!

[Click here to download the registration forms from our school website](#)

Registration deadline: May 17, 2019

Any registrations received after this time may not receive a Camp t-shirt.

Please return completed Application, Emergency Forms, and procedures forms to school.

All billing will go directly through your TADS account

All fees must be paid in full by June 7, 2019.

Please do not send payments to school.

Please contact Leigh Hampton for more information at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org