



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



February 21, 2019



SGA CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER, FEB 26th



The SGA will hold a fundraiser at Chipotle, Annapolis Road (near Harris Teeter), on Tuesday evening, February 26 from 4 PM to 8 PM. The proceeds will go to the Robert Love Scholarship Fund for St. Pius faculty who have children attending St. Pius. Please support the efforts of SGA and this good cause. Families ordering food (in-store only) at Chipotle during the fundraiser must mention St. Pius [or show a St. Pius flyer](#) when ordering your food. Online orders will not count towards this fundraiser. Please enjoy a tasty meal with other St. Pius families, while supporting our scholarship drive!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 21

- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, Library
- *3:00-4:30pm, STEM Club, Lab

Friday, February 22

- *3:00-4:00pm, 2nd and 3rd gr Book Club, 3B
- *3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- *3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- *5:00-6:30pm, GS Troop 2997, Art

Monday, February 25

- *9:00am-3:00pm, 4:00-6:00pm, Scholastic Bk Fair
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Math Club, Art
- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play Rehearsal (Jesus and Apostles), Church

Tuesday, February 26

- *9:00am-3:00pm, 4:00-6:00pm, Scholastic Bk Fair
- *11:50-12:34pm, SGA General meeting, Science
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play Rehearsal (Crucifixion Dancers), 3A
- *4:00-8:00pm, SGA Chipotle Fundraiser
- *5:30-6:30pm, Den 5 meeting, 2B
- *5:30-7:00pm, Den I Bears, 1B

Wednesday, February 27

- *9:00am-3:00pm, 4:00-6:00pm, Scholastic Bk Fair
- *10:30am, 6th-8th gr Class Mass
- *3:00-4:30pm, Chorus, hall
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play Rehearsal (Jesus, Apostles, Blind, Lame, Friends of Blind/Lame, Mothers)
- *5:30-6:30pm, Tiger Den meeting, 2B
- *5:30-7:00pm, GS Troop, Art
- *7:00-8:30pm, Catholicism 101, Library

Thursday, February 28

- *9:00am-3:00pm, 4:00-6:00pm, Scholastic Bk Fair
- *\$1.00 Wear Red Tag Day, Service Club
- *PROGRESS REPORTS GOING HOME
- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- *6:00-7:00pm, Cub Scouts, 6B
- *6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- *6:00-8:30pm, Scouts Rocket Design

Friday, March 1

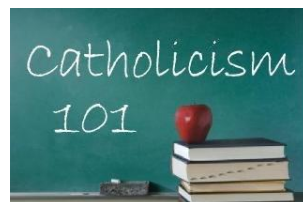
- *Early dismissal, 1:00pm for K-8, 12:30pm for PK
- *9:00-1:00pm, Scholastic Book Fair
- *7:00-10:00pm, 7th & 8th gr Dance, hall

\$1 TAG DAY, THURSDAY, FEB 28, WEAR RED!



On Thursday, February 28 bring in a \$1 donation and wear red to help support heart disease. All money collected will be donated to the American Heart Association. Please note that to dress out of uniform you must bring in \$1, this is not a prepaid TAG day.

CATHOLICISM 101



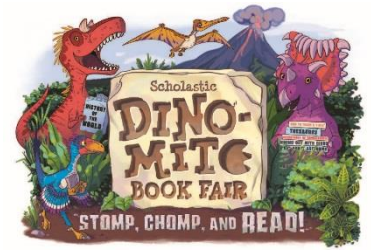
Our Golden Apple Religion Teacher, Mr. Mark Hammett, will once again be hosting our continuing series called Catholicism 101. The sessions are intended to provide, in general, the main material we cover in our religion program here at St. Pius X Regional School. The sessions will briefly and generally 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 FOR ADULTS ONLY, no children will be allowed. Mark your calendars now, as the next session will be Wednesday, February 27th from 7:00- 8:30pm in the school library.

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.



*All K-8th grade students will attend the Book Fair during THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED LIBRARY CLASS TIME from Monday, February 25 – Friday, March 1. There will be no earlier scheduled preview time for 1st-8th grade.

The Book Fair will be open for parents to preview or purchase during the following days and times:

Sunday, February 24, 10:00am-1:00pm (bring your friends/neighbors)

Monday, February 25 through Thursday, February 28, 9:00am-3:00pm and 4:00pm-6:00pm,
Friday March 1, 9am-1pm

Sunday, March 3, 10:00am-1:00pm (bring your friends/neighbors)

*Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, Discover, Cash or Check will be accepted for PARENT/ADULT purchases.

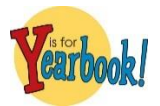
*Cash or Check will be accepted for STUDENT purchases. **For checks, please sign, date and make your check payable to St. Pius X. DO NOT COMPLETE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. In the memo section, PLEASE SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM THAT THE CHECK MAY BE COMPLETED FOR. We will complete the check for the exact amount of the purchase and provide a receipt for your records.**

*Maryland Sales Tax WILL BE added to all purchases. So, if your check has a maximum of \$10 and the item that your student wants is \$9.95, they will not be able to purchase the item because the total WITH TAX would be \$10.55.

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit: www.scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs. And if you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpius>. Our online Fair is available from February 17th – March 4th.

Email Ms. Feronti at eferonti@stpiusbowie.org if you have any questions.

YEARBOOK TITLE PAGE CONTEST!



Calling all creative students to enter your original designs into our title page contest! The theme of this year's title page is "Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible".

All artwork should be vertical in orientation on a 8.5x11 sheet of white paper. All entries must have "St. Pius X Regional School" and the date "2018-2019" somewhere on it. Student's name and homeroom should be clearly marked on the BACK of the submission. We are looking for a talented artist like yourself to draw, paint, or computer generate the cover page design.

All entries are due by March 1, 2019! Question? Contact Maureen Sanders at Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com or (240) 676-2837.

YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS



Have you taken photos during class parties, field trips, around the school, in the pickup line, on the playground, labs? The Yearbook needs your help! Send your photos to piousyearbook@live.com. Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837.

CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION

Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, March 13th.



LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR APRIL



APRIL lunch orders must be placed by March 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.

ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

Catholic High School Scholarship Information

THE LUCINDA L. JASPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2019 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship

Competition. Students may find an application packet on the website after January 15, 2019,

<http://www.lljsf.org/>, which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the

criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay. Submissions can be made **only online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59**

pm on March 31, 2019. Winners will be announced the first week of May 2019. **PLEASE SEE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS. [Click here for application and information.](#)**



YEARBOOK GRADUATION ADS FOR 8TH GRADERS

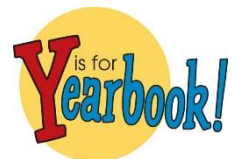
Send a special message to your 8th grade graduate by placing an ad in this year's yearbook.

Express your pride in his/her accomplishments at St. Pius X, congratulate a job well done, or share words of wisdom to take along on their journey to high school. Give a memory that will be treasured forever! Ads should roughly be 35 words total and emailed to

Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com with "Yearbook Ad Submission" in the subject line with student's last name.

Example - "Yearbook Ad Submission - Sanders". Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837.

The cost per ad is \$20, cash or checks payable to SPX and can be sent to school in an envelope marked, "Attention Maureen Sanders/Yearbook Ad".



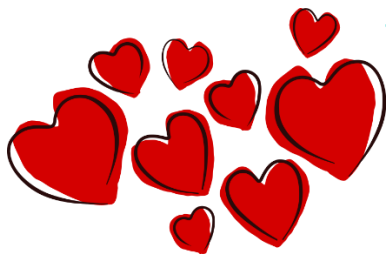
REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR - DUE NOW!!

**Register
NOW**

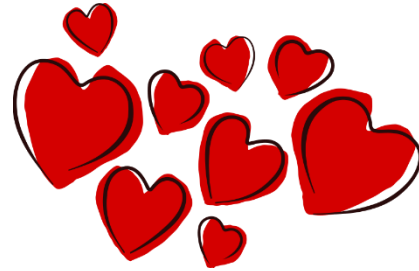
Registration (re-enrollment) for the 2019-2020 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** has started. Information on how to register current students was sent via email from TADS. Please contact Mrs. Hungate in the Finance Office if you have not received an email from TADS. Re-enrollment privileges are only being offered to families whose tuition accounts are current. Here is the link for the [2019-2020](#)

[TUITION RATES LETTER](#) from Mrs. Schrom.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** started on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00pm. Complete information is posted on our website under the admissions tab. **If you have new siblings applying, please do not wait to register. Some grades will have waiting lists.**



**SPREAD LOVE NOT
GERMS**



Happy Valentine's Day from Health Room!

The FLU and STREP are going around St. Pius X.

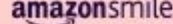
Please take extra precautions at home and keep your child home if they are symptomatic. Please if diagnosed stay home for the time the Doctor states. If your child is home for more than 3 days, they need a Doctor's note to the teacher or the nurse to be able to return to school.

Please click here for the CDC fact sheet on the FLU: <chrome-extension://ihgdgpjankaehldoaimdlekdidkfghe/viewer.html#https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/freeresources/family/flu-guide-for-parents-2018.pdf>

Please click here for the CDC fact sheet on Strep: <https://www.cdc.gov/dotw/strepthroat/index.html>

Share the love

Shop for your Valentine
at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and
Amazon donates.

You shop. Amazon donates.




7th and 8th GRADE DANCE, FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST



The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a DANCE for SPX students in 7th and 8th grades next Friday, March 1st. This dance will have a special St. Patrick's Day theme. Wear your favorite green attire (not required).

Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include a DJ, snacks, and drinks. As always, appropriate attire is required. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening.

Parents must pick-up your children promptly at 10:00pm. **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 were sent home today and are posted on the school website. Extras will be available in the school office. Students attending the dance will need to bring this [signed permission slip](#) with them. Permission slips will not be accepted unless signed by their OWN parent or legal guardian. Please read the rules for the Middle School Dances and discuss them with your child.

Any interested chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy should contact Mariana Lathrop at 301-938-7678. Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:00 to 11:00pm. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a82aa1fe3-7thand2>

**SAVE THE DATE: CLASS PICTURES WILL BE ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH.
DRESS UNIFORMS ONLY—NO PE UNIFORMS.
DETAILS TO COME IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWS NOTES.
SAVE THE DATE: Spring Portraits will be on Tuesday, March 25th.**

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 you are interested in applying, please contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy for an application. We will start reviewing applications on a rolling basis after February 1, 2019, 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 or 301-464-1520.

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.

Upcoming meetings:

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?

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD CONT'D

2/12/19 Parent Administration Forum Summary

Thank you to all of the second and third grade parents that attended the recent Parent Administration Forum on the evening of Tuesday February 12, 2019. We appreciate your comments and support of SPX School.

A brief summary of topics discussed that evening follows:

**If students are sick, parents should NOT bring them to school. Sick students need to stay home to recover but parents continue to send sick children to school. A reminder will be sent home to parents; classrooms are cleaned daily.

**A parent requested more writing practice for students. Students should start writing at an earlier age/grade. Several teachers are currently evaluating a potential new reading series that may include a writing component. A new writing series was recently purchased for the middle school. They are working on this, and there will be more information provided as time goes on.

**parents voiced complaints regarding the third math class because there some parents could not access the third grade math textbook. The teachers do teach all of the ADW math standards, but do not always use the book because they do not like the third grade math textbook (but the rest of that series is OK). Teachers also use IXL, worksheets, chrome books/iPads, and other outside sources to reinforce the math concepts. The current ADW math standards are being met or exceeded even though the third grade textbook is not always used;

**parents have difficulty communicating with teachers using google classroom. Students also have paper planners that they can use to write down daily homework. Google classroom is a learning experience for both teachers and parents. Students need to learn how to be responsible for school work early. Some teachers use Google classroom and some do not. Both parents and teachers will receive additional training on Google classroom in the future (August/early next school year). There is more to come regarding google classroom;

**Parents were concerned regarding screen time. Students should not try to do all assigned weekly/summer IXL skills at one time; the completion of assignments should be spread out over time. Students should do twenty-five to thirty minutes of IXL each night. Students must develop fundamental math skills in the younger grades so that they can handle pre-Algebra and Algebra in the eighth grade.

**Parents were concerned regarding class size. Mrs. Schrom has a goal/plan regarding class size. If class sizes are small, tuition would have to be raised. She is trying to keep tuition increases to 3-4% each school year, but it is a constant balancing act. Every grade from PK-5 has a small group teacher (grades 1-5 share the small group teacher for that grade). Students are pulled into small groups, especially for math and reading instruction;

**the school office has a list of approved tutors if parents need this information (email Mrs. Schrom for this information).

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



CALLING ALL CYO PLAYERS!

Congratulations to the Boys St. Pius (2) 14U Tournament team for winning the Division Championship against St. Joseph Beltsville with a score of 40-30!!!! This is the 3rd championship win in a row for head coach Lonnie Stancil who's team this year included:

Andrew Bing
Everette Bradley
Jaden Bryant
Cole Gilbert
Gary Jones
Frederic Lamour
Casey McGee
Matthew Pickett
Collin Smith
Francis Tantengco
Elijah Thomas
Assistant Coaches Larry Gilbert and Marvin Reese



Awesome job players and Coaches! We're so proud!

Our boys 14U St. Pius (1) Tournament team, is playing for 3rd place! Please check the ADW schedule at <https://adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youthorganization-cyo/basketball/> for the date, time and location. Come out and cheer them on! Best of luck to you all! Go Cavs!

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL: REMEMBER...Baseball and Softball **registration closes Sunday, February 24, 2019!** Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click SPORTSPILOT to register now! If you have any questions or are interested in coaching a team this spring, please contact Suzie Sweeney @ softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com

TRACK & FIELD: Registration is now open in Sports Pilot for boys and girls ages 5 – 14. The cost is \$70 per participant 7 years and older and **\$15 for participants 6 years and younger** AND includes an SPX CYO athletic shirt to keep! Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click SPORTSPILOT to register now! Practices begin mid-March and the first meet is March 30th. Track and field is a great way to stay active and meet more SPX friends and families, especially for those who aren't old enough to play CYO Baseball/Softball this spring. For registration information and more detailed information about the program, please contact Megan Bogley, Track & Field Commissioner at m_bogley@hotmail.com. If you are interested in coaching, please contact the commissioner.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Pius X School. Come in to the Chipotle at **15475 Annapolis Road** in Bowie on **Tuesday, February 26th** 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 X School.



MEXICAN GRILL

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

February 24-March 3 – Scholastic Book Fair

February 26 – SGA Chipotle Fundraiser

February 27 - Session #2 of Catholicism 101

February 28 - Progress Reports Sent Home

February 28 - \$1.00 Tag Day (wear red)

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>