



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



November 15, 2018

H.S.A. MEETING - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20



Please mark your calendar for our second of five General HSA meetings scheduled for Monday November 19, 2018 at 7:00pm in Nelson Hall. Please sign the class attendance sheets located on the back tables in Nelson Hall. REMEMBER if you attend all five meetings throughout the year, your family is eligible to enter the HSA FREE TUITION drawing for the 2019-2020 school year. EIGHTH GRADE PARENTS in attendance are automatically placed in the gift card drawing held at the end of each HSA meeting. Hope to see you there. Thank you for your support.



St. Pius X Regional School would like to offer our heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to our middle school students who made the 1st quarter Honor Roll. Your hard work and good study habits paid off and we are very pleased to put your name on the honor roll. NICE JOB!

NO NEWS NOTES NEXT WEEK SCHOOL CLOSED WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK



We thank you Lord for all you give, the food we eat, the lives we live. And to our loved ones far away, please send your blessings, Lord we pray. And help us all to live our days with thankful heart and loving ways. Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 15

- *Tag Day
- *8th gr Field Trip to US Capitol, 6:30am-1:00pm
- *Gr 3-6 African Drums Assembly, 1:00-1:45pm
- *K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG I
- *STEM Club, 3:00-4:30pm, Lab
- *Scouts meeting, 6:00-8:30pm
- *Grandparent's Day Set Up, 9:00-11:00pm

Friday, November 16

- *Early dismissal
 - *1:00pm for grades K-8
 - *12:30pm for PK
- *Gr 3 Grandparents Day celebration and prayer service, 9:00-11:30am (service at 9:45am)

Monday, November 19

- *Thanksgiving Feast gr 1 & 2, 8:00-1:30pm
- *PreK and K Field Trip to Baltimore Zoo, 9:00-2:00pm
- *Band with Etter, 3:00-4:00pm
- *Math Club meeting, 3:00-4:00pm, Art room
- *Striders Running Club, 3:00-4:15pm
- *Home and School Association meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, Hall

Tuesday, November 20

- *Whole School Mass, 10:30am, Please join us!
- *SGA General Meeting, 11:50-12:34pm, Mrs. Couture's room
- *Band with Martens, 3:00-4:15pm
- *Yearbook Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Science Lab
- *Righi Scouts, 4:30-5:30, 2B

Wednesday, November 21

- *No School-Thanksgiving Vacation Begins

Thursday, November 22

- *No School-Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 23

- *No School-Thanksgiving Vacation

Monday, November 26

- *Classes Resume

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR JANUARY

January lunch orders must be placed by December 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.



CHICK-FIL-A INFORMATION

No Chick-fil-a Day in December.

Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, January 9th.

3rd 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.

Here is the link for the Sign-up Genius:

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!

SGA OPERATION GRATITUDE- THANK YOU FOR THE HALLOWEEN CANDY

The SGA wishes to thank all for the amazing response to the candy collection drive for deployed troops overseas, Veterans, and First Responders here at home. St. Pius X families, staff, and faculty donated 170 lbs. of candy! Our Halloween candy donations will go in care packages that will be delivered during the Christmas holidays.



LIFETOUCH PICTURE DISTRIBUTION AND RETAKES

Lifetouch portraits were distributed last week to all students who had their photos taken on October 23rd. We are using these fall portraits in our yearbook and would like every student to have their picture taken. Lifetouch Photography will be back at the school on **THURSDAY, November 29th** to take pictures of all students who were either absent on picture day or those who want their pictures retaken. If your student was absent, and you would like to purchase a portrait package, please present your order form with payment. Please make checks payable to LIFETOUCH. Extra forms are available in the office. If you would like to have your student's picture retaken, **they must present their original full picture package** to the photographer when their portrait is retaken. ONLY students having their pictures taken may dress out of uniform. As always, appropriate dress is required.

Please contact Mrs. Patti Fay pfay@stpiusbowie.org for any questions regarding pictures. If you forgot to send in an order form with your child on picture day, or if you have not received the order that you paid for, please call Lifetouch Customer Service at 1-800-445-1189. Our picture day ID is MJ218445Q1.

*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.**



We will be collecting Toys for Tots at our school. Please help us by buying a new toy for a boy or girl and do not wrap the gift. We will have a Toys for Tots box out front in the school lobby. We will start collecting on Monday, November 26th. The deadline for our toy collection is Friday, December 14th. Please help support this wonderful program for children in need in our community. Thanks for your kindness!

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 Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.	
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. Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers.	
Dec. 10	Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools. Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.	
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 and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.



St. Pius X CYO - Sweatshirt Order Form

A great way to show school spirit for kids and adults!

Fill in the information requested below. Place order form and check made payable to **St. Pius X CYO** in a sealed envelope marked CYO sweatshirts. You can drop the envelope off at the St. Pius X Regional school front desk or put it in your student's daily take home folder. Your order will be filled and sent to the student in the homeroom identified below.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Homeroom: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's E-Mail Address: _____

Parent's Telephone Number: _____

	Order Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total Item Cost
Youth Small 6 - 8		\$20	
Youth Medium 10 - 12		\$20	
Youth Large 14 - 16		\$20	
Adult Small		\$25	
Adult Medium		\$25	
Adult Large		\$25	
Adult Extra Large		\$25	
Adult Double Extra Large		\$25	
Grand Total: Quantity/Cost			

When ordering multiple sweatshirts, please list the name of the student who will send/receive the items and their homeroom. Contact Dawn Gilbert at dgilbert140@comcast.net with sweatshirt questions or concerns.

**Thank you for your order!!!!!!
Go Cavaliers!!!!!!!!!!**

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

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



NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD, cont'd

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.

Thank you PK, K, 1st grade parents!

Thank you to all of the PK, K, and 1st grade parents who attended our most recent Parent Administration Forum in the school library on Tuesday evening (11/13/18). We enjoyed the opportunity to visit with you and listen to your thoughts regarding SPX School.

Future Parent Administration Forum dates:

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.

Middle School 10/23/18 PAF UPDATE:

At the next HSA meeting on Monday, November 19, 2018, Mrs. Schrom will report on positive progress in the middle school in response to comments voiced at the 10/23/18 middle school parent forum.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT - DECEMBER 1ST

Need a night off? Our Home and School Association is happy to announce that they are hosting a Kids' Night Out on Friday, November 30th. This is an opportunity for **parents** to take the night off and have a relaxing evening. Parents simply need to register kids from PK - 5th grade on the Sign-Up Genius via this link, [KIDS NIGHT OUT](#) and then send in the [permission form](#) with payment Monday, November 26th. Siblings are welcome as long as they are potty trained. Kids will have a hot dog dinner, play bingo and create a holiday craft.

The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Be sure to send all paperwork to school and RSVP on the [Sign-up Genius](#) no later than Monday, November 26th.



PURSE BINGO - DECEMBER 8



Our Home and School Association is hosting the second Purse Bingo of the year on, Friday, December 7, from 7:00 to 10:00pm in Nelson Hall (doors open at 5:30pm). If you are 18 years or older, please join us for a fun filled evening to support our school. The cost is \$20.00 per ticket and includes 20 games, door prizes, raffles, and jackpots. Prizes include prizes by Coach, Vera Bradley, Origami Owl, Michael Koors, Alex and Ani, and Thirty-One. Food will be sold in the kitchen. Volunteers are needed on Bingo Night. Please call Brian Trice if you are able to help 240-882-3170. VSP hours will be awarded.

SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS SPORTS

Many thanks to all of the soccer players, cross-country runners, coaches, parents and supporters of our SPX CYO Soccer and Cross-Country Programs! What a great season!



Basketball season is upon us and practices will be starting soon! Be the lookout for information from your coach!

We will have a limited supply of sweatshirts for sale at Monday's HSA meeting, **November 19th**. Youth sizes are \$20 and adult sizes are \$25. To obtain an order form visit our website at <http://stpiusbowiecyo.com/>. *Remember....Students are allowed to wear these sweatshirts with the regular school uniform instead of the uniform sweater if desired. It may also be worn as part of the PE uniform.*

Mark your calendar...SPX CYO will be hosting a Chipotle fundraiser, Wednesday, **December 5th** from 4:00pm – 8:00pm at Bowie Market Place, 15475 Annapolis Rd. Details to follow soon!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION FUNDRAISER



Stephanie Moore and Sandra French are the new Box Tops Coordinators for St. Pius X, who both have children in Mrs. Price's class, 1B. We are here to make collecting BOX TOPS easy for all us busy parents and guardians. The Box Top collection box is on the table in the school lobby. What are BOX TOPS? It's an easy, painless way to help raise money for St. Pius X. Collecting Box Tops are easier than you think and can be a fun activity with the kids. The Box Tops are worth 10 cents and the money collected will go to purchase school supplies. Our GOAL is to raise \$1000.00. We currently have \$6.00 in the account.

Go to www.boxtops4education.com, sign up and register St. Pius X as your school. Then you MUST Download the Box Tops App, this is the easiest way to obtain additional points after a shopping trip without clipping. You still can clip the Box Top from your product for additional points. The App offers 2-100 points on food items and all you have to do is take a picture of your food receipt showing the selected item(s), its processed and St. Pius is awarded points. The App has contest opportunities to win 10,000 points by just entering. In addition, the App has printable and digital coupons to use in the store! Everyone's points will be added to St. Pius X's account. You can have your family and friends in and out of town clip and send you Box Tops; in addition, have them create an account for the App to help us earn additional points. Just remember to save your username and password. **PLEASE keep clipping and bagging those Box Tops in our container in sets of 25, 50 or whatever you can contribute and send them into school with your student! Next month we will update you with our current total and contest opportunities for the next upcoming collection period.**

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/home> . Please email spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com for more info or answers to any questions.

What we requested was:

Attention Parents: Looking to get rid of some of that extra Halloween Candy? Donate it to the Christmas Bazaar! Some of our most popular items are candy filled and we'll happily accept donations of candy - Halloween or otherwise - in the Main Office.

Donations Needed for the Raffle Table

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 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. Kindly send your donations to school clearly marked "Raffle Table". Donations may be placed in the box in the lobby labeled Christmas Bazaar. Questions? Contact spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com

Looking ahead—Set Up Sunday, December 2nd

The Christmas Bazaar will be requesting lots of volunteers for this annual St. Pius X event. We need people to help set up the Bazaar on **Sunday, December 2nd** from 2pm onward (until decorating is finished). The Christmas Bazaar is a "surprise" for all current SPX students therefore **NO CHILDREN** currently attending St Pius X School may help with set up. You do NOT need to be compliant to volunteer for set up. Please contact spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

Shop for holiday gifts and supplies at smile.amazon.com and Amazon donates

You shop. Amazon donates.



SAVE THE DATES

November 21-23 - No school, Thanksgiving break

November 28 - HSPT Administered to 8th grade

November 29 - Picture Make-Ups



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>

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support SPX CYO. Come in to the Chipotle at **15475 Annapolis Road** in Bowie on **Wednesday, December 5th** 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 SPX 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.