



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes

January 24, 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 24

- *3rd gr Scantron testing
- *Patrol Lunch, Hall
- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG1
- *3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, Library
- *6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A

Friday, January 25

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

Monday, January 28

- *Get Up and Move Monday (more info to follow via email)
- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Math Club, Art
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders

Tuesday, January 29

- *Ticket Tuesday (more info to follow via email)
- *10:00am, "Science is Everywhere" assembly, PK-4th
- *11:50-12:34pm, SGA General meeting, science
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens
- *3:00-4:30pm, 8th gr Passion Play Auditions, church
- *5:30-6:30pm, Den 5 meeting, 2B

Wednesday, January 30

- *Pastor Appreciation Day
- *10:30am, Whole School Mass, Join us!
- *1:30pm, "R.A.P." assembly, 5th-8th
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Academic Club, Math
- *3:00-4:30pm, Chorus, hall
- *3:00-4:30pm, 8th gr Passion Play Auditions, church
- *5:30-6:30pm, Tiger Den meeting, 2B

Thursday, January 31

- *Prize Day and Service Day (more info to follow via email)
- *8:00-10:00am, 6th-8th gr service project, homeroom
- *2:00-6:00pm, Blood Drive, hall
- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG1
- *6:00-7:00pm, Cub Scout meeting, 6B
- *6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A

Friday, February 1 (report cards today!)

- *Early dismissal, 1:00pm for grades K-8
- *12:30pm for PK
- *9:00-11:00am, Open House for parents
- *7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386, Art

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

REGISTRATION (RE-ENROLLMENT) OPENS



Registration (re-enrollment) for the 2019-2020 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** opened January 17th. Information on how to register current students was sent via email from TADS. Re-enrollment privileges will only be 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** will be accepted online beginning Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 5:00pm. Complete information is posted on our website under admissions. If you are registering a new student for next year, you must wait until January 27th.

OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES THIS SUNDAY

Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends to our Open House on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Families will be given a tour of the school facilities and have the opportunity to visit our activity fair with all of our school sponsored clubs and organizations.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE

Please click on the Sign Up Genius link to volunteer for Open House activities including: donating food or drinks, setting-up or cleaning-up, speaking at parishes, helping with band/chorus, serving food, etc. Volunteer hours will be awarded. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance.

[SIGN UP GENIUS LINK FOR OPEN HOUSE VOLUNTEERS](#)

SPX will be hosting a Blood Drive for Service Day as part of Catholic Schools Week!

When: January 31st 2pm - 6pm

Where: Nelson Hall

Any persons over 16 years old, at least 110 lbs and in good health can donate to INOVA Blood Services. You should sign up for a time slot by clicking [here](#). Walk-ins may be available the day of. Consider helping us to set an example of community service to our students by donating! Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Norris snorris@stpiusbowie.org or Nurse Benson mbenson@stpiusbowie.org.

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR MARCH

March lunch orders must be placed by February 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 ORDER INFORMATION



Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, February 6th.

Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, February 1st

The last day of Catholic School Week is a day when we celebrate the best educators and staff in all the Washington Diocese. To celebrate, the school community is providing Soup and Salad for the faculty. Please consider volunteering for this event on Sign Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A5AC2EA46-teacher1>



Please direct any questions to Mariana Lathrop 301-938-7678 or email mariana.lathrop@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SPX GREEN TEAM MEETING



Staff from the University of Maryland visited the SPX Green Team to talk about energy conservation. They discussed things that can be done at school and home to save energy and prevent it from running out-- such as turning off lights, powering off electronic devices, installing thermostat controls, and using energy-efficient technology.

The club also conducted a mock inspection and examined ways to prevent wasting heat energy using LED lights, foam rubber weather seal, sink aerators, double-paned windows, and pipe insulation that resembles pool noodles!

Please consider all the things you can do to use energy wisely.



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.

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.

SPX SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE (January 27, 2019 from 1-3 pm)

Please save the date!!

****Volunteer opportunities available—please see Sign Up Genius link below****

SPX School will host an open house for prospective students and families on Sunday, January 27, 2019 from 1 pm to 3 pm. This event showcases our school and “the best of St. Pius”. The open house also traditionally kicks off our celebration of Catholic Schools Week.

If you would like to help support the upcoming open house, please use the link below to view current volunteer opportunities. There are several active SUG lists. **We especially need help with club representatives to staff the activity fair, parish speeches, tour guides, and remaining refreshment donations.**

1. Distribute flyers at local businesses;
2. Food/drink donations and kitchen help;
3. Parish speeches (weekend of 1/19/19 and 1/20/19—scripts provided);
4. Tour guides (parents only please);
5. Set up/clean up (Nelson Hall/kitchen);
6. RSVP as club representative to staff club table during activity fair.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD CONT'D

[Click here for Sign Up Genius Link](#)

The Sign Up Genius list may be accessed from the home page of the school website using the “quick links” tab (top right on the home page), then scroll down to “Sign Up Genius” to access each individual list.

Thank you, in advance, for all of your support and assistance!

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.



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

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?

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

SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS SPORTS



Many thanks to all of the SPX students who participated in our special SPX CYO tag day last week! We hope you had fun with it!

Baseball/Softball: Be on the lookout for baseball and softball registration! It will be coming out soon!

Track and Field: Registration for track and field will also be opening soon. Our first meet is March 30th!

Basketball: Be sure to check out game schedules and scores at www.adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/. Remember – show your team spirit and wear your SPX CYO uniform jersey over your uniform on Friday! Go Cavs!

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.ljsf.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.](#)

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.

Passion Play Audition Announcements- Calling all 8th graders!

The Passion Play is starting up and auditions are next week! Tuesday, January 29th from 3:00-4:30 -- Male Roles: Jesus, Judas, Peter, Pilate, John; all readers, both male and female including the Voice of Jesus. Wednesday, January 30th from 3:00-4:30 -- Female Roles: Mary Mother of God, Mary of Magdala, and the Worship Dancer. The audition dances should be no more than 2 minutes in length. You may bring your music on an iPod or a CD player. The audition dance and music should reflect the desired role. The permission slips and role selection sheets went home on Thursday, January 17th. If you have any questions, please email ccavanagh@stpiusbowie.org.

EMERGENCY CLOSING/ DELAYED OPENING

WINTER IS COMING!

In case of an emergency or severe weather, we will follow the decision of the Prince George's County Public Schools. However, if Prince George's County Public Schools begin late (whether one or two hours) on a scheduled half-day, St. Pius will NOT dismiss at 1:00 P.M., but at 3:00 P.M. Whenever school closes early, all after-school activities and meetings are cancelled. ESP (after care program) will operate on a modified schedule. For example, if school closes two hours early due to severe weather or other emergency, ESP will close two hours earlier than the normal time of 6:00 P.M.

Please listen to television and radio reports for all school closings or late openings. We recommend that you check www.wtopnews.com, if possible, during inclement weather since WTOP's website typically has the most complete list of closing information. You may listen to WTOP on the radio at 103.5 FM. Also, you may check School Announcements on our website. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. If school closes early for any reason, please wait until the announced dismissal time to pick up your children. It is very disruptive to the teacher and other students when numerous children are being called from the classrooms for early dismissals.

CELL PHONE ALERTS FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS:

There is a service allowing you to receive emergency notifications directly on your cell phone anytime an alert is posted by the public school system. **This is for the county public schools, but we do follow the decision of Prince George's County Public Schools in case of an emergency or severe weather.** You may sign up at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/PGCPS/subscriber/new> There is a cost to receive text message alerts, but email notifications are **FREE**. This is a very convenient and reliable way for you to receive emergency alerts and you won't need to call the school to check if we are closing.

The telephone broadcast system that we use at St. Pius X Regional School enables us to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. **NOTE: Because we follow the decision of the Prince George's County Public Schools in the event of inclement weather, we do NOT use this service to announce such events when PGCPS system is in session.** The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders. When used, the service will simultaneously call all phone numbers in our parent contact lists and will deliver a recorded message from a school administrator. The service will deliver the message to both live answer and answering machines.

CITY OF BOWIE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Mara Granzow (4A) and Joseph Harrison (4A) represented St Pius at the 2019 City of Bowie MLK Art Contest. The students did a fabulous job! Mara and Joseph were 2 of the 25 finalists chosen to have their artwork displayed out of hundreds of entries. We are proud of the students!



SAVE THE DATES

January 27 - February 2 - Catholic Schools Week

February 1 - Early dismissal Friday

February 6 - Chick-fil-a Day

February 6 - Honor Roll Assembly

February 12 – Parent Administration Forum for parents of 2nd and 3rd grade students

February 13 - Pizza Day

February 14 - Tag Day

February 15 - Early dismissal Friday

February 18 - No school - President's Day

February 28 - Progress Reports Sent Home

February 27 - Session #2 of Catholicism 101

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>