



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



November 8, 2018

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES – NOVEMBER 12

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
DUE TO REPORT CARD CONFERENCES.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, November 8

*NO DEMERIT TAG DAY FOR DESIGNATED GR 5-8TH STUDENTS

- *K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG I
- *ASL Club, 3:00-3:50pm, Art Room
- *Spanish Club, 3:00-4:00, Library
- *Cub Scouts meeting, 6:00-7:00pm, 6B
- *Den 2 meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, 2B

Friday, November 9

- *Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm, Music room
- *Chess Club, 3:00-4:15pm, 2B
- *Cadette Troop 2386, 7:00-8:30pm, Art room

Monday, November 12

*School Closed for Students for Parent/Teacher Report Card Conferences

Tuesday, November 13

- *Winter Uniform Begins
- *Gr 4 Field Trip to Baltimore Aquarium, 8:30am-2:30pm
- *Gr 5 Class Mass, 10:30am
- *SGA Officers meeting, 11:50am-12:34pm, SSC
- *Martens Band, 3:00-4:15pm
- *Righi Scouts, 4:30-5:30pm, 2B
- *Gr PK-I Parent Administration Forum, 5:00-6:00pm, Library

Wednesday, November 14

- *Pizza Day and Bake Sale
- *8th gr Academic Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Math room
- *Green Team, 3:00-4:30pm, Lab
- *Chorus, 3:00-4:30pm, Hall
- *GS Troop, 5:30-7:00pm, Art room

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

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)



PK THROUGH 5TH GRADES: Report card conference appointment times for parents with students in grades Pre-K through 5 were sent home today, Thursday, October 25th. Please be sure to confirm your appointment time by signing the handout and returning it to your homeroom teacher.

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES: Conferences will **NOT** be scheduled for students in grades 6 through 8. An online scheduler listing conference times in ten-minute intervals will be used this year. Parents should sign-up for a specific conference time with any teacher they wish to see on November 12 by going to

https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Pius_X_Regional_School. You will first register your email address and click on the names of the teachers with whom you wish to have a conference. You will receive an email allowing you to pick a time slot for the conferences by clicking on the link in the email. Finally, you will receive an email confirmation and reminder. You will also receive a link that you may use if you wish to change your appointment later. Conferences may be scheduled from 8:00 to 11:30am and from 12:20 to 3:00pm. You are encouraged to have a conference with any teacher that you think necessary. Report cards will be sent home with middle school students on Friday, November 9th. **The conference scheduler will close on Sunday, November 11th.**

WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Winter uniforms must be worn beginning on **Tuesday, November 13th**. NO SHORTS MAY BE WORN after Friday, November 9th. Just a few other clarifications on school uniforms:

- Winter PE uniform includes black SPX or CYO logo sweatpants, and teal SPX tee shirt or SPX/CYO logo sweatshirt. No shorts.
- PE uniforms must be worn with white crew socks. No colored socks of any kind are permitted with PE uniform.
- Navy blue is the only color of hosiery (socks, knee socks or tights) permitted under uniform pants and skirts.

NEED WINTER UNIFORMS? Contact Carousel, our uniform supplier. Please feel free to call the store at 301-645-4660 or 301-843-8884. Any items which need to be ordered, will be delivered to school, following Thanksgiving break!

UNIFORM EXCHANGE- Looking for used winter uniforms? Contact Shirley Williams 215-510-2916 or Renunda Lee leers28@hotmail.com to schedule an appointment to purchase uniforms from the exchange.

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

SGA OPERATION GRATITUDE- HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION

St. Pius X Regional School is participating in Operation Gratitude by collecting leftover Halloween candy to send to Veterans, Troops, and First Responders. **The candy collection box will be in the front lobby from Monday, November 5 through Friday, November 9.** (Christmas Bazaar will collect candy the following week.) Please do not buy candy for this collection. Just donate your surplus candy. If you want to spend money, Operation Gratitude would prefer a check donation. Thanks for your support!



LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR DECEMBER



December lunch orders must be placed by November 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

No Chick-fil-a Day in December.
Our next Chick fil-A Day is Wednesday, January 9th.
The last day to order January Chick fil-a is, Friday, January 4th.



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!

TAG DAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Thursday, November 15th will be a Tag Day and students may dress out of uniform. Appropriate dress, as always, is required. Please see pages 18-20 of the Parent Student Handbook for guidelines on our everyday dress code and Tag Day guidelines.



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.

SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS SPORTS

Basketball practices will be starting soon! Be on the lookout for information from your coach!

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!



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY - NOVEMBER 28th

On Wednesday, November 28th, the first quarter Honors Assembly for middle school students will be held in the church at 1:30 pm. Students in grades 6 through 8 who made the Honor Roll will be recognized. Parents are welcome to attend. **Please park as you would for carpool or park behind the Hall.**



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 |
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| 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.

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.

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.

Tuesday 11/13/18, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in PK, K, 1st grade

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 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.



VETERAN'S DAY - NOVEMBER 11

St. Pius X Regional School and it's community would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of our Veterans. Your sacrifice and dedication to our country is greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. We dedicate this prayer to you.



Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

By Joanna Fuchs

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HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION MEETING - NOVEMBER 19th



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.

This holiday, make a difference while you shop

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

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[amazon smile](https://amazon.com/smile)



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.

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.

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>

YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING CAN EARN US \$\$\$

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.

1. Giant A+ Rewards : Simply register your Giant reward card in the Giant A+ Food Reward Program. Once you complete the card registration, each time you use your GIANT CARD, your purchases are credited to our school. Giant will make a donation at the end of the school year based on a percentage of your total year's purchase. New this year: If you registered your card last year, *you DO NOT need to re-register* this year. You should visit the website to verify correct school assignment. Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. **Our school A+ School Rewards ID # 00425**



To participate:

Visit www.giantfood.com/aplus and scroll down to the center of the page to select **REGISTER YOUR CARD** from the red box on the right marked **FOR CUSTOMERS**; or, Call the A+ School Rewards Hotline at 1-877-275-2758 for assistance; or, Email the A+ Hotline. Please include the last name associated with your GIANT CARD, your 12-digit GIANT CARD number and our school name and school ID number* of our school (or the name, city and state in which the school is located) to: askaplus@cranecommunications.com.

** If you are supporting more than one (1) school, please include the ID numbers for both schools (or the names, cities and states of your schools.*

2. 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.



3. BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: This program allows our school to collect box tops/labels of food and household products and redeem them for cash. Simply check the items you buy at the grocery store/ Target/Wal-Mart for Box Tops for Education labels. You will find the labels on dozens of different types of products like: food/drink, paper products, office supplies, cleaning supplies, food storage, table ware and many more. Once purchased, please cut the labels off and return them to school. Don't forget to check the expiration date, as we cannot get credit for expired labels. We will earn 10¢ for every label. St. Pius X can also earn cash from Bonus Certificates, which can be found primarily in stores on specially marked packages and at checkout printed on a receipt. These vary on value based on the promotion. Bonus codes begin with the letter A. Also look for eBox Tops Codes, which are a 16 digit eBoxTops code that is printed on the product. You would be surprised at how many products you buy every day carry a Box Tops for Education label.



4. 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 only have to link your VIC card once each school year. Once your card is linked, St. Pius X Regional School will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! Don't forget to link your VIC card to our account code next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.



Your purchases at Amazon Smile, Giant Food, and Harris Teeter will directly support our school! Thanks in advance for your help.

