



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



SPECIAL EDITION August 16, 2018



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, August 22,

*Parent Orientation for those with Pre-K and K students, 7:00pm in children's classroom

Thursday, August 23,

*Informal Open House, 9:00 to 10:30am

*All 6th Grade, and New 7th and 8th grade Student Orientation, 10:30am to 12noon

*Orientation for parents with new students in grades 1-8, 7:00pm in Nelson Hall

Sunday, August 26,

*Last day to order September lunch through Main & Market

Wednesday, August 29,

*First day of school for grades 1-8
8:00am start for grades 5-8
8:10am start for grades 1-4

Dismissal at 1:00pm for grades 1-8

*Pre-K and K students - Please refer to the letters you received from your teacher for your designated start date (either Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 8:30am to 11:00am)

Thursday, August 30,

*First full day of school for grades 1-8
*Milk service begins for students in grades 1-8

*ESP (morning care and aftercare) begins for students in grades 1-8

Friday, August 31,

*First Full day of school for K students

*ESP (morning care and aftercare) begins for students in K

Monday, September 3,

*No School, Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 4,

*First full day of school for PK students

*First day of lunch deliveries from Main & Market

*ESP (morning care and aftercare) begins for students in PK

Thursday, September 6,

*Middle School Parent Meeting (Mandatory), 7:00pm in Nelson Hall

Friday, September 7, Early dismissal

*1:00pm for grades K-8

*12:30pm for PK

ORIENTATION FOR PK AND K PARENTS - AUGUST 22

Parents of Kindergarten and Pre-K students will have orientation on Wednesday, August 22nd at 7pm in their child's classroom. This evening is for parents only, and **students may not attend**. All Pre-K and K parents should have received a letter from their child's teacher this month. Please contact the school if you have not received any correspondence from your Pre-K or Kindergarten teacher.

INFORMAL OPEN HOUSE - AUGUST 23

Please join us on Thursday, August 23rd from 9:00 am to 10:30am for an informal Open House. Parents and children may come visit the school, find their homeroom, and meet their teacher. Class rosters will be posted in the school lobby. Children are welcome to attend, but they should be accompanied by an adult and may not be left unsupervised. Parents may obtain the new Parent Student Handbook at this time.

NEW 7TH AND 8TH GRADE STUDENTS AND ALL 6TH GRADE STUDENTS ORIENTATION - AUGUST 23

All 6th grade students and new students in 7th and 8th grade are required to attend the orientation on Thursday, August 23rd from 10:30am to 12noon. Students will have an opportunity to meet the middle school teachers, go over the routines, locate classrooms, and get answers to those "first day in a new school questions". Dress is casual.

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION - AUGUST 23

New parent orientation for those families with new students in grades 1 through 8, will be on Thursday August 23rd at 7:00pm in Nelson Hall. This special orientation is for parents only and students may not attend.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING AND MATH

To keep students engaged in learning and flexing their "mental muscles", St. Pius X has required reading and math assignments for students to complete over the summer. Work is to be completed between June 12 and August 24th. Please be advised any IXL Math work that is done before June 12th will be erased. Summer work was sent home with report cards in June and is posted on the website. New students were emailed IXL user names and passwords. **Summer IXL Math work will be counted as a test grade.**

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2018-2019

Student supply lists for the 2018-2019 school year may be found on our school website using this link:
[2018-2019 SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS](#)

SAFETY FIRST

Traffic during arrival and dismissal is very heavy during the first few days of school. We ask that parents try and carpool if possible. We have a team of teachers and staff who direct and manage traffic to keep our students safe and it is imperative for the parents to follow their directions. Please familiarize yourselves with our procedures and traffic diagrams, which can be found on pages 27-30 in our Parent Student Handbook (found online at stpiusbowie.org under the Parents Tab). We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation to help our arrival and dismissal system run smoothly. **For those children walking to and from school, there will no longer be a crossing guard to cross the children in the morning or afternoon. Mrs. Schrom will cross the students in the afternoon, but it will be the parents' responsibility to cross students in the morning.**

WALKER'S PASSES will be required for those students who walk home (or to caregivers). Students who do not live in a surrounding neighborhood will not be issued a Walker's Pass and are expected to be picked up and dropped off on school property (NOTE: you may NOT park your car in a surrounding street and have your child meet you there). These rules apply to everyone and are enforced to keep children safe. [Walker Pass Applications](#) will be sent home the first day of school and will be required on September 28th.

LUNCH TIME

St. Pius X Regional School has partnered with Main & Market so parents may order and pay for student lunches online.

Main & Market provides a healthy portion controlled lunch every day. Each lunch costs \$5.25 and you have the option of ordering an extra entrée for just an additional \$1.50. The

monthly menu provides a wide variety to choose from so that students are able to

experience different foods, with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal, and local foods. If you are interested in ordering from Main & Market, you will need to register online at <http://mainandmarket.boonli.com/login> with our school password of CAVALIER22. Lunch order deliveries will begin on September 4th for those who have ordered by August 26th. More details are available on our website. If you have

questions, you should call Main & Market at 410-626-0388 or email them at lunchprogram@mainandmarket.com. Milk order forms will be sent home at the informal Open house on Thursday, August 23rd. The first day of milk service will be Thursday, August 30th for students in grades 1-8. K students will have milk service starting Friday, August 31st. PK students will have milk service starting Tuesday, September 4th. Information about special lunches such as Chick-fil-A day and Pizza day will be sent home soon. Special lunch days will start in October and updates will be posted in this column.



LATE PICK-UP POLICY: Families whose children are not picked-up from school by 3:30pm on a regular dismissal day and 1:30pm on an early dismissal day will be charged a fee of \$1.00 per minute per child for each minute beyond 3:30 or 1:30pm. This policy will go into effect on Monday, September 10th.

LATE DROP OFF POLICY: UPDATED If a child arrives late more than 2 times per quarter, they will not be allowed to be considered for perfect attendance.

WEB BASED ONLINE GRADEBOOK FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS



Rediker Plus Portal gives you secure access to your child's grades, scores, attendance, discipline record and homework. Parents can also access school announcements, alerts and the school calendar. This platform will create a strong connection between school and family by sharing information that is critical to students' success and learning. Access to the Parent and

Student Portals will be opened on August 23rd. New families will receive an email with instructions.

Returning families will still have access to their prior account with their same username and password. For interactive guides on how to use the Parent Portal, go to

<http://redikersupport.com/documentation/parentplus.htm> . We are currently not using the E-Locker function.

UNIFORMS

Carousel Uniforms made the first delivery of school uniforms last week. Anyone who was not contacted last week, will have uniforms delivered on Thursday, August 24th, at the Informal Open House. Carousel will make deliveries once a week at school so you won't have to make the drive to Waldorf. You may contact Carousel directly with any questions regarding your student's uniform 301-843-8884. Uniform requirements may be found on pages 18-20 in the Parent Student Handbook (found on our website). You may also find the [Boys' Uniform Order Form](#) and [Girls' Uniform Order Form](#) on our website under the Parent tab in the forms section.



We have 2 wonderful volunteers who have caring for our Uniform Exchange inventory and are open for business. Renunda Lee and Shirley Williams as our Uniform Exchange co-coordinators. Mrs. Lee can be reached at leers28@hotmail.com or 202-486-3138 and Mrs. Williams may be reached by phone at 215-510-2916. Please note these contacts are slightly changed from what is listed on our Parent Student Handbook.

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

Parents will be issued a 2018-2019 [Parent Student Handbook](#) at the Informal Open House on Thursday, August 23rd. If parents are unable to attend the Open House, students will bring home the Handbook on the first day of school. Parents may also find the handbook on our website under the School Life tab (posted after August 23rd). This handbook is one of the most important pieces of information you will receive. We advise parents to read the book from cover to cover and familiarize themselves with our policies and procedures. It is especially important the first few weeks of school to understand our arrival and dismissal policies as well as our late arrival/ early dismissal, and emergency closing policies.

2018-2019 CALENDAR

We have "Gone Green" and are providing you access to the school Google calendar. The SPX Google Calendar is located on our school homepage, and at <https://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>.

On the calendar website, you can add the calendar to your own Google account/calendar, change the view, and print a copy. If it is ever necessary to change the school calendar, you will be notified via News Notes.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PAPERWORK

The following papers will be sent home with students on their first day of school and/or the informal Open House. We have noted if the paperwork will go home with each child or the youngest/only in the family. Please return completed paperwork by Tuesday, September 4th.

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| *2018-2019 Parent Student Handbook (youngest) | * Family Information Card , blue (youngest) |
| *2018-2019 School Calendar magnet (youngest) | *Emergency Information/Health Card, green (each) |
| *2018-2019 Archdiocese Family Survey (each) | * Milk Order Form (each) |
| *2018-2019 Walker's Pass Application (youngest) | * Room Parent Application (each) |



ALL ABOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL



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MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT MEETING (MANDATORY) - SEPTEMBER 6

There will be a mandatory meeting of all parents with Middle School students (grades 6-8) on Thursday, September 6th. Please meet in Nelson hall at 7:00pm.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT FOR GRADES 5-8 - SEPTEMBER 11

Back to School Night for Parents of Middle School Students in grades 5-8 will be on Tuesday, September 11th, at 7:00pm.

Back to school nights are for parents only and children may not attend.

HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS MEETING - SEPTEMBER 20

Parents of all 7th and 8th grade students are invited to come to St. Pius X Regional School on Thursday, September 20th, for an informational meeting concerning the application process to Catholic High Schools.

This meeting will take place in Nelson Hall at 7:00pm.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

St. Pius X Regional School would like to formally welcome our new staff members, Miss. Akua Addo (4B), Mrs. Edlira Gjikondi (7A and middle school Science), Mrs. Mary Jenkins (School Counselor), Mrs. Elizabeth O'Hara (7B and middle school English), and Mrs. Rosalind Wallace (Small Group 5th grade).



We would also like to congratulate other staff members who have moved into new positions within the school, Mrs. Patricia Fay (Administrative Assistant and Director of Extended School Program), Ms. Erin Feronti (Library), Mrs. Diane McLane (KB), Mrs. Karen Neitzey (Registrar), Mrs. Sarah Norris (Vice Principal), Mrs. Mary Ann Sikorsky (Physical Education), and Mrs. Kathleen Sullivan (Small Group 4th).

This is an exciting new school year with a team filled with experience and dedication!

News Notes submissions must be emailed to kneitzey@stpiusbowie.org by noon Monday to be published in the Thursday edition.

CYO UPDATES

SPX CYO



CYO would like to give a warm welcome to new and returning SPX CYO families! We're looking forward to another great SPX CYO year in sports!

Visit us on our Facebook Page, [@SPXCYOBOWIE](https://www.facebook.com/SPXCYOBowie), follow us on twitter [@SPX_CYO](https://twitter.com/SPX_CYO) or visit our website

at www.stpiusbowiecyo.com to see what's happening with SPX CYO.

As you register your children to participate in any of the sports we offer this year, please consider coaching or assistant coaching. Coaching is not only a wonderful opportunity to be part of your child's youth sports experience but a chance to connect with other SPX families. It's also a fun way to earn Volunteer Service Program hours! We are currently in need of soccer coaches, so if you are interested, please contact the ACTING SOCCER COMMISSIONER: Jawara Marierose, at jawara@gmail.com. Many thanks to our current and future volunteers!

SPX CYO Soccer Season Is Here!

- Practice should start the week of August 20th (your child's coach will contact you with the practice: days, time and field information)
- Uniform distribution will be scheduled for the week of September 4th
- Games for the 14U and 12U teams begin the weekend of September 7th
- Games for the 10U, 8U and 7U teams begin the weekend of September 14th

Go Cavs!

For those new to CYO (Catholic Youth Organization): CYO programs seek to help young men and women appreciate Christ's presence in their opponents, use their physical gifts and play fairly and enthusiastically, both on and off the field. At St. Pius X Regional School, we offer Boy's and Girl's Basketball, Soccer, Cross Country, Track and Field, Baseball, and Softball. Player registration for these sports occurs throughout the school year.

FAMILY DIRECTORY



Our family directory is now online in your Parent Portal. The directory is searchable by student name and class. For directions on how to remove yourself from the directory, view this video: <http://redikersupport.com/documentation/videos/plusportals/parentplus-customize-directory-listing.htm>.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

We will once again track volunteer service hours using a website called TRACK IT FORWARD. **All new families will need to create one account per family.** Returning families can still use their current account. We would like to streamline the accounts to just one per family, so feel free to edit your first name to include both volunteering family members (ex. Mary and Joseph +last name) and delete your second account. Please remember to log your hours as soon as you complete them. Create an account here: <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>.

Friday, September 21st 5:00 pm, Back to School Cookout
Monday, September 17th 7:00 pm, HSA General Meeting, Nelson Hall
Friday, September 28th 7:00 pm, Purse Bingo, Nelson Hall

SAVE THE DATE!!

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Home and School Association (HSA) of St. Pius X Regional School was founded to help parents and teachers acquire a profound appreciation of the ideals of Catholic Education; to promote a clearer understanding of the mutual educational responsibilities of parents and teachers; to encourage the home and school to a greater degree of cooperation in discharging their joint responsibilities; to engage in cultural, civic, legislative, educational, charitable, social and other activities which further the interests of the Association and its membership.

The membership of the Home and School Association consists of the mothers, fathers, or guardians of currently enrolled students of St. Pius X Regional School and members of the faculty. Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected each year by the parents/guardians attending the final HSA meeting of the school year.

The Home and School Association is responsible for the record keeping of the Obligatory Support ([VSP](#) or Volunteer Service Program) and Fundraising Programs ([FSO](#) or Fundraising Support Obligation). The Association will appoint a person or persons to collect, collate, and account for all VSP hours worked and all FSO monies collected from individual school families. The Chairpersons will report directly to the school Bursar.

Please look in the News Notes each month for news about HSA General meetings, social events, and fund raisers.

From the School Advisory Board President's Desk:

Welcome back! We hope you had a fabulous summer. The Board looks forward to working with you this school year.

The School Advisory Board provides advice and assistance to the school administrative team (Father Michael Jones and Mrs. Schrom) in the governance of the St. Pius X Regional School.

Some examples of prior board work include:

- **assistance re: planning the annual January open house;
- **welcome calls to new school families;
- **hosting five Parent/Administration meetings (please see below);
- **monthly board meetings throughout the school year;
- **review and approval of annual school budget;
- **reports to parents as needed in weekly News Notes and at all HSA meetings.

Members of the School Advisory Board include the Pastoral Administrator (Fr. Michael Jones), Pastors from the supporting parishes, Principal Schrom, Mrs. Graham (faculty representative), a minimum of two members from each of the four regional supporting parishes (St. Pius X, Sacred Heart, St. Edward's, and Ascension), one at-large member (who may be a non-Catholic), and the HSA president or appointed HSA representative.

SPX Parish Seat Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a St. Pius X parish seat.

Parents/Guardians from that parish who might be interested in becoming a Board member should email the Board Secretary Kim Roddy for further information and instruction. She may be reached at karoddy@comcast.net.

Board Contact Information/Event Information

Please review the upcoming weekly News Notes email for information about upcoming SAB events. Board contact information is listed on the SAB page on the school website (home page—parent tab—school advisory board tab). SAB contact information will be listed in the forthcoming Parent Student Handbook page 5.

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.

the first session will be for parents (with children in ANY grade) who are NEW to SPX School

Tuesday 10/2/18, 5-6 pm—school library—NEW SPX school parents only

Tuesday 10/23/18, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 6, 7, 8 (middle school parents)

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

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

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



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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
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<http://www.stedwardbowie.org>

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