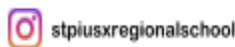




St. Pius X Regional School News Notes September 10th, 2020



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Tuesday, September 8 - Friday, September 11

*Food Drive Service Project - more details within

Monday, September 14

*6th-8th Grade Math Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

*HSA Meeting VIRTUAL - 7pm - details to follow

Tuesday, September 15

*5th Grade Math Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Thursday, September 17

*4th Grade Math Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

*High School Parent Meeting VIRTUAL - 7pm - details to follow

Friday, September 18

*3rd Grade Math Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Monday, September 21

*2nd Grade Math Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Tuesday, September 22

*6th-8th Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Wednesday, September 23

*5th Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Thursday, September 24

*3rd Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Friday, September 25

*4th Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

Tuesday, September 29

*2nd Grade Reading Scantron - 8:30-9:30am

HSA Meeting



Welcome back Old and New Parents to the 2020-2021 St. Pius X Regional School Year. Our first of five (5) Home School Association (HSA) meetings is September 14, 2020 from 7pm to 8pm. This HSA meeting will be virtual via Google Meets. To join the HSA meeting at 7pm, just click on the Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/qtg-kyfe-tns>. Looking forward to seeing you.



FOOD DRIVE Sept 8th-11th, 2020

Each month we will be focusing on one service project to help support our Bowie community and spread our faith through good works. For September's service project, we will be collecting *non perishable* food items for local food banks. During the COVID19 pandemic, many families have struggled and we want to help as much as we can. There will be a collection box placed outside the front doors each day during the drive for safe social distancing practices. Thank you so much for supporting this and future service projects

And it shall be that everyone shall be saved who calls on the name of the Lord.

Acts 2:21

OCTOBER 5th - ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR UNIFORM SHIRTS

Beginning October 5th, all students must attend Google Meets in a school issued uniform shirt. This shirt can be the white uniform shirt, PE shirt, sweatshirt, sweater or girls collared shirt for lower grades. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schrom at jschrom@stpiusbowie.org



SCANTRON PERFORMANCE TEST

Our students will take the Scantron Performance Tests throughout the month of September. An email was sent home this week with specific details about the test. The assessment will cover Math and Reading. Each test takes approximately 45 minutes. There is no time limit. Students are encouraged to try their best. Please be sure that your child is well rested and has eaten a good breakfast. These tests provide valuable information to teachers. Teachers use the data from these assessments to drive instruction in the classroom. Please check your child's google classroom as well as the school calendar for specific dates of test administration.

Health Room Corner- Click on the whole picture of the health room to take you to my Virtual Health Room to explore!



Family Survey

We are collecting the poverty survey online this year given the remote learning and other obstacles with the traditional process. As this process is vital to secure services both for our school and those in the county, it is essential to have every family complete the poverty survey using the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VFSNNRR>. Each form is confidential. Only complete one online survey per family, but be sure to include grade levels for all of your children attending our school. Please fill out the survey and submit it no later than September 14, 2020. Thank you to all the families that have already submitted the survey.



News from the School Advisory Board

The School Advisory Board would like to welcome all SPX families back for the 2020-21 school year. The Board is a parent organization that supports and represents SPX parents. Board members have children ranging from PK to 8th Grade. While we are also getting used to Distance Learning and navigating engaged students online, we are available to our school community. Information on the School Advisory Board is in the Student Handbook (page 4).

The School Advisory Board would like to welcome two new Board members for the 2020-21 School Year.

Kristin Shazor is a parent to Karleigh in the 6th Grade. She joins us as the Sacred Heart Representative.

Megan Bogley is a St. Pius Alumni ('86) and parent to Allison, McKenzie, and Madison. They are in 7th, 4th and PK-4 respectively. She is also a parent to Allison, previous graduate of SPX (2015) and a son attending Kenilworth in Bowie. Megan joins us as an Ascension representative.

Thank you to all New Parents who were able to join us for the New Parent Meeting on Tuesday September 9th. We appreciated hearing from you!

Getting to (Virtual) Church



Our Regional Parishes have reopened, but many families continue to worship from home. If your family hasn't yet connected with church online, here are some ways to connect you with worship from our regional parishes:

Weekend masses with Fr. Mike Jones (St. Pius):
<https://www.spxbowie.org/watch-mass>

Daily and weekend masses with Fr. Tim Daniel (Ascension):
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/ascensionbowie/>

Sunday masses from St. Edwards with Fr. Scott Holmer: <https://stedwardbowie.com/>

Other Area Parishes with online masses: <https://adw.org/live-streamed-masses-and-prayer>

VFW Youth Scholarship Programs



The 2020-21 theme is: What is Patriotism to Me?

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in our future generation. If you are a patriotic middle school student interested in winning \$5,000, these scholarships may be for you.

Patriot's Pen: Each year more than 138,000 (public, private or parochial or home-study) students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$900,000 in state and national awards. Each first-place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

The essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300- to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief. All student entries must be submitted to a sponsoring local VFW Post by *midnight, October 31, 2020*.

Want to apply? Please contact Megan Bogley, Commander, Bowie Memorial VFW Post 8065, m_bogley@hotmail.com. You can also read more information about the rules and eligibility requirements, and download the 2020-21 entry form application from the VFW webpage, (<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>).

2020-2021 CALENDAR



We have "Gone Green" and parents have 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. Each month a calendar of events for the next month will be sent home given the uncertain nature of school events right now.

Teacher of the Year

Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America.

The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Each year, a certified/licensed elementary, middle school and high school teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

Winners receive:

- A \$1,000 award for professional development expenses.
- A \$1,000 award for his/her school.
- Two award plaques: one for the teacher, the other for his/her school.

Please review the rules and eligibility requirements and nominate a teacher you know by submitting the 2021 nomination form.

Looking to share updated information and materials on VFW's Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher Award programs? Share our National Scholarship Brochure with the students and educators in your community.

Want to nominate a teacher? Please contact Megan Bogley, Commander, Bowie Memorial VFW Post 8065, m_bogley@hotmail.com. You can also read more information from the VFW webpage, (<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/teacher-of-the-year>). All entries must be submitted by *midnight, October 31, 2020*.

ACRONYM GLOSSARY

Are you new to St. Pius X and unfamiliar with our acronyms? Here is a quick list of our most used abbreviations:

ADW - *Archdiocese of Washington*

CYO - *Catholic Youth Organization*

ESP - *Extended School Program (before and aftercare)
Obligation*

HSPT - *High School Placement Test*

SSC - *Student Support Center*

VSP - *Volunteer Service Program*

CFA - *Chick-fil-A*

HSA - *Home and School Association*

FSO - *Fundraising Support*

SAB - *School Advisory Board*

TADS - *Tuition Management Company*

YOU SHOP AND WE GET PAID - HELP US EARN \$\$

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.

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.



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, tableware 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.



HARRIS TEETER 'S TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM: This programs 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, Box Tops and Harris Teeter this holiday season (and all

year long) will directly support our school! Thanks in advance for your help



NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

- Tuition and ESP payments must be paid on or before the due date each month. Failure to do so will result in withholding a student's progress report, report card, academic record, yearbook, etc.

- If your tuition and/or ESP account becomes overdue by 30 days, your child(ren) may not attend school until it is paid in cash or certified funds in the

school office. If payment is made directly online to TADS, it must be paid 7 days prior to this 30-day deadline, so that the funds have time to clear the bank.

- There is no need to call us to confirm the status of your account; we see the same information as you on TADS. If your TADS account shows the payment was made and nothing is past due, then you are in good standing.
- Thank you to the many families who do pay their tuition on time each month! We truly appreciate it! As a token of our appreciation, a prize will be awarded to one family at the end of the year from all who have kept their tuition current every month all year! It is very time consuming to track down families to make their payments. We ask for your cooperation and understanding with this

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

www.stedwardbowie.com