



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



March 14, 2019

SGA THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The SGA thanks our wonderful St. Pius X families who supported our Chipotle fundraiser two weeks ago. We raised \$441.80 for the Mr. Love Faculty Scholarship. Yum! Well done!

SPRING UNIFORM FITTING DAY



Carousel Uniform will be here on Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00 to 7:00pm in the Library for a Spring Uniform Fitting Day. New uniform order forms will be coming home soon and will also be available on the school website.

H&S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER IS BACK! (March 12-April 29)



HSA is sponsoring the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. This fundraiser will begin March 12, 2019 through April 29, 2019. Each family will receive one box of chocolates to sell. You may request additional boxes to sell by sending an email to HSA President Faith Proctor at faithproctor@yahoo.com. If you are unable to sell your box of chocolates, please return the **unopened** box of chocolates to the front office **no later than March 21, 2019**. The HSA will **not** accept any unopened boxes of chocolate after **March 21, 2019** and you will be charged for the box of chocolates through TADS.



SAVE THE DATE: FUN DAY 2019 SATURDAY, MAY 18th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

- *No School for students-ADW Collaboration Day for Faculty and Staff
- *7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386, Art

Sunday, March 17

- *Archdiocesan Music Festival at Bishop McNamara, performing at 4:10pm

Monday, March 18

- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play rehearsal (Jesus, Apostles, Readers), Church
- *7:00-8:00pm, Home and School meeting, hall

Tuesday, March 19

- *11:50-12:34pm, SGA Officers' meeting, SSC
- *2:10pm, Stations of the Cross, grs 6-8
- *3:00-4:00pm, Yearbook meeting, lab
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play rehearsal (Jesus, Mothers of Children 3:45, Children 3:45, Blessed Mother, Mary Magdala, Worship Dancer), church
- *4:00-7:00pm, Carousel Uniforms, library
- *5:30-6:30pm, Den 5 meeting, 2B

Wednesday, March 20

- *Pizza Day AND Bake Sale
- *1:30pm, Stations of the Cross, gr 3
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Academic Club, math
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play rehearsal (Jesus, Judas, Peter, Soldiers, Pilate, Pharisees, Crucifixion Dancers), Church/3A

Thursday, March 21

- *3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-4:30pm, STEM Club, lab
- *5:30-9:00pm, CYO Banquet, hall
- *6:00-8:30pm, Scouts Arrow of Light

Friday, March 22

- *Early dismissal, 1:00pm for K-8, 12:30pm for PK
- *10:00-12:00pm, Reconciliation grs 2-8
- *7:00-10:00pm, Purse Bingo, hall

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

BOOST APPLICATION OPEN!

If you hadn't already heard, the BOOST Program Application for 2019-2020 opened this past Friday at 3 pm.



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Information on the application requirements, including the link to the application system - in English and Spanish - is available on the BOOST Program website

- <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>. The BOOST Application is only open until midnight, April 17, 2019 so

both renewal and new applicants have just over five weeks to apply!

Income guidelines are available here: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Documents/boost/20192020/IEG2018-19.pdf>

PURSE BINGO - FRIDAY, MARCH 22



Our Home and School Association is hosting Purse Bingo on, Friday, March 22nd 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, and multiple raffles. Prizes include items by Coach, Vera Bradley, Michael Koors, and Alex and Ani. Food will be sold in the kitchen (sorry no meat during Lent). Volunteers are needed on Bingo Night. Please call Brian Trice if you are available to help 240-882-3170. VSP hours will be awarded.

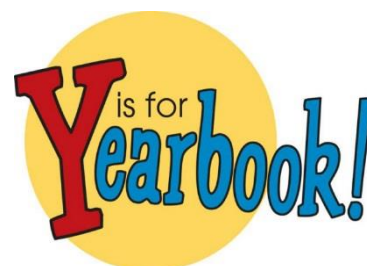
ARCHDIOCESAN MUSIC FESTIVAL – MARCH 17



Our bands at St. Pius X Regional School will be participating in the Archdiocesan Music Festival at Bishop McNamara High School on Sunday, March 17th. Students in the band programs will be receiving directions in the mail about what to wear and where to meet etc. We would like to wish all our band members GOOD LUCK.

YEARBOOK NEEDS YOU!

Have you taken photos during class parties, field trips, around the school, in the pickup line, on the playground, labs? The Yearbook needs your help! Send your photos to piusyearbook@live.com. Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837.



FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Days for students in PK, K, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be this spring between April 5th and May 24th. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FIELD DAY DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Grades 3, 4 and 5	Friday, April 5	9:00 to 11:45am
Grades 6-8	Friday, May 3	9:00 to 11:45am
Grades 1 and 2	Friday, May 10	9:00 to 11:00am
Grades PK and K	Friday, May 24	9:00 to 10:30am



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We rely on parent volunteers for the success of these fun-filled days for our students. THIS VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY REQUIRES COMPLIANCE WITH THE ADW'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY (VIRTUS). PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED TO FIND OUT HOW TO GET COMPLIANT. VSP hours can also be earned. Please plan to be available from 8:00am until approximately 12:00pm. If you are interested in helping with these Field Days, please send a note or an email to Mrs. Sikorsky at msikorsky@stpiusbowie.org

Field Day First Aid helpers needed: Field Days are coming up and it's always good to have an extra person outside for injuries, abrasions, dehydration etc. Anyone trained as a Nurse, Doctor, LPN, EMT, Fire fighter, Police etc Please email the Nurse at mbenson@stpiusbowie.org and [let her know if you are interested in helping out.](#) [You will receive VSP hours for helping.](#)

Field Day Dates:

April 5th for grades 3rd-5th Time: 8:30- 11:45

May 3rd for grades 6th-8th Time: 8:30-11:45

May 10th for grades 1st and 2nd 8:30- 11:00

SUMMER UNIFORM BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 8

The optional Summer Uniform may be worn beginning Monday, April 8, 2019.

This optional uniform for grades K-8 includes: navy blue dress shorts (standard uniform issue only), belt, St. Pius logo white polo shirt or white short-sleeve

oxford cloth button-down collar shirt (girls 6th – 8th grade), or white short-sleeve blouse

with peter pan collar (girls K-5th grade), and white uniform socks (calf length crew

socks). **No below ankle socks are to be worn.** The optional PE uniform for grades K-8

includes: St. Pius X black athletic shorts, St. Pius X teal tee shirt and white crew socks

(no below ankle socks are to be worn), and athletic shoes. Please refer to pages 18 and

19 in your Parent Student Handbook for clarification of the summer uniform.



ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

Catholic High School Scholarship Information

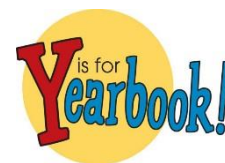
THE LUCINDA L. JASPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC

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.lljsf.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.](#)**

8TH GRADE

YEARBOOK GRADUATION ADS FOR 8TH GRADERS

Send a special message to your 8th grade graduate by placing an ad in this year's yearbook. Express your pride in his/her accomplishments at St. Pius X, congratulate a job well done, or share words of wisdom to take along on their journey to high school. Give a memory that will be treasured forever! Ads should roughly be 35 words total and emailed to Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com with "Yearbook Ad Submission" in the subject line with student's last name. Example - "Yearbook Ad Submission - Sanders". Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837. The cost per ad is \$20, cash or checks payable to SPX and can be sent to school in an envelope marked, "Attention Maureen Sanders/Yearbook Ad".



8th GRADE PANORAMIC PICTURE - APRIL 9TH



Lifetouch Photography will take the 8th grade group graduation picture on Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00am. Dress uniforms must be worn on this day - no PE uniforms or sneakers. All 8th grade students must bring their caps and gowns to school earlier in the week so we will be sure to have them for the picture on Tuesday (your homeroom teacher will have the exact day to bring in your caps and gowns). The gown should be on a hanger with the cap and tassel in a gallon size Ziploc bag with the student's name on it. Please attach the Ziploc bag to the hanger by poking a hole in the corner and slipping it on the hanger.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

Parents of 8th grade students with no other children at St Pius X Regional School must complete their required hours by May 24th. 20 hours are required from a 2-parent household and 10 hours are required from a household with a single parent. You will be billed \$25 per hour for any unfulfilled hours. Diplomas, school report cards and records will be withheld for unfulfilled/unpaid VSP hours as well as unpaid financial obligations.

CALLING ALL CYO PLAYERS!



Attention T-Ballers!!

Registration is now open for all PK-2nd grade students!! All games will be on Saturdays during the months of April, May, & June. Registration closes

Monday, April 1, 2019. Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click Sports Pilot to register. The fee is \$50 per player. Please contact Suzie

Sweeney at Softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com if you are interested in coaching or have questions regarding the registration process.

BASEBALL: Baseball registration has been extended to Friday, March 15, 2019!

Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click SPORTSPILOT to register now! If you have any questions or are interested in coaching a team this spring, please contact Alex Cabellon at acabellon@gmail.com.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL field clean-up day will be Saturday, March 16, 2019. Come on out and earn a few VSP hours getting our fields ready for the upcoming season! We'll start at 8:00 am and end around 12:00 pm. Remember to bring your lawn tools!

TRACK & FIELD: Registration is open for boys and girls ages 5 – 14. The cost is \$70 per participant 7 years and older and \$15 for participants 6 years and younger AND includes an SPX CYO athletic shirt to keep! Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click SPORTSPILOT to register now! Practices begin mid-March and the first meet is Saturday, March 30, 2019. For registration information and more detailed information about the program, please contact Megan Bogley, Track & Field Commissioner at m_bogley@hotmail.com.

Please remember, CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is a volunteer organization and we can't do it without you! Please consider coaching one our many teams! It's a great experience!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN FOOD DRIVE, MARCH 25-29

St. Pius X School, with the assistance of the SGA, will participate in the Archdiocese of Washington/Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive from March 25-29. Each grade will be assigned a particular food item to donate. Food donations may be sent with your child any day of our collection week. Please use the following guide for your donations.

- PK - Cooking Oils (vegetable oil, olive oil, canola oil, Smart Balance)
- Kindergarten - Canned fruits (in its own juice - pineapple, peaches, applesauce)
- 1st Grade - Canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)
- 2nd Grade - Pasta and sauces (pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese)
- 3rd Grade - Canned vegetables (low sodium mixed, green beans, corn, tomatoes)
- 4th Grade - Soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey, rice)
- 5th Grade - Whole Grain Cereal (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Raisin Bran, plain oatmeal)
- 6th Grade - Dried Legumes and Grains (rice, dried beans, lentils, corn tortilla flour)
- 7th Grade - Healthy snacks (raisins, dried fruits, nuts)
- 8th Grade - Canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)



 <p>EASTER BREAK</p>	<h2>FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES</h2> <h3>EASTER BREAK DATES:</h3> <p>1/2 Day on Thursday, April 18th - <u>NO AFTER CARE</u> School closed Friday, April 19th - Sunday, April 28th Classes resume Monday, April 29th</p>
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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.



Update: We received more than one application for the at-large seat and will interview candidates in March and April. An update will be posted in News Notes once a selection has been made.

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. We are reviewing applications on a rolling basis, so if you would like to apply, please do so promptly.

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 2019

Thanks again to all parents who attended any Parent Administration Forum during this school year. We appreciate your time, support, and comments regarding our school. See you next year!

Summary—4th and 5th grade Parent Admin Forum, 3/5/19

- *Mrs. Schrom will participate in an upcoming job fair sponsored by Prince George's County Catholic school Principals so that schools can find diverse and qualified teacher candidates for future job openings;
- *Class sizes—her goal is to lower class size as time goes on; if people move, their classroom seat may or may not be filled. Mrs. Schrom did not interview all recent middle school applicants; she was selective as to which families and students she interviewed based upon report cards, standardized test scores, etc. Not every applicant to SPX School will be admitted. In order to decrease class size, we need to increase future fundraising. Setting tuition requires a delicate balance but they cannot decrease teacher salaries or academic expectations in the classroom;
- *the school cannot expand the middle school at this time because there is no room;



- *Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Snyder are developing a long-term strategic technology plan;
- *Google classroom will eventually be used in all grades. There will be extensive training, including training over the summer for parents;
- *updates on the current Challenge 4 Kids fundraiser should be posted in News Notes;
- *Discipline: If a teacher has to stop the classroom to discipline a student, that hurts instruction time for everyone. Mrs. Norris explained the current discipline system (demerits, detention, etc). The school will move to a new discipline system in the future. One goal will be to make it easier for the administration to track issues so that teachers and the administration can step in earlier. The school will continue to reinforce positive behavior for students and teachers;
- *If an issue arises, parents need to contact the administration quickly so that the administration can handle any problems;
- *A committee is developing a code of conduct for 1) teachers (ADW code of conduct), 2) parents, and 3) students;
- *There were lots of complaints regarding the parking lot at drop off and pickup (students not in before care being dropped off before 7:30 am, cars speeding, cars running over orange traffic cones, rules not being followed, cars pulling up too close to school, hostile parents, etc.). Additional parking lot and traffic control measures will be considered (rope/heavy stanchions, charging parents before care prices if they drop off before 7:30 am, financial penalties for families who do not follow parking lot rules, etc.)
- *Going to a Catholic school is a privilege (not a right) that can and should be revoked when warranted. Rules need to be followed and enforced;
- *Teachers need to give more notice before giving tests; there are too many tests and not enough instruction. The administration will look into this issue. If a student does not understand a concept, parents need to contact the teacher;
- *Parents requested more African American History Month events. Teachers are sharing information as to how classes celebrated other cultures and they will build on this;
- *Parents requested career days;
- *New families—a parent requested a new family liaison position; the School Advisory Board and Home School Association members called new families this fall to welcome them to the school. The boards will revisit this and an end of school year survey will be sent to school families.

CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION

Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, April 3RD.



H.S.A. MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

Please make plans to attend the next Home and School Association Meeting on Monday, March 18th at 7:00pm in Nelson Hall.



UNFULFILLED VSP HOURS WILL BE BILLED



Parents are encouraged to check their VSP balances to make sure their 20- hour commitment (10-hour commitment for single parent household) will be fulfilled by the end of the school year. **You will be charged \$25 per hour for each hour that is unfulfilled, so don't get caught short.** Every hour you serve must be logged on our online volunteer hour tracking system called, Track It Forward. **Every** SPX school family should have a Track-it-Forward account including room parents, CYO coaches, H.S.A. committee chairs and board members. If you have not started your VSP hours, here is the process to get started. **Every volunteer must register online using this website:** <http://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>. After creating an account, volunteers will login and hours will then be submitted online, stating the date, hours, activity, and chairperson. Please be sure to include your name when logging your volunteer hours. Volunteer hours will then be approved electronically by the chairperson.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH'S 4 SPACES UNLESS YOU ARE GOING TO THE RECTORY

Parents, the rectory has asked us to remind you that the four parking spaces near the school's middle school entrance are ONLY for St Pius Church rectory use. We are not allowed to use those spaces for any school activity/visit/pick up, etc.





St. Pius X SUMMER CAMP 2019

Session 1 - July 8 - 12

Session 2 - July 15 - 19

Session 3 - July 22 - 26

9am to 3pm

(Extended Day option available: 8:00am drop-off, 5:00pm pick-up)

Eligible students: SPX students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade

Cost: \$185.00 per child per week

(additional charge for extended day option:

Before care \$25 per week and After Care \$50 per week)

Activities include COOKING, DRAMA, GAMES, COMPUTERS,
ARTS, CRAFTS AND MORE!

[Click here to download the registration forms from our school website](#)

Registration deadline: May 17, 2019

Any registrations received after this time may not receive a Camp t-shirt.

Please return completed Application, Emergency Forms, and procedures forms to school.

All billing will go directly through your TADS account

All fees must be paid in full by June 7, 2019.

Please do not send payments to school.

Please contact Leigh Hampton for more information at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org

SAVE THE DATES

March 15 – No School for Students- Faculty Collaboration Day with ADW

March 17 – Archdiocesan Music Festival for Band at Bishop McNamara, playing time 4:10 pm

March 18 – Home and School Meeting

March 19 – Carousel Uniform Ordering in Library

March 22 – Purse Bingo

March 29 – End of 3rd Quarter

August 27 – First Day of 2019-2020 School Year

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>