



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



May 9, 2019



## MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE CHAIRPERSON NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR



A Middle School Dance Chair Person is needed for the 2019-20 school year. Anyone interested in taking over the Middle School Dances please contact Mariana Lathrop or by email at [mariana.lathrop@gmail.com](mailto:mariana.lathrop@gmail.com). All VSP hours will be earned for the year. It's easy and fun.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Thursday, May 9

- \*Progress Report Distributed
- \*8<sup>th</sup> gr High School T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Day
- \*8:30-10:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr Reading Scantron
- \*Variety Show, 10:30am PK-4, 1:30pm 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr, 7:00pm parent performance
- \*3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- \*3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, Library
- \*6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- \*7:00-8:00pm, Den 2 meeting, 2B

#### Friday, May 10

- \*4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> gr SGA Convention
- \*9:00-11:00am, PK-2<sup>nd</sup> gr Field Day Postponed
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- \*7:00-10:00pm, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> gr Dance, hall

#### Monday, May 13

- \*8:30-10:00am, 4<sup>th</sup> gr Math Scantron
- \*3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- \*3:00-4:00pm, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> gr Math Club, Art
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Striders

#### Tuesday, May 14

- \*Band Concert, 10:30am PK, K & 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr, 1:30pm 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr, 7:00pm parent performance
- \*3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall
- \*5:30-7:00pm, Den I Bears, 1B

#### Wednesday, May 15

- \*Pizza Day
- \*Chorus Concert, 10:30am for whole school, 7:00pm parent performance
- \*3:00-4:00pm, 8<sup>th</sup> gr Academic Club, Math
- \*3:00-4:30pm, Green Team meeting, Science Lab

#### Thursday, May 16

- \*Tag Day
- \*8:30-10:00am, 2<sup>nd</sup> gr Reading Scantron
- \*Patrol Lunch
- \*3:00-3:45pm, K Spanish, SG I
- \*3:00-4:00pm, STEM Club, lab

#### Friday, May 17

- \*Early dismissal day, 12:30pm PK, 1:00pm K-8<sup>th</sup>
- \*8:30-10:00am, 5<sup>th</sup> gr Reading Scantron
- \*9:00-11:45am, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr Field Day
- \*5:30-6:30pm, GS Troop 2997, Art
- \*7:00-8:30pm, Cadette Troop 2386, Art

#### Saturday, May 18

- \*11:00-3:00pm, Fun Day, bring your friends and neighbors!

Please check the school calendar for more information:

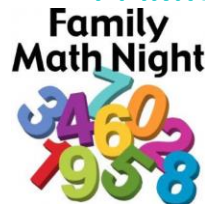
<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>



## FEED THE BOX TOP BOT!

Hello, St. Pius Family! The Box Top Coordinators have been hard at work by coming up with new ideas to promote Box Tops. By now, we hope you have seen "Box Top Bot" in the lobby. Please feed "Bot" until the end of the school year and over the summer. We will continue to collect box tops and send them in. So far, we have raised \$212.10 and our goal is \$1000. There are new changes coming: Box Tops will now be going digital! The company will phase out the "clipping of Box Tops" and use the Box Top App to scan receipts. Please keep bringing in your clipped box tops because they will still be honored until their expiration date! There will be a new Box Top mobile app ready in June. It will allow you to scan your store receipts, find participating products and instantly add box tops to our school's earnings online. More details coming soon!"

## FAMILY MATH NIGHT FOR GRADES K-3



You are invited to Family Math Night for Grades K-3 on Wednesday, June 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Explore the wonders of math with your child. Come see what your student is learning. It's an evening of family fun! Please use the Sign Up Genius link to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49ADAC2C7-family> If you have any questions please email Mrs. McLane - [dmclane@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:dmclane@stpiusbowie.org).

# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

## STRATEGIC PLANNING—JUNE 3, 2019 HSA MEETING (note date change)

Ms. Kelly Branaman (Associate Superintendent for School Operations and Strategic Planning, Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools Office) will speak at the June 3, 2019 HSA meeting at 7 pm in Nelson Hall (please note the date change for the HSA meeting). Associate Sup't Branaman will provide an introduction to the strategic planning process. **The June HSA meeting will be the first opportunity for current school parents to provide input to be considered as part of a future strategic plan. Parents of graduated eighth grade students are welcome to attend the June 3, 2019 HSA meeting to provide comments regarding the school strategic plan.**

The administration will develop a multi year strategic plan for our school over the next 18 months; input will be gathered from staff, teachers, school parents, Pastors, Home School Association members, School Advisory Board members, and other key stakeholders in our school and local community. The strategic plan will be based upon the four pillars of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Washington: Catholic Identity, Academic Excellence, Enrollment, and Governance. We look forward to seeing you in June!



## 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 (currently in process of interviewing applicants)

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**Ascension Parish**, Old Bowie

\*\*\*One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie

If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that the remaining seats require the applicant to be an active member of that parish. 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](mailto:karoddy@comcast.net)

For general questions/obtain additional information: contact Board President Patricia Reimer at [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net)

**HSA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>!**

## CALLING ALL CYO PLAYERS!

**HUNGRY FOR CHIPOTLE?** Our Spring Chipotle Fundraiser will be on Monday, May 20th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bowie Marketplace, 15475 Annapolis Road in Bowie, Md. Click here [Chipotle Flyer](#) for details!

**Soccer:** Registration for 2019 Fall Soccer will be opening soon. Be on the lookout for an announcement in the coming weeks!

**Sweatshirts:** Order your CYO sweatshirts for those chilly mornings or cool nights! Youth sizes \$20 and adult sizes \$25. Click here [CYO Sweatshirts](#) to download the order form.



**Softball:** The season has begun! Check [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) for game times and locations.

**Track & Field:** The schedule and results can be found at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org).

## 2019-2020 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS DUE BY MAY 17TH

In making decisions on the classroom placement of students, the school will consider the following: girl/boy balance, familial relationship, ability grouping, recommendations of the Resource/Counseling Center, recommendations of the previous year's teachers, and teachers' strengths (matching class needs with teacher strengths). Parental choice, mixing classes to improve socialization and other commonly requested considerations will be viewed only after the criteria listed above has been fully met and as long as it does not impact the proper placement of other students. All requests for classroom placement for the 2019-2020 school year must be emailed to our principal, Mrs. Janet Schrom, at [jschrom@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:jschrom@stpiusbowie.org) by **May 17th**. No requests will be accepted after this date. Please email a separate request for each child and include the following information: the student's present grade and homeroom, the teacher you are requesting, a detailed reason for the request, and your name, address, and phone number. Classroom requests are neither required nor encouraged. ***Please note that a request does not guarantee placement.***



As you are making your class selections for next year, there are some staff changes that we have already planned. Mrs. Bryant will be going back to be the PreK lead teacher, and Miss Kelsey Parks will be the 4B teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Any further staffing updates will be made available when possible.

## 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.

## 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> gr MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE – FRIDAY, MAY 10



The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a HAWAIIAN LUAU DANCE for SPX students in grades 6 and 7 on Friday, May 10th. Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include a DJ, snacks, and drinks. Please wear your favorite Hawaiian Luau outfit (as always, appropriate attire is required). Door prizes will be awarded, and there will also be prizes for best Hawaiian shirt/ outfit and a limbo contest during the evening! Parents-please pick up your children promptly between 10:00 and 10:15pm. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY THEIR OWN PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO NELSON HALL. Permission slips will be sent home this week. Extras will be available in the school office. Any interested chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy, should contact Mariana Lathrop at [mariana.lathrop@gmail.com](mailto:mariana.lathrop@gmail.com) or at 301-938-7678. Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:30 to 11:00 p.m. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning

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## EXTRA CLASS PICTURES



Class pictures have been distributed to those who had pre-ordered and pre-paid for pictures. A limited number of extras are available in the school office. If you would like to see if we have extra class pictures for your student's grade, please contact Mrs. Fay at [pfay@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:pfay@stpiusbowie.org) Pictures will be \$13.00 and checks should be made out to Lifetouch.

## COME JOIN THE GALA PLANNING COMMITTEE

The end of the school year is upon us, and summer is on everyone's mind, but we are already planning for next year's school Gala! We are looking forward to making this event a huge success!

Our first meeting for next year's Gala is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6pm, in the library. We are asking that if you are interested in helping with the Gala next year that you attend this meeting. We need volunteers like you to help make this event amazing!





# FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Days for students in PK, K, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be this spring between May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FIELD DAY DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Grades PK, K, 1 and 2	Friday, May 10 postponed due to weather	9:00 to 11:00am



## 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. Lonergan at [mlonergan@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mlonergan@stpiusbowie.org)

# FUNDRAISING SUPPORT GUIDELINES

FSO has been set at **\$125 per family** for the SY 18-19.

The below fundraisers go towards the Fundraising Support Obligation (FSO) for the 2018/2019 School year:

**Football Mania** each ticket was \$20, you earned \$10 for each ticket sold.

**World's Finest Chocolate** The cost of One box of chocolate is \$60. Selling one box earns your family \$30 towards your FSO, which is 50% of the cost of one box of chocolate. (SOLD UNTIL APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>!)

**Challenge 4 Kids** is still going on. It is the online donation site, where family and friends can receive an email and donate online. 50% of your donations count toward your FSO.

If you have not met your FSO by participating in these fundraisers, you can send in a check to pay for your FSO. Clearly Marked "FSO Obligation."

If you have any questions, please contact Faith Proctor, HSA President at [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com) or call 202-438-5711.

# SGA SPIRIT DAYS ON MAY 29, 30 AND 31

May 29 is Class Color Day (This is also the 8th grade parade day.)

May 30 is Culture Day

May 31 is Maryland Day



All three days student will be required to wear their school uniform, but may include a shirt over the uniform. Socks and hair accessories may also adorn the uniform.

Culture Day may include clothing that celebrates one's heritage.

Maryland Day may include the Maryland flag colors of red, gold, black, and white.

Class colors will match the same colors used for field day. They are as follows:

- PK Red
- KA Green
- KB Green
- 1A Pink
- 1B Pink
- 2A Yellow
- 2B Yellow
- 3A Red
- 3B Purple
- 4A Yellow
- 4B Light green
- 5A Orange
- 5B Blue
- 6A White, royal blue, and gray
- 6B Orange, yellow, green
- 7A Neon yellow, heather red, lavender
- 7B Teal, black, navy blue
- 8A Pink, red, neon green
- 8B Hot pink, light blue, light purple



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

**Attention: PRE-K Parents and 6th Grade parents**

**Vaccine Requirements 2019-2020 School Year Updates:** Please check your students immunization record and make sure it is up to date and the School Nurse has an updated copy.

\*\*\*\* Students **entering 7th grade** must have a **TDAP** and **MCV** vaccine prior to the start of the new school year. First day of school is **08/27/2019**. Please if your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email. We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the first day of school.

\*\*\*\* Students entering **Kindergarten** must have 2 documented doses of **MMR** and **Varicella** prior to the first day of school. If your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email. We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the **first day of school, 8/27/2019**.

Please contact the School Nurse if you have any questions.

Meghan Benson RN BSN CPN  
[mbenson@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mbenson@stpiusbowie.org)  
301-262-0203



# ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

## THE SHIRLEY CRESSY SCHOLARSHIP

The Shirley Cressy Scholarship will be offered each year in honor of her devotion to excellence in Catholic education. The one- time \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who will be attending a Catholic high school next year. The recipient must represent the ideals of Catholic education, have achieved academic success, and have demonstrated service to the school and community.

### Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- "B" average or better during the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Be an active participant in the church community
- Obtain a "Letter of Recommendation" (form enclosed with application- not a teacher)

In addition, each student must submit a composition on the following theme.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH SERVICE

**Why I give service to my Church and/or community?**

**How the service I do makes a difference.**

**Services I plan do in the future.**

Compositions should not exceed 250 words. They must be typed, double-spaced.

### Deadline

**All applications must be submitted to Mrs. Schrom by Thursday, May 9, 2019. The winner will be announced, and a \$500 check will be presented to that student at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards Ceremony.**

The judges' decision is final.

### Questions

All questions should be directed to Mrs. Schrom 301-262-0203.

Please see Mrs. Schrom for an application.



## ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE CONT'D

# 8TH GRADE

### 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.

As we begin 4th quarter, activities for 8th graders will increase: High School t-shirt/sweatshirt day, graduation picture day, their last field day, to name a few. To make sure you are aware of all the events, the details are listed below.

Date	Event
May 9	<b>High School T-shirt/Sweatshirt Day</b> Students should wear their high school shirt with their uniform.
May 17	<b>Field Day</b> Volunteer to be a part of your child's last field day at St. Pius.
May 22	<b>8th Grade Graduation Dance</b> In the hall at 7:00-10:00
May 23	<b>Late arrival for 8th grade</b> Students should come to school at 10AM.
May 24	<b>Hershey Park 6:30a.m- 6:30 p.m.</b>
May 28	<b>8th Grade Breakfast 9AM</b>
	<b>8th Grade Awards Assembly 10AM</b>
May 29	<b>8th Grade Parade 8AM</b> Students must be in a vehicle driven by a parent. Decorations must be in keeping with St. Pius standards. More details will be sent home prior to the parade.
	<b>Graduation Practice 10 -11:30</b> Students will be released after practice. All students must be picked up in front of the Church by a parent. No students will be permitted to walk or leave school grounds unaccompanied by a parent.
	<b>Graduation 7PM</b> Students only should report to the Hall by 6:30. No parents will be permitted in the Hall. Parents will enter the Church through the front door.

We hope this helps you plan for all activities. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.



# ONE FOR THE TEAM



Show your team spirit by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Pius CYO. Come in to the Chipotle at **15475 Annapolis Road** in Bowie on **Monday, May 20th** between **4:00pm** and **8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Pius CYO.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

## SAVE THE DATES

May 8 – Carousel Uniform in Library

May 9 – Progress Reports Distributed

May 10 – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> gr Dance

May 14 – Band Concert

May 15 – Chorus Concert

May 16 – Tag Day

May 17 – Early dismissal day

May 18 – Fun day

May 22 – End of Year Whole School Mass

May 27 – No School Memorial Day

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>

Please join us for

**BOWIE MARYLAND**

# **SAINT PIUS X**

**FUN DAY 2019**

Saturday, May 18, 2019

11:00am to 3:00pm

In the back lot of the school Rain or Shine!

**Prizes Games Raffles**

**Rides Food**

Special Fun Day T-Shirts are available for purchase. SPX has a special TAG Day for those who order a Fun Day t-shirt is **Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**! Go online and order yours today. Last Day to order Fun Day t-shirts is **Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

<https://bit.ly/2I4QkIF>

## ***WE NEED YOUR HELP***

It takes dozens of volunteers to make Fun Day run smoothly. Please help us with this great SPX tradition. Earn valuable VSP hours as well. Use the link below to sign-up.

<https://bit.ly/2Da7LxH>

Another way parents can help is to donate a small toy, game, book, or other prize to the Wishing Well game. A bin will be placed in the lobby where donations can be dropped off. Students of all ages love this game and we need your help to keep it going!

Please email Christa Hagins ([christahagins3@gmail.com](mailto:christahagins3@gmail.com)) if you have any questions.



# 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lhampton@stpiusbowie.org)

## FUN Day Checklist and Ticket Order Form

FUN Day can only happen with the assistance of the community of families at St Pius.

Help us make Fun Day 2019 Great!!

\_\_ Pre- Order tickets (Pre order tickets 5 tix/ \$1; at gate tickets 4 tix/ \$1)

**Tickets used for all food, games and rides- suggest \$20 or 100 tickets**

\_\_ Donate/Send in 2 Liter of soda to classroom for the soda toss game.

\_\_ Donate/ Send in kid friendly grocery item to classroom for the brown bag it game.

\_\_ Donate/Send in any and all new items to Wishing Well tub in lobby. This is for the Wishing Well game that is a favorite with the students. The item does not need to be expensive we love all donations!

Email Christa Hagins with any questions. Christa.hagins3@gmail.com

\_\_ Volunteer for Friday night Fun Day set up and Saturday for Fun Day on the SIG <https://bit.ly/2Da7LxH>

**\_\_ Come out Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 11am- 3 pm with family and friends to create treasured memories!**

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## FUN Day ticket order form

Saturday May 18, 2019 11am-3pm

Pre-order tickets!!! They are 5 for \$1 before FUN Day!!! Deadline to Pre-order tickets is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Minimum order is \$5 cash or check made out to St Pius X.

# of Tickets\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ enclosed\_\_\_\_\_

Childs Name\_\_\_\_\_

Classroom\_\_\_\_\_