



# ST. PIUS X REGIONAL SCHOOL NEWS NOTES

February 15, 2018



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READERS' CHOICE READERS' CHOICE READERS' CHOICE READERS' CHOICE  
2011-2012 2012-2013 2013-2014 2014-2015 2015-2016 2016-2017  
FINALIST WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER WINNER FINALIST

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thursday, February 15

- \*TAG Day
- \*3:00 to 4:15pm, Chess Club, Library
- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, Art Club, Art Room

### Friday, February 16

- \*12:30pm Dismissal for Pre-K
- \*1:00pm Dismissal for K-8
- \*7:00pm, Paint Night, hall

### Monday, February 19

- \*No School, President's Day

### Tuesday, February 20

- \*PreK-K Port Discovery Field Trip
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Life 101, Library
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice

### Wednesday, February 21

- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, Blanket Angels, Art Room
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Green Team, Science Lab
- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music Room
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice
- \*7:00 to 8:00pm, ADHD Parent Support Group, 2B

### Thursday, February 22

- \*Progress Reports Sent Home
- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, History Bee Prep, Science Lab

### Friday, February 23

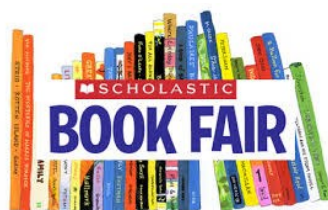
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Percussion Band, SLAM Room
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice
- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, Spring Concert Rehearsal

### Monday, February 26

- \*Scholastic Book Fair in Library Class
- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, Prep Band, Hall
- \*3:00 to 3:45pm, After School Spanish for K in SGI
- \*3:00 to 4:30pm, Passion Play Practice
- \*3:00 to 4:00pm, Running Club

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH  
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

## THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING!



**The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to our School Library!** Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping

your child's reading habits. All K-8th grade students will attend the Book Fair during THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED LIBRARY CLASS TIME from **Monday, February 26 – Friday, March 2**. Pre K parents, please come during any of our open times to shop for your student. There will be no earlier scheduled preview time for classes. The Book Fair will be open for parents to preview **or purchase** during the following days and times: Sunday, February 25 10:00 am-1:00 pm (bring your friends/neighbors), Monday, February 26 through Thursday, March 1 9:00 am-3:00 pm and 4:00 pm-6:00 pm, Friday, March 2 9:00 am-3:00 pm, Sunday, March 4 10:00am-1:00pm (bring your friends/neighbors). Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, Discover, Cash or Check will be accepted for PARENT/ADULT purchases. Gift card are not accepted. Cash or Check will be accepted for STUDENT purchases. **For checks, please sign, date and make your check payable to St. Pius X. DO NOT COMPLETE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT. In the memo section, PLEASE SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM THAT THE CHECK MAY BE COMPLETED FOR. We will complete the check for the exact amount of the purchase and provide a receipt for your records.** Maryland Sales Tax WILL BE added to all purchases. So, if your check has a maximum of \$10 and the item that your student wants is \$9.95, they will not be able to purchase the item because the total WITH TAX would be \$10.55.

Before you visit the Book Fair, be sure to download the Book Fairs app to help you find the right books for your child. For more information, visit: [www.scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs](http://www.scholastic.com/apps/bookfairs). And if you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpius>

Our online Fair is available from February 21st – March 6th.

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

## LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR APRIL



**APRIL lunch orders must be placed by March 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](mailto:support@boonli.com).

## CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION

**Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, March 7th.**

**The last day to order January Chick-fil-a is Friday, March 2nd.**



## PAINT NIGHT - TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 16th



Please join us in Nelson Hall TOMORROW, **Friday, February 16th** for our adult **PAINT NIGHT.** Doors open at 6:30pm and the fun will start at 7:00pm. We hope you and your friends will be able to join us for this great night out away from the kids. Bring some snacks, drinks, and have fun. Space is limited, so you must register on the [Sign-Up Genius](#). The cost is \$25 per person and can be sent into the office. If you have any question please contact Angie Trice at [angtrice@verizon.net](mailto:angtrice@verizon.net).

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944A4A82AA1FE3-paint](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0944A4A82AA1FE3-paint)

## CHILDREN'S BINGO - THIS SATURDAY



The St. Pius X Ladies Sodality is hosting Children's Bingo THIS Saturday, February 17th, in Nelson Hall. This bingo is for children ages 4-13 and the \$5.00 admission fee includes a hot dog, a snack and a drink. The doors will open at 11:30am and the first game will be at 12noon. If you need more information, please call Donna at 302-512-1845 or Sally at 301-655-5329.

## WALK -RUN FUNDRAISER - MARCH 17

St. Pius X Regional School will be holding another Walk/Run fundraising race on March 17, 2018. We will have two distances, 5k and 10k. The 5k race is open to walkers and is a great experience for all ages. For registration information please click here [St. Pius X Regional School Walk Run Fundraiser](#). If you would like to volunteer or need more information please contact Lydia Shell at [lydia.shell@gmail.com](mailto:lydia.shell@gmail.com). Look for the flyer coming home today with more details.



**Run-Walk**

## REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR - DUE NOW

**Register  
NOW**

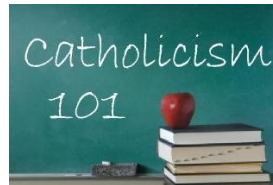
Registration (re-enrollment) for the 2018-2019 school year for your **CURRENT SPX STUDENT** has started. Information on how to register current students was sent via email from TADS. Please contact Mrs. Hungate in the Finance Office if you have not received an email from TADS. Re-enrollment privileges are only being offered to families whose tuition accounts are current. Here is the link for the [2018-2019 TUITION RATES LETTER](#) from Mrs. Schrom.

Applications for the 2018-2019 school year for **NEW STUDENTS** started on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 5:00pm. Complete information is posted on our website under the admissions tab.

**We will begin filling all open slots on February 22nd.  
Please do not wait to re-enroll your current student or  
register your new sibling and risk losing your place. Some  
grades will have waiting lists.**

## CATHOLICISM 101

Our Golden Apple Religion Teacher, Mr. Mark Hammett, will once again be hosting our continuing series called Catholicism 101. The sessions are intended to provide, in general, the main material we cover in our religion program here at St. Pius X Regional School. The sessions will briefly and generally introduce attendees to the Catholic Faith ...who We are and what We believe. While the workshops will be geared towards non-Catholics, all are welcome. **THIS IS FOR ADULTS ONLY**, no children will be allowed. Mark your calendars now, as the next session will be Tuesday, February 27th from 7:00- 8:30pm (location to be announced). Please park in the back.



## NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Be Straw Free! Take the pledge to say no to straws and ask for your drink to be straw less. Or, if you must use a straw, consider a compostable or paper one. Skip the straw stirrer when fixing your coffee and opt for a wooden stirrer or something more creative like a linguine noodle! 500 million straws are used and discarded every day in the United States alone. That's 175 Billion a year littering our waterways and oceans, and polluting our earth.



U.S. CONSUMPTION = ENOUGH STRAWS  
TO WRAP AROUND THE  
EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE  
**2.5 TIMES A DAY!**



### St. Pius X Regional School

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must be emailed to  
[jmacdonald@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:jmacdonald@stpiusbowie.org) by  
noon Monday to be  
published on Thursday

### 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://www.stedwardbowie.org>

# 2018 GALA UPDATES



**SAVE THE DATE:** The 2018 SPX School GALA will take place in Nelson Hall on the evening of **SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018**. In a nod to local thoroughbred racing and horses that are such a large part of local Bowie history, the theme for the evening will be the Kentucky Derby. This fabulous adults only event will include: DJ, dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres/drinks, silent auction (basket raffle), live auction, friends and fellowship!

Please save the date, and watch News Notes for more information. We look forward to seeing you there—you don't want to miss this fun night out!

## **NEW!** 2018 GALA RAFFLE (ONE LUCKY STUDENT COULD WIN \$500.00 OFF TUITION)

Would you like YOUR STUDENT to win \$500.00 off tuition for the 2018-2019 school year? Each raffle ticket costs \$20. A ticket order form will be sent home with your child in the near future. If you wish to participate, please complete and return the bottom of the form to the front office with your payment. The winning name will be drawn the evening of the GALA; winner need not be present to win. If the winning family has multiple SPX students, only one (1) \$500.00 raffle award will be applied towards tuition for one (1) student. The price of the \$20.00 raffle ticket does not count towards the Fundraising support obligation. Questions? Please email Mrs. Schrom at [jschrom@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:jschrom@stpiusbowie.org).



**GALA PLANNING MEETINGS** - Upcoming GALA committee meetings are outlined below. All meetings start at 7:00pm in the school library unless otherwise noted. Committee members with specific assignments should come prepared. All are invited to attend the meetings to help plan this exciting event. Questions? Contact Mrs. Schrom at [jschrom@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:jschrom@stpiusbowie.org).

Thursday 2/22/18, 7:00pm school library  
Tuesday 3/6/18, 7:00pm school library  
Thursday 3/22/18, 7:00pm school library  
Tuesday 4/10/18, 7:00pm school library  
Saturday 4/21/18, 10 am to 2 pm, SPX School faculty lounge—GALA basket prep day  
Tuesday 4/24/18, 7:00pm school library

**GALA TICKETS:** Gala tickets will cost \$75.00 per person. One half of the purchase price of each GALA ticket will be applied towards your FSO (fundraising support obligation). Tickets will go on sale on or about Wednesday, **February 28, 2018**. Parents will be able to purchase tickets using cash, check, or (hopefully) PayPal either online or via a ticket order form that will be sent home in the near future. This year, parishioners from our four supporting parishes (Ascension, St. Pius X, Sacred Heart, and St. Edward's) will have an opportunity to purchase tickets to the GALA. Seating will be limited, so please buy your tickets early! Watch this space for more information.



**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE GALA:** If you (or your family, your workplace or local business) have any items of value to donate to our GALA (baskets/silent auction, live auction), please email Mrs. Beryl Prescott. She may be reached at [bkj25@hotmail.com](mailto:bkj25@hotmail.com). Examples include gift card donations, business service donations, usage of vacation rentals to be auctioned, etc. Thank you, in advance, for your assistance!





# FOR 8TH GRADE STUDENTS - UPDATES

## 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](mailto: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".

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2018 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. Students may find an application packet on the website after January 25, 2018, <http://www.ljjsf.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 March 31, 2018.** Winners will be announced the first week of May 2018.

**PLEASE SEE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS.**

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## 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](mailto:piusyearbook@live.com). Please contact Maureen with any questions at (240) 676-2837.



### NEW CONTEST!

The Yearbook is also having a design contest. Flyers are going home this week with information on how you can enter a contest to design and name our 2017-2018 Yearbook Title Page. We are looking for original art pieces and they can be drawn, painted or computer generated. Please see the flyer for details. All entries are due by March 1st.

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## CHESS CLUB IS STARTING AGAIN



Get ready to make your move. The Chess Club will be starting up again TODAY, Thursday, February 15th. Our sessions will be on: February 15th, March 15th, April 19th, May 3rd, and May 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Golding at [goldingh@gmail.com](mailto:goldingh@gmail.com).

# CYO UPDATES

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE TOMORROW



Baseball and Softball registration will close tomorrow, Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>! Don't miss out! Click here to [register for Baseball and Softball](#) or visit [www.stpiusbowiecyo.com/](http://www.stpiusbowiecyo.com/) baseball softball/and click on SportsPilot to register your child. If you have younger children, T-Ball registration closes March 1<sup>st</sup>. When you register, please consider coaching a team. It's a great way to spend more time with your children, meet other SPX CYO families and earn VSP hours!

SPX CYO Baseball/Softball/T-Ball field clean up day will be Saturday March 3, 2018 from 8:00am – 12:00pm (weather permitting). Please join us in getting the field ready for another spectacular season and earn VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM (VSP) hours at the same time!



Mark your calendar! SPX CYO will be hosting "Play Like A Champion Today" training on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at St. Pius X Regional School in the library from 5:30-8:30 pm. "Play Like A Champion Today" is a free, one time training requirement for all Archdiocese of Washington CYO Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches. Anyone coaching, who has never attended a session, must do so before they can begin to coach.



Basketball season is in full swing! Check out the schedules and scores at [www.adw.org/](http://www.adw.org/) basketball! Come on out and cheer on our teams! Look for the flyer coming home today about our end of year Basketball Banquet on Tuesday, March 13th.

Remember – If your team will be playing basketball this weekend, wear your jersey over your uniform to school tomorrow – Friday – to show your team spirit!

**DROP IN AFTER CARE**

Please use this link to register for

**[DROP –IN AFTERCARE.](#)**

# NOMINATE YOUR TEACHER FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS GOLD- EN APPLE AWARD - TOMORROW LAST DAY

On May 10, 2018, the Archdiocese of Washington Catholic Schools will host the 10th annual Golden Apple Awards for excellence in teaching. Ten teachers will be honored for their outstanding teaching and commitment to Catholic education.



The Golden Apple Award is the creation of the Donahue Family Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donahue are parents of 13 children, all of whom were educated in Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education for their children, the Foundation has established this award in four dioceses around the country.

You are encouraged to recognize a teacher who has provided your student (s) an excellent education rooted in gospel values and the teaching mission of the church.

Teachers, parents and students are invited to nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award and submit a nomination form to our principal, Janet Schrom, by **TOMORROW, February 16, 2018** Please click here to download the [Nomination Form](#). It is also posted on our school website in Forms under the Parent tab. Please click here for [Eligibility Requirements](#).

A selection committee, made up of former Golden Apple winners, administrators, board members and parents, will then evaluate the entries and chose 10 winners with the approval of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools and the archdiocesan Secretary for Education. No one on the selection committee will be from a school that has a nominee. A dinner in honor of the winners will be held in Washington DC on May 10, 2018, where His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl will present each of the 10 teachers a Golden Apple, a Certificate of Achievement, and a check for \$5,000.

St. Pius X has had several Golden Apple Winners. Our most recent winner was Mr. Mark Hammett who won the award 2 years ago. Our other winner was Mrs. Leigh Hampton, who won the award in 2009. Congratulations to both of you for jobs well done.

**Please submit your completed nomination to Principal Janet Schrom by TOMORROW, Friday, February 16th.**

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

### **UPCOMING SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD SEAT - SAINT PIUS X PARISH**

The School Advisory Board provides advice, assistance, and long-term planning to the school Administrative Team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of SPX Regional School. We will have one upcoming vacancy for a St. Pius X parish seat effective June 1, 2018.

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](mailto:karoddy@comcast.net).



**PARENT ADMINISTRATION FORUMS:** Thank you to the 2nd and 3rd grade parents who attended the Parent Forum. Here is a brief summary of the evening's discussion:

- **Field Trips:** If parents have information about possible field trips, they may send the information to Mrs. Schrom and she can forward it to the teachers. Teachers choose the field trips that students go on; some teachers change the places they go each year and some do not. Mrs. Schrom will not authorize overnight field trips.
- **Benchmarks/Curriculum:** A link to obtain Archdiocese standards (all subjects grades K-8 - [adwcatholicsschools.org](http://adwcatholicsschools.org)) can be found here: [Academic Standards](#). Standards for language arts and mathematics are posted on the SPX website. If there is an area of concern, the teacher can tell you the general time of the year that that standard will be taught (but they may not be able to tell you the exact day). Teachers can add to standards, but they must teach the required standards.
- **Differentiated Instruction:** There are different levels of material taught in the classrooms. Students are taught according to their ability group in class. All students learn using the same standards, but groups may use different materials. Placement in groups is fluid, and students may be switched to another group. Group placement is based upon teacher observation and the most recent Scantron testing scores. Students are not aware of the level of the group that they are placed in.
- **Summer Math:** This summer all students will again complete math problems over the summer, as this helped with knowledge retention in September.
- **Vice Principal:** Mrs. Schrom has selected a Vice Principal, but she will NOT announce the name at this time. She will not talk further about this subject.
- **Faculty Diversity:** Mrs. Schrom will attend an education fair in March 2018 for upcoming graduates from education schools across the area (including Bowie State). She will collect and consider resumes for qualified teachers as openings arise. She wants teachers at SPX School to stay and get to know the students and families.
- **Certified Teachers:** Mrs. Schrom discussed the teacher certification process. Teachers at SPX are certified.
- **Plays:** There will be a second and third grade play this year.
- **Open House:** The group discussed student and parent assistance at the annual open house for prospective parents. This year we added a popular alumni table to the activity fair. Mrs. Schrom likes having a visible student and parent presence at the Open House. We have to be sure that prospective families receive correct information about our school.
- **Summer Camp:** There will be a summer camp for three (3) weeks this year. Information will be printed in a future edition of Newsnotes. Summer camp cannot continue beyond three weeks because we need to complete updates to the school building over the summer (deep cleaning, painting, waxing floors, replace carpet, etc.).



- **Uniform Shirts:** Mrs. Schrom will think about different color shirts for the uniform. She agrees that the white shirts get dirty very quickly. However, it is a very complicated and controversial process to change any aspect of the uniform. Some families have several students at the school, and they cannot afford to purchase all new uniforms. This is not a simple process. Teal is a difficult color to find, even for our uniform vendor. She will look into this.
- **General Sentiments:** Parents reported that their students love coming here and are happy. Mrs. Schrom said they do their best to make it the best school for as many as possible.

Next Parent Administration Forums:

Tuesday 3/6/18, 5:00 to 6:00pm in the Library for parents with students in grades 4 and 5

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or [patriciareimer@verizon.net](mailto:patriciareimer@verizon.net). We look forward to seeing you at a future Parent/Administration Forum!

## JOIN THE H.S.A. BOARD



Are you looking for a new and exciting way to share your ideas, support our school, and earn VSP hours? Then consider joining the Home School Association (HSA) Board. The HSA Board is seeking to fill two (2) positions on its School Board. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Jackie Rickers, HSA President, at [jmaymaster@hotmail.com](mailto:jmaymaster@hotmail.com).

## A RETREAT AT SACRED HEART

**Married Couples Retreat** will be held on **Saturday, March 10**, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Father Larry Swink will direct this retreat. Theme is **“The Holy Family: A Model in Spirituality in Difficult Times.”** Register at [www.sacredheartbowie.org](http://www.sacredheartbowie.org) or pick up a form in the parish office. The cost is \$45 per couple. Checks made payable to Sacred Heart Church can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the parish office. Questions? Contact Michele Sim at [simplicity03@gmail.com](mailto:simplicity03@gmail.com) or 410-721-2915.