



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



October 25, 2018

SGA ICE CREAM SALE FOLLOW-UP



The SGA is delighted to report that our ice cream sale last week raised \$300 for St. Mary's Catholic School in Wilmington, NC. St. Mary's was badly damaged by winds and flooding during Hurricane Florence. Thank you to the children of St. Pius and to their families for supporting this worthy cause.

TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 26TH



Looking for a fun and different alternative for Halloween night? Come join us for a safe and spirited night of Trick or Treating at St. Pius on **Friday, October 26th from 5:30 to 8:00 pm**. We call it **TRUNK OR TREAT**, because children will trick or treat from the trunk of parked cars here at St. Pius X. Due to the limited number of spaces, you must RSVP at Signupgenius.com to reserve your parking spot. You must go around the *Here are the details:*

*Park your cars from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the front parking lot. Spaces will be numbered and you will be given a corresponding number. For safety reasons, cars will only be allowed to enter until 6:30 pm. After 6:30, the parking lot will be blocked so that kids can walk around freely.

*Get creative! Car trunks can then be decorated until 7:00 pm to create a fun space to pass out candy. A prize will be given to the best-decorated car!

***YOU MUST HAVE A CAR IN A NUMBERED PARKING SPACE HANDING OUT CANDY IN ORDER FOR YOUR CHILD/REN TO TRICK OR TREAT.**

***PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CANDY TO HAND OUT..**

*Trunk or treating will begin at 7:00 pm sharp. Kids should wear their costumes and trick or treat through the rows of decorated cars until 8:00pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 25

- *Patrol Lunch, 11:00am-1:30pm, Nelson Hall
- *K Spanish, 3:00-3:45pm, SG1
- *ASL Club, 3:00-3:50pm, Library
- *Righi Cub Scout meeting, 4:30-5:30pm, 2B
- *Cub Scouts meeting, 6:00-7:00pm

Friday, October 26

- *Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm
- *2nd & 3rd Gr Book Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Library
- *Trunk or Treat, 5:30-8:00pm, must be preregistered, front parking lot

Monday, October 29

- *6th & 7th Gr Math Club, 3:00-4:00pm, Art room
- *Striders Club, 3:00-4:15pm
- *CYO Coaches meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Art room

Tuesday, October 30

- *SGA Officer's Meeting, 11:50am-12:34pm
- *Band, 3:00-4:15pm
- *Righi Cub Scout meeting, 4:30-5:30pm, 2B

Wednesday, October 31

- *PreK Halloween Bash, 8:00-10:00am, Nelson Hall
- *Halloween Parade, 1:30-2:30pm, back parking lot

Thursday, November 1

- *Whole School Mass- All Saints Day, 10:30am, PLEASE JOIN US!
- *END OF 1ST QUARTER!
- *Service Club, 3:00-4:15pm, Art room
- *K Spanish, 3:0-3:45, SG1
- *Cub Scouts meeting, 6:00-7:00pm, 6B
- *Den 2 meeting, 7:00-8:00pm, 2B

Friday, November 2

- *Open House for Prospective Parents in PK & K, 9:00-10:00am, Library
- *Chess Club, 3:00-4:00, 2B
- *Honors Chorus, 3:00-4:00pm, Music room

Please check the school calendar for more information:
<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>

FOOTBALL MANIA LAST DAY TO BUY ETICKETS-OCTOBER 27TH

FINAL DAYS TO BUY FOOTBALL MANIA TICKETS!

Each ticket sold helps our school AND is a fun and enjoyable way to possibly win some extra cash!

Friday, October 19th, was the last day to turn in Football Mania tickets and money. The fun began with this weekend's games and continue through the end of the regular season. That's 10 chances to win some extra cash with each ticket sold. With each \$20 ticket sold, \$14 goes to our school and \$10 is applied towards your FSO.

If you miss Friday's deadline, you can still buy etickets online. etickets may be bought through Saturday, October 27th. They work the same as a paper ticket. Use the link below to buy an eticket. Forward the link to friends and family via email, or post the link to Facebook and invite your friends to purchase etickets. Make sure the buyer puts YOUR name as the seller so you receive proper FSO credit



It's EASY. It's FUN. It's time to play FOOTBALL MANIA!
etickets link: <http://www.charitymania.com/give/G8062>

HALLOWEEN PARADE PK-3RD GRADES

On October 31st the students in Kindergarten through 3 grades will participate in a Halloween parade in the back parking lot of school between 1:30 and 2:00pm. Students in PK will have their Halloween parade in the morning, and parents should plan to be in Nelson Hall by 8:40am. Costumes for all students are to be appropriate for a Catholic elementary school. Costumes depicting violence and/or demonic characters are not appropriate. A letter was sent home today to parents of students in grades PreK - 3 with information and guidelines to help the day run smoothly.



PK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS-NOVEMBER 2ND



Please tell your family and friends about our informal Open House for prospective families on Friday, November 2nd from 9:00 to 10:00am. This informal Open House is for prospective families with *PreK and Kindergarten* students, and we will have a special activity for our young visitors. Families will receive information about our school and a guided tour as well.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR'S SPONSORED PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST- FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Each year more than 120,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the Veterans of Foreign War's (VFW) **Patriot's Pen** youth essay contest. 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. **The 2018-19 theme is: "Why I Honor the American Flag".** ***The entry deadline is October 31, 2018.***

There are four levels of competition. Contestants begin at the Post (aka local) level. Winners will advance to the regional, then state and finally the national level. Contestants who advance will earn money at each level of competition that they win. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000 and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. Note, last national year's winner came from the state of Maryland.

If you would like to apply, please contact Senior Vice Commander Megan Bogley, VFW Bowie Memorial Post #8065, Bowie, MD 20715. Her email is m_bogley@hotmail.com or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the entry form.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR'S SPONSORED TEACHER OF THE YEAR CONTEST

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 classroom elementary (K-5), junior high (6-8) and high school (9-12) teacher whose curriculum focuses on citizenship education topics — for at least half of the school day in a classroom environment — can be nominated for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award.

There are four levels of competition. Winners will be selected at the Post (aka local) level, regional, state and finally the national level. National level 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.
- An all-expenses-paid trip to attend a VFW conference to receive their award.

Submissions will be 350-words or less, describing why you feel your nominee is deserving of the award. Be sure to describe the teacher's innovative teaching and resource development methods, as well as his or her dedication to education. ***The nomination deadline is October 31, 2018.***

NOTE: Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Nominations submitted by relatives or self are not eligible.

If you would like to nominate a teacher, please contact Senior Vice Commander Megan Bogley, VFW Bowie Memorial Post #8065, Bowie, MD 20715. Her email is m_bogley@hotmail.com or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the nomination form.

SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY AND SOCCER

While cross country is wrapping up some of our soccer teams are gearing up for play-offs this weekend! The schedule can be found at: <https://adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/> **Good luck everyone!!!**

Reminder – Uniform return is November 6th!



CELEBRATE SPIRIT DAY AT PHILLY PRETZEL FACTORY! WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH



Stop by Philly Pretzel Factory located at 1153 Maryland Rt. 3 – Crofton Station (next to Giant and Krispy Kreme) on Wednesday, November 7th. Enjoy a fun, delicious treat after school or plan ahead and order a great big party tray or treats for you upcoming football or holiday parties! A portion of the days sales goes directly to our school! These pretzels are delicious! Stop by on November 7th and show your school spirit. Don't forget to mention "SPX Spirit Day" at checkout!

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES - NOVEMBER 12

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12
DUE TO REPORT CARD CONFERENCES.**

PK THROUGH 5TH GRADES: Report card conference appointment times for parents with students in grades Pre-K through 5 were sent home today, Thursday, October 25th. Please be sure to confirm your appointment time by signing the handout and returning it to your homeroom teacher.

6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES: Conferences will **NOT** be scheduled for students in grades 6 through 8. An online scheduler listing conference times in ten-minute intervals will be used this year.

Parents should sign-up for a specific conference time with any teacher they wish to see on November 12 by going to https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/St_Pius_X_Regional_School. You will first register your email address and click on the names of the teachers with whom you wish to have a conference. You will receive an email allowing you to pick a time slot for the conferences by clicking on the link in the email. Finally, you will receive an email confirmation and reminder. You will also receive a link that you may use if you wish to change your appointment later. Conferences may be scheduled from 8:00 to 11:30am and from 12:20 to 3:00pm. You are encouraged to have a conference with any teacher that you think necessary. Report cards will be sent home with middle school students on Thursday, November 8th.



**OUR NEXT CHICK-FIL-A DAY IS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR DECEMBER



November lunch orders must be placed by November 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.

EARTH-FRIENDLY NEWS FROM THE SPX GREEN TEAM

October's Green Team club meeting focused on ways to prevent water pollution and was led by the Watershed Manager for the city of Bowie. Students examined an Enviroscope, which is a model of a watershed, that provided a visual demonstration of how water picks up sediment and pollutants as it flows throughout neighborhoods. Students discussed the connection between how what people use at home can wind up in the Chesapeake Bay. Then, they learned about mandatory laws related to dog walking and gardening. A few words discussed by the club include "watershed," "acid rain," "water cycle," "phosphorous," "pesticide," "pH," and "chlorine." The club wrapped things up by conducting an experiment using a water sampling kit. Snacks included monster apples, soil cups with worms, poop-sie rolls, and cups of unpolluted water infused with fruit. The next club meeting will be Wednesday, November 14, at 3:00 p.m.



HELP SPX TURN TRASH INTO CASH!



Don't throw away your used printer cartridges; instead allow St. Pius X Regional School to recycle them. Donating your empty cartridges to SPX will not only help protect the environment, but it will also help our school raise funds. Simply bring your used inkjet or laser toner cartridges to Mrs. Snyder in the Computer Lab. Also, ask your family, friends, and neighbors to join in this worthy effort.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR NEWS

It's that time of year! The annual Christmas Bazaar is coming! Are you looking for VSP hours? The Christmas Bazaar chairpersons are busy planning Santa's workshop and are in search of your talents. If you are interested in earning VSP hours and supporting this wonderful SPX tradition please visit the Christmas Bazaar website. Our Bazaar website has information about take home projects, wish lists, and volunteer opportunities:

<https://sites.google.com/view/spxchristmasbazaar>. Please email spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com for more info or answers to any questions.



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. The entire Board would like to express sincere appreciation and thanks to members John Wasuchno, Kim Roddy, Theresa Cooney, Alisia Ferguson, and Trish Reimer for their years of service to SPX School.

Current Open Seat Available right now:

**One (1) seat—St. Pius Parish

Upcoming Seats that will be available effective June 1, 2019:

***Two (2) seats—**St. Edward’s Parish**, South Bowie

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

***One (1) seat—**St. Pius X Parish**, Bowie (note—there will be two (2) open seats as of June 2019 for SPX Parish if the current open seat is not filled prior to June 2019).

***One (1) **At-Large seat**—This seat has traditionally been held by a non-Catholic parent, although all interested school parents/guardians may apply.

If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that five of the six 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 interested in applying, please contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy for an application no later than the close of business (5 pm) on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

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.

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.

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

Tuesday 2/12/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 2 and 3

Tuesday 3/5/19, 5-6 pm—Nelson Hall—parents in grades 4 and 5

In addition to verbal comments to the administration, parents will have the opportunity to provide written input (name optional) on the following questions:

*How can we make SPX an even better school?

*Do you have ideas for new programs, events, or activities that should be considered?

*How do you envision the future of SPX School?

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

Thank You Middle School parents!

Thanks to all middle school parents who attended the Parent Administration Forum on the evening of Tuesday, October 23, 2018. We know that you are busy, and we appreciate your time, thoughts, and support of our school. A summary of the October 23, 2018 middle school parent discussion will be published in an upcoming edition of Newsnotes.

***FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR * APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

The Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington (Washington, DC and Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland).

All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Applying for tuition aid has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school.

To apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2019 – 2020 school year, please click on the appropriate [TADS](#) link below.

The deadline date to apply for Archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2019 – 2020 school year is **Saturday, December 1, 2018 for returning families. THIS APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID INCLUDING: ARCHDIOCESAN AID, REGIONAL SCHOOL AID, AND PARISH AID.**

ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE



Below is the schedule of due dates for the high school application process. Check your child's Google Classroom Homeroom page for forms, information from the high schools and other updates.

High School Application Process

Dates to Remember

Date	Item	Completed
Sept. 4	HSPT Online Registration Opens	
Oct. 26	HSPT Online Registration Closes	
Nov. 3	Parent input for transcripts due.	
Nov. 19	Window for selecting High School Choices opens; return to the HSPT registration page to make high school selections Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.	
Nov. 26	Authorization to Release Records form due to homeroom teachers.	
Nov. 28	HSPT at St. Pius	
Dec. 9	Window for selecting High School Choice closes. Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers.	
Dec. 10	Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools. Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements.	
Jan. 2019	HSPT scores distributed by STS to parents electronically.	

Catholic High School Scholarship Information

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist those Brother Knights holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any Catholic student who is a resident of the State of Maryland to include children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

Application period is from October 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2019.

Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to:

Maryland State Council
Knights of Columbus
State Scholarship Chairman
PO Box 165
Westminster, MD 21158

Or by contacting our web site at: www.kofc-md.org and clicking on the Scholarship Opportunities link.

LABEL ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Be sure to mark all of your student's belongings with their name. Our lost and found items are accumulating already. We keep our Lost and Found box outside of Mrs. Manley's room. Smaller items, like glasses and jewelry, are kept in the main office.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

At the time of enrollment and re-enrollment through TADS, each family agreed to the terms of our Volunteer Service Program (VSP). This requires families to either work the required number of volunteer hours (20 hours for a 2-parent household, or 10 hours for a single parent household), or make a monetary payment for the required hours. If you chose to work the required hours, you must be submit volunteer hours electronically on our volunteer 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>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Lowe at nanette_lowe@yahoo.com. Details about family VSP requirements can be found on page 26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

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>

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SAINT PIUS X
Regional School

Spirit Day - November 7th

A percentage of all sales for the entire day goes towards our school. Online or in-store.

Classroom delivery is also available.

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