



# St. Pius X Regional School News Notes November 4th, 2021



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## **Thursday, November 4**

\*Picture Day - more information to come

## **Friday, November 5**

\*Early Learning Program Open House - Grades PreK/K - see website for more info

\*Chorus Rehearsal - 3-4:30pm

\*Troop 2386 Meeting - 6pm-7:30pm - Art Room

## **Monday, November 8**

\*Winter Uniform Begins

## **Tuesday, November 9**

\*Picture Retakes

\*PreK-1st Grade Parent Administration Forum - 5pm

## **Wednesday, November 10**

\*Pizza/Bake Sale

\*General SGA Meeting - 11:45-12:30pm in Mr. Curran's Room

\*1st Quarter Report Cards Distributed Grades 1-8

\*Trunk or Treat - 6pm-8pm

## **Thursday, November 11**

\*NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

\*Parent Teacher Conferences

## **Friday, November 12**

\*Chick-Fil-A Day

\*Chorus Rehearsal - 3pm-5pm

\*Kids Night Out - more info to come

## **Monday, November 15**

\*2nd/3rd Grade Book Club - 3-4pm - Library

\*Troop 2386 Meeting - 6pm - 7:30pm - Art Room

## **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES IN PERSON ONLY**

## **NO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 11 FOR STUDENTS**

**PK THROUGH 5TH GRADES:** Report card conference appointment times for parents with students in grades Pre-K through 5 will be sent home TOMORROW OCTOBER 22ND, 2021. 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 11 by going to [this link](#). This link will take you the Sign Up Genius where you will find a tab for each group of teachers: 6th Grade, 7th Grade, 8th Grade, Specials and Resource teachers. 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 Wednesday, November 10th.

*For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. [Romans 15:4](#)*

## Report Card Conferences - TUITION REQUIREMENTS

As you know, Report Card Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 11, 2021. In order to attend any conference with your student's teacher(s), tuition must be current.

While I understand that TADS offers a five-day grace period before assessing a late fee, you may not attend conferences if your payment is not made by Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Also, if you have had a payment declined, and you make your payment online, it must be made by Monday, November 1, 2021, to allow time for your payment to clear.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mrs. Couture at [ecouture@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:ecouture@stpiusbowie.org)

## Help us Highlight the Diversity of our School!

The Multicultural Day Subcommittee is looking for families from all grade levels willing to submit a photo or video of themselves along with information about their ethnic background, culture, etc.

Examples are: how you celebrate a certain holiday, traditional clothing, typical family gatherings, recipes, music, dance, and so much more!

Families that submit their information to the committee using [this Google Form](#) may be selected to be featured in our Inclusive Insider or Family Highlights.

This will be a recurring highlight for the school and will have multiple due dates. The Multicultural Committee will close this Google Form for this Newsletter on December 4, 2021. Each participating family will receive 1 VSP hour.



Just a reminder that Chick-Fil-A day has moved to November 12th. If you have already ordered, your order will be moved to the new date and you will not have to do anything else. For those who still wanted to order, the site is live and all orders are due by November 7th.

All questions regarding CFA ordering should be directed to [spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com](mailto:spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com).

Your CFA Co-Leads include: Charnise Littles, Angela Ivy, and Ann Robertson-Blandon. Thank you for your understanding.

If you are Virtus compliant. We are still looking for volunteers for CFA Lunch Day on November 12th. October volunteers please reach out to Mrs. Sisco-Thiong to confirm your availability for November.

All CFA volunteer inquiries should be directed to [spxlunchcfa@gmail.com](mailto:spxlunchcfa@gmail.com).



## Pizza Day is back!

Please see below as well as the attachment on how to order online!

All pizza day ordering will take place online at <https://stpiusxschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/>  
Please note that you will be ordering for the entire 2021-2022 school year at one time.  
Ordering closes on Monday, November 1 for Pizza Day.

These are the scheduled dates for Pizza Day this school year:

Wednesday, November 10, 2021	Wednesday, March 23, 2022
Wednesday, January 26, 2022	Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Wednesday, May 25, 2022

If you have any questions or you are interested in volunteering on Pizza Day, please email [spxpizza@gmail.com](mailto:spxpizza@gmail.com)

## FRUIT FUNDRAISERS ARE BACK!

The HSA is sponsoring a Fresh Fruit Drive fundraiser from November 1 until December 10, 2021. Fresh hand picked Indian River Fruit is available for purchase. No in-person delivery, product distribution or cash to handle. This "Ship to the Home" fruit sale is a great way to send your family and friends fresh fruit for the Holidays. With this fundraiser, You can support St. Pius X Regional School by

- 1) sharing this link <https://shop.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/622547> via email, text and social media with family and friends .
- 2) Place an order through our website, using your group's unique ID number:
  - Go to [www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com](http://www.FloridaIndianRiverGroves.com)• Selecting "Order Now"• Entering your group's ID Number, 622547

3) There is also an App you can use.



You, your family and friends can purchase products under your child's name online until December 10, 2021, with delivery before Christmas. All Payments can be made Online. Online payments are secure and can be made by check, credit card, or debit card. This fundraiser supports HSA activities and half of the proceeds your child sells will go towards your FSO.

Any questions? Send your inquiries to the HSA President Faith Proctor at [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com) or HSA Vice President Pamela Diedrick at [animaldr1997@verizon.net](mailto:animaldr1997@verizon.net).

## FOOTBALL MANIA CONTINUES TILL NOVEMBER 6th!

**ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT TO BUY FOOTBALL MANIA eTICKETS!  
GET IN ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN UP TO \$400**



We are now in our final days of Football Mania sales. The last day for sales is this Saturday, November 6th. All sales this year are through online e-tickets only, using the link provided below.

FM runs the last 10 weeks of the NFL regular season and with each ticket bought, the ticket holder has the opportunity to win cash prizes each week. Each week, your ticket will have 3 random teams in which prizes are awarded for the highest combined score. There are \$25 guaranteed winners each week and the chance to win \$400 each week if you have the eticket with the highest overall combined score. We have had several \$400 winners over the years, so it can happen!

To get in on the action, use the link below. You can purchase up to 10 tickets at one time. Each ticket cost \$20, with \$14 from each ticket coming back to our school. Tickets can be purchased through November 6th, 2021. The final 10 weeks begins with this weekends games.

Use the link below to buy tickets. Share the link with coworkers, family and friends. Copy to your social media accounts.

Make sure the buyer fills in your name as the seller so you can receive proper FSO credit!

<http://www.charitymania.com/give/GB04D>

Please email Chris Bogley with any questions you may have, at [up5728@hotmail.com](mailto:up5728@hotmail.com)

## ST. EDWARD'S CHRISTMAS MARKET CRAFT FAIR

St. Edward's invites all to join us for our annual Christmas Market Craft Fair on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00pm.

Featuring: Thanksgiving and Christmas Items, Throws, Teacher Gifts, Santa's Seconds, Inspirational Gifts, Raffles, Baked Goods, plus much more. . . . .

Address: 1940 Mitchellville Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716





Please back in the back of the property.

## Christmas Bazaar



It's that time of year! The annual Christmas Bazaar a month away! Are you looking for VSP hours? The Christmas Bazaar chairpersons are busy planning Santa's workshop and need your help!

### **VOLUNTEER**

Saturday Dec. 4 10 am – 2 pm Bazaar Set-up, VIRTUS not required

Sunday Dec. 5 2 pm – 5 pm Bazaar Set-up, VIRTUS not required

Monday Dec. 6 7:45 am – 12:30 pm Bazaar Shopping Day, VIRTUS required

12:45 pm – 2:45 pm

Tuesday Dec. 7 7:45 am – 11:45 pm Bazaar Shopping Day, VIRTUS required

11:30 am – 2:45 pm Bazaar Clean-up, VIRTUS required

*A Sign-up Genius will be coming out soon – so reserve the days on your calendar now!*

### **DONATE**

Halloween candy – Looking to get rid of some of that extra candy? Donate it to the Bazaar! Some of our most popular items are candy filled and we'll happily accept donations of candy – Halloween or otherwise – in the Main Office.

Raffle Table **STUDENT & TEACHER** - While you are out Christmas shopping, please pick-up something (or things) for the raffle table! Donations of **NEW** items are needed for the raffle table. We offer a raffle table for our students and a separate one for the teachers. For the students, we are especially requesting tickets to sporting events, gift cards, and High School items with logo imprinted (t- shirts, shorts, sweatpants, hats, bags, etc.). Other donated items might include: **NEW** children's toys, religious items, and board games. Anything **NEW** for any and all age groups will add to the variety of the raffle table. For teachers, Christmas décor is always appreciated as well as gift cards or small electronics like a google home, etc. Kindly send your donations to school clearly marked "Raffle Table". Donations may be placed in the box in the lobby labeled Christmas Bazaar.

Christmas Decorations / White Christmas Lights – Every year the hall is transformed into Santa's workshop. We're always open to more décor for the walls and stage including Christmas Trees and large amounts of white Christmas lights!

Boxes Wrapped like Presents – Have extra boxes around from deliveries? We are in need of as many boxes wrapped like presents – use Christmas wrapping paper and bows! – to help set the stage for the Bazaar.

For more information about any of these opportunities or with questions about the Bazaar please contact Katie Skerpon at [spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com](mailto:spx.christmas.bazaar@gmail.com)

## UNIFORMS

Carousel Uniforms will make deliveries once a week to school so you won't have to make the drive to Waldorf. You may contact Carousel directly with any questions regarding your student's uniform 301-843- 8884. Uniform requirements may be found on pages 18-20 in the Parent Student Handbook (found on our website).



We have 2 wonderful volunteers who have re-organized our Uniform Exchange inventory and they are open for business. Andrea Bramwell and Damali Martin are our Uniform Exchange co-coordinators. Mrs. Bramwell can be reached at 202-276-2436. Dr. Martin can be reached at 240-353-2816

## ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The open application period for the 2022-2023 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program began Friday, October 1, 2021. The deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 3, 2021. The deadline for new families to apply is Friday, February 18, 2022.

To apply, login to your TADS account, and select the Financial Aid tab. There you will find the online application. If you have any questions regarding the application process or necessary documents, please select the Tools and Resources which is also located under the Financial Aid tab. If you have any additional questions, please contact TADS.

**REMINDER:** You must apply to and receive a financial aid award from the ADW Tuition Assistance Program in order to apply for SPX Regional Aid which is offered to parishioners of Ascension, Sacred Heart, St. Edward the Confessor, and St. Pius X. The deadline for SPX Regional Aid is Thursday, March 17, 2022. That application will be available in January 2022.

## MAIN & MARKET LUNCH PROGRAM

St. Pius X Regional School is working with Main & Market to provide a healthy portion controlled lunch for our school. Main & Market is looking forward to supplying our school with great food and service. Main and Market partners with BOONLI (former name Order Lunches) to provide a secure, fast and easy to use online ordering program.

Main & Market/BOONLI allow parents and faculty to view our lunch menu, order, prepay and manage their lunches online. Student and Faculty Accounts, User Names and User Passwords will remain the same as last year. Each lunch costs \$7.00 and you have the option of ordering an extra entrée for just an additional \$3.00. The monthly menu provides a wide variety to choose from so that students are able to experience different foods, with an emphasis on fresh, seasonal, and local foods.

If you are interested in having Main & Market deliver a healthy lunch to your child at school, you will need to register online at <https://mainandmarket.boonli.com/login>.

More details are available on our website. 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).



Milk order forms will be sent home at the informal Open house on Thursday, August 26th or the first day of school. The first day of milk service begins September 1st for students in grades 1-8. Pre-K - K students will have milk service starts September 2nd.

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

Your shopping can help St. Pius X earn money! These fundraisers bring in thousands of dollars to our school each year and don't cost you a cent. Thank you to those families who participate in these fundraisers now. Your efforts are much appreciated! Thank you in advance to those families who will follow the simple steps below to begin participation.

**AMAZON SMILE REWARDS PROGRAM:** You probably already shop online at Amazon, and now you can help support SPX simply by using the special link here. [Shop on Amazon.com](#). Our unique School Rewards link will take you directly to Amazon, where you can browse and shop just as you normally would. Each month, Amazon will pay us 5% or more of all purchases made by shoppers who reached Amazon through our link. Please support us by bookmarking this [link](#) in your internet browser - then making it the first link you click each time you shop at Amazon. And be sure to pass it on to your friends, family, neighbors, acquaintances, and anyone else who might like to help us raise funds by shopping at Amazon.



**HARRIS TEETER 'S TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM:** This programs translates your spending at Harris Teeter to rewards for SPX. We need YOU to register and it's easy and it's FREE. Simply give the cashier our code, 4154, and your VIC card when you check out and your card will be linked for the entire school year. That's it! You only have to link your VIC card once each school year. Once your card is linked, St. Pius X Regional School will receive a percentage of your Harris Teeter brand (Harris



Teeter, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Organics, HT Farmers Market and purchases in the HT Pharmacy) purchases credited back to our account. This program does not interfere with your VIC savings or cost you any money! Don't forget to link your VIC card to our account code next time you are shopping at Harris Teeter.

Your purchases at Amazon Smile, Box Tops and Harris Teeter this holiday season (and all year long) will directly support our school! Thanks in advance for your help.

## SPX CYO Announcements

Basketball Registration is OPEN! Please see attached flyer and below information.

Registration: Visit [www.stpiusbowiecyo.com](http://www.stpiusbowiecyo.com) and click on Sports Pilot to register. Hurry, teams have limited slots. Registration closes November 5, 2021.

### *Basketball eligibility:*

14U: 12/1/2006 - 11/30/2008

12U: 12/1/2008 - 11/30/2010

10U: 12/1/2010 - 11/30/2012

8U: 12/1/2012 - 11/30/2014

Please note that we are in need of head coaches and assistant coaches for the age brackets above. Ensuring that each team has a Virtus certified coach is extremely important. Please contact Megan Bogley [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) if you are interested in coaching or to learn more!

Coaching Requirements as determined by the Archdiocese of Washington CYO:

- 1) Virtus background check (fingerprinting) and training
- 2) Play Like A Champion (PLAC) training
- 3) CDC Concussion training
- 4) National Federation of HS - Heat Illness training

CYO Board Positions – Attention parents!! St. Pius X CYO has several board positions available. Please reach out to Megan Bogley if you are interested in joining this volunteer parent-run organization. We are currently recruiting several Commissioner positions – soccer, basketball, baseball, cross country, and track/field, as well as a treasurer. These positions are critical to the organization and are an excellent way to become more involved with your children's school and athletic experiences, as well as earn your VSP hours. Reach out to Megan at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) today learn more!

SPX CYO Masks are still available for purchase!! We have child and adult sizes at \$10 each. Please contact Megan Bogley at [m\\_bogley@hotmail.com](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) if you would like to make a purchase. These masks can be worn during the school day.



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## Get Involved!



The Home and School Association (HSA) and School Advisory Board (SAB) are both looking for new volunteers this year. Support St. Pius X and earn your VSP hours at the same time!



What do these organizations do?

**HSA:** Founded to encourage home and school cooperation and to engage in cultural, civic, legislative, educational, charitable, social, and other activities. The membership of the Home and School Association consists of the mothers, fathers, or guardians of currently enrolled students at St. Pius X Regional School and members of the faculty. The HSA is also responsible for record keeping of VSP (volunteer hours) and FSO (fundraising). Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected every other year by the parents/guardians attending the final HSA meeting of the school year. We currently have an opening for a Secretary and our President, Faith Proctor, and our Vice President, Pam Dietrick, are “graduating” this year. We would love new and enthusiastic families to join!

**SAB:** Established to provide advice, guidance, and long-term planning to the Administrative Team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of St. Pius X Regional School. The Board provides this through the functions of: Planning, Policy Development, Finance, Facilities, Communications and Public Relations, Financial Development, and Evaluation. The Board consists of non-voting and voting members. The non-voting members consist of the Pastor, Principal, and Faculty appointed by the principal. The voting members consist of a minimum of two members from each of the four regional parishes, one at-large member from one of the regional parishes, and the HSA president or appointed HSA representative. The term of a Board member is three years and is renewable. The Officers are elected annually for a one-year term. The Board meets monthly throughout the school year.



If interested in becoming involved with either organization, please email the President of either organization.

HSA – Faith Proctor – [faithproctor@yahoo.com](mailto:faithproctor@yahoo.com)

SAB – Katie Summers – [katie.mason.summers@gmail.com](mailto:katie.mason.summers@gmail.com)



## Flu, Covid-19, colds, illness prevention tips



If you are feeling sick you should stay home and get a lot of rest. Email your teacher and the nurse. ([mbenson@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:mbenson@stpiusbowie.org))



It is estimated that people touch their faces about 23 times per hour! Touching our face is something we do without knowing, try your best not to touch your face to try to keep germs from entering your mucus membranes.

Go see a doctor.



Regular check ups can detect potential for sickness later on, also when you're sick you may need medication to feel better. The quicker you see the Doctor the faster you will be back on your feet.



Prevention is key to staying healthy and one thing we can all do is wash our hands and wash them often. 20 seconds or longer with soap and water.

FLU SHOT



It's FLU SHOT TIME! Make sure you schedule an appointment to get your flu shot or walk in at a pharmacy close to you. Read more from the CDC about the flu shot: [Flu shot for children](#)



Let's watch this video for the importance of why we are all wearing masks right now to keep each other safe. [Kids and why we wear masks](#)

## ACRONYM GLOSSARY

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

**ADW** - Archdiocese of Washington

**CYO** - Catholic Youth Organization

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

**HSPT** - High School Placement Test

**SSC** - Student Support Center

**CFA** - Chick-fil-A

**HSA** - Home and School Association

**FSO** - Fundraising Support

**SAB** - School Advisory Board

**TADS** - Tuition Management Company

Our Regional Parishes:

St. Pius X Catholic Church  
14720 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715 301-262-2141  
<http://www.spxbowie.org/>

Sacred Heart Parish  
16501 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715 301-262-0704  
<http://www.sacredheartbowie.org>

Ascension Catholic Church  
12700 Lanham Severn Road Bowie, MD 20720 301-262-2227  
<http://www.ascensionbowie.com>

St. Edward the Confessor  
1940 Mitchellville Road Bowie, MD 20716 301-249-9199  
[www.stedwardbowie.com](http://www.stedwardbowie.com)