



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes February 13th, 2020



Thursday, February 13

- *Passion Play Rehearsal 3-4:30pm Church
- *7th/8th Spanish Club 3-3:45pm Library
- *Den 5 Mtg 4-6pm Room 2B
- *Pack 730 Mtg 6-8:30pm Nelson Hall

Friday, February 14

- *Chorus Rehearsal 3-4:30pm Nelson Hall
- *Troop 2997 Mtg 5-6:30pm Art Room
- *Kids Night Out 6-9pm Nelson Hall

Monday, February 17

- *PRESIDENT'S DAY NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 18

- *Advanced Band Lessons
- *Grs 6-8 Class Mass 10:30am Church
- *SGA Officer Mtg 11:50am Art Room
- *Coding Club Bytes 3-4:30pm Comp Lab
- *Passion Play Rehearsal 3-4:30pm Classrooms

- *Afterschool Band Practice 3-4:15pm Church

- *8th Grade Art Club 3-4pm Art Room

Wednesday, February 19

- *Pizza/Bake Sale Day
- *Beginner Band Lessons
- *Coding Club Bits/Megabytes 3-4:30pm Computer Lab
- *Green Team Mtg 3-4:30pm Science Lab
- *Passion Play Rehearsal 3-4:30pm Church
- *Honors Chorus 3-4pm Music Room
- *Troop 5094 Mtg 5:30-7pm Art Room

Thursday, February 20

- *SGA Ice Cream Sale
- *TAG Day - Wear Red for American Heart Month
- *6th Grade STEM Club 3-4:30pm Sci Lab
- *Passion Play Rehearsal 3-4:30pm Church
- *6th-8th Yearbook Club 3-4pm Comp Lab
- *Math Olympiads 3-3:45pm Art Room
- *Den 5 Mtg 4-6pm Room 2B

CATHOLICISM 101 February 25

Jen Mayer, our Adult Discipleship Coordinator, will be hosting our continuing series called Catholicism 101. The sessions are intended primarily for non-Catholic parents to get a better idea of what we cover in our religion program here at SPX. This session will have a focus on the season of Lent and Lenten practices, but we are happy to discuss any questions about the Catholic Faith you have. Mark your calendars now, as the next session will be Tuesday February 25 from 7 - 8 PM in the Art Room.

KIDS NIGHT OUT - FEBRUARY 14TH

The St. Pius X Social Committee is hosting a Kids Night Out on Friday, February 14, 2020, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please RSVP below if you plan on sending your children. The cost is \$20.00 for the first child, \$10.00 for additional siblings (must be potty trained). The kids will decorate their own car and drive up to the concession stand for pizza, drinks and snacks while watching a movie. There will also be games and prizes.

Space is limited, so sign up now! We are also looking for volunteers to assist us at the concession stands, collecting movie tickets and directing movie goers to their cars. Volunteers must be Virtus certified.

Kids Movie Night Out

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0944a4a82aa1fe3-kids3>



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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR



The first official day of school for 2020-2021 will be August 25th, 2020. A complete school calendar will be available online this summer by visiting our school website, stpiusbowie.org.

SGA JUICE SALE ON PIZZA DAY FEB 19TH FOR LOVE SCHOLARSHIP

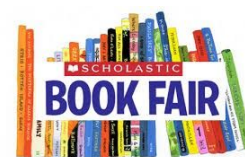
The SGA will be selling apple juice boxes for 50 cents on Pizza Day. If your child would like to buy one, please send in two extra quarters to supplement the quarters you usually send in for treats. All money collected from the juice box sale will go to the Mr. Love Scholarship Fund. Juice boxes will be sold for as long as the supply lasts.



SGA ICE CREAM SALE - FEBRUARY 20TH

The Student Senate (SGA) is raising money for the Mr. Love Scholarship by selling ice cream during lunch on Thursday, February 20. The cost of an ice cream cup will be \$1. All ice cream cups will be half vanilla and half chocolate. Please support our scholarship fund. Ice cream money will be collected at the time of the ice cream sale.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 1



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! Students and parents can purchase books from February 24-28, and on March 1st. Check out our book fair webpage at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/stpius> for the following information:

Book Fair Dates and Times

On-line Book Fair shopping

Book Fair volunteering information

E-Wallet (New this year)- Set up an E-Wallet account for your child. You put a specific amount into an account for your child to spend. We keep track of it for you on our registers. You can eliminate the hassle of your child having to carry around cash or checks.

To volunteer, click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e4daaaa2fa02-book>

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair. For more information, contact Ms. Feronti, Librarian at eferonti@stpiusbowie.org.

8TH GRADE GRADUATION DANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

8TH GRADE PARENTS- There will be an 8th grade graduation dance committee meeting on February 25 at 7:00 pm in 8B. If you are interested in helping to plan the dance please attend this meeting as committees will formed and begin to meet.



MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE FOR GRS 7 & 8 MARCH 13TH

The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a DANCE for *SPX students only* in Grades 7 and 8 on *Friday, March 13, 2020*. This dance will have a special theme – *Walk of Fame*

Children may choose to wear their favorite singing star or actress. However, Hollywood attire is not required! Permissions slips are required for each student.

ENROLLMENT OF CURRENT STUDENTS AND ADMISSIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year for your CURRENT SPX STUDENT opened January 16, 2020. Information on this was sent via email from TADS. The deadline to enroll your child for next year WAS February 7, 2020.

Applications for Admission for the 2020-2021 school year for NEW STUDENTS are now being accepted online. Complete information is posted on our website under Admissions. If you have a child who you wish to send to SPX next year, you MUST submit an application. Classes are filling quickly and we cannot guarantee a space to your child if we do not have an application for them before we start accepting new students.

SPX'S PLASTIC BAG CHALLENGE!

We have collected over 350 pounds of plastic! Let's Keep It Going!

Attention ALL students, families, and teachers! Please support the St. Pius X Plastic Bag & Film Recycling Project by bringing your unwanted plastic to school. Acceptable plastic includes grocery, restaurants, department stores, and Ziplock bags, as well as case wrap, and bread wrap. All items must be clean and dry and should be placed in the bin at the front lobby beginning in December. Our goal is to help recycle 500 pounds of plastic to prevent it from polluting our local waterways and landfills. Thanks for your support!



Roaring 20's Gala - March 14th, 2020



The committee for our "Roaring 20's Gala" is already hard at work to make this event the best one yet. However, we still need your help! We are looking for donations from you and community businesses for the silent and live auctions. If you or someone you know is interested in donating prizes, please contact Gala committee members, Beryl Prescott at bkj25@hotmail.com or Frank Schrom at wfschromjr@gmail.com. We can't wait for this event and hope to see you there on Saturday, March 14th. More details including ticket sale info to follow.

LUNCH TIME-ORDER NOW FOR MARCH

The open ordering period for March Lunches is until 2/15. If you are interested in ordering from Main & Market, you will need to register online at <https://mainandmarket.boonli.com> with our school password of CAVALIER22.

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



BOOST SCHOLARSHIP COALITION

Parents, please check out a new website for the Maryland BOOST Scholarship Coalition <http://www.marylandboost.org/>. The BOOST Scholarship Coalition is dedicated to ensuring that Maryland students have access to high-quality, affordable and diverse educational options, such as our school. There are opportunities for you to sign up for the BOOST Action Network and when doing so, if you click the checkbox to become a Parent Ambassador, you can help the efforts to share positive stories about BOOST with legislators and ensure this program continues for years to come. Parent and community advocacy is critical so if you have benefited from BOOST, please consider signing up to get more involved!



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REMEMBER TO RECYCLE YOUR PRINTER CARTRIDGES AT SPX

Did you know that St. Pius recycled 239 pounds of printer cartridges during the last school year? Millions of ink cartridges are thrown away each year. Since they are made of plastic and other eco-unfriendly parts, they can take more than 500 years to decompose in landfills. To help make a positive impact, you can recycle your printer cartridges at St. Pius. Simply bring your used inkjet or laser toner cartridges to Vice Principal Kolosky in the Front Office. Easy Peasy!



Basketball: Check out the schedule @ CYO Basketball Schedule <http://wdccyo.sportstech.net/Scheduler/public/contests.aspx> to cheer on the SPX basketball teams during their last few weeks of the season! Go Cavs!!

Spring Sports: Registration for spring sports closes this Friday, February 14 - don't delay, register today!! Visit www.stpiusbowiecyo.com and click Sports Pilot

<https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106236> to register.

Baseball and Softball - 10U, 12U, and 14U teams (player's age as of January 1, 2020 determines level) - Baseball fees: \$90/player; Softball fees: \$115/player - if you have questions please contact Bernie Granzow, SPX CYO Baseball Commissioner @ bgranzow@blythewoodlm.com or Jennifer Murphy, Softball Commissioner @ snoopyvrb@gmail.com

T-Ball - PK-2nd grade - T-Ball fees: \$50/player

Track and Field - 6U and 7-14U (child's age as of May 16, 2020 determines level) - 6U fees: \$25/runner; 7-14U fees: \$95/runner - if you have questions please contact Megan Bogley, Track and Field Commissioner @ m_bogley@hotmail.com

Field Clean-up Day: Save the Date for the CYO annual field clean-up day! Saturday March 7th 8am-noon - this is a great way to earn VSP hours!

CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is a volunteer organization and we can't do it without you! Please consider coaching one of our many teams or contact us if you'd like to get involved! It's a great experience! <https://stpiusbowiecyo.com/contact-us/>



LUCINDA L. JASPER SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce The 2019 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. For 26 years, the Fund has awarded two scholarships to an eighth grade student graduating from a Catholic elementary school to enter a Catholic high school.

The scholarships awarded are \$1,750.00 for first place and \$1,250.00 second place. For an application packet, visit our website after January 15, 2020, <http://www.lljsf.org/>, which contains the application form, school report, teacher recommendation, the criteria, and details for 1500-2500 word essay. Submissions can be made only online. All materials (application form, essay, school report and recommendations) must be successfully submitted online no later than 11:59 pm March 31, 2020. It is important that the teacher recommendation and school report be submitted on time. An applicant's submission is not considered complete without these forms and the student will be disqualified without them.

Previous years' winners have attended Holy Cross, St. John's College High School, Georgetown Visitation, Bishop McNamara, Gonzaga College High School, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Elizabeth Seton and Archbishop John Carroll. Winners will be announced the first week of May 2020.

YEARBOOK NEEDS PARENT VOLUNTEERS



Do you love taking pictures? Do you need VSP hours? Yearbook needs parent volunteers to take photos at the following school events:

Band & Chorus Concerts
Passion Play
FUN Day

Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Field Trips
Roaring 20's Gala

We also need photos from the first day of school, class parties, around the school, and other special events. Please send all your St. Pius photos to spxyearbook@stpiusbowie.org If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above events, please email Monnette Quach at monnette.quach@gmail.com. We need lots of photos to fill this year's yearbook.

WINTER IS COMING!

In case of an emergency or severe weather, we will follow the decision of the Prince George's County Public Schools. However, if Prince George's County Public Schools begin late (whether one or two hours) on a scheduled half-day, St. Pius will NOT dismiss at 1:00 P.M., but at 3:00 P.M. Whenever school closes early, all after-school activities and meetings are cancelled. ESP (after care program) will operate on a modified schedule. For example, if school closes two hours early due to severe weather or other emergency, ESP will close two hours earlier than the normal time of 6:00 P.M.

Please listen to television and radio reports for all school closings or late openings. We recommend that you check www.wtopnews.com, if possible, during inclement weather since WTOP's website typically has the most complete list of closing information. You may listen to WTOP on the radio at 103.5 FM. Also, you may check School Announcements on our website. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. If school closes early for any reason, please wait until the announced dismissal time to pick up your children. It is very disruptive to the teacher and other students when numerous children are being called from the classrooms for early dismissals.

CELL PHONE ALERTS FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS: There is a service allowing you to receive emergency notifications directly on your cell phone anytime an alert is posted by the public school system. This is for the county public schools, but we do follow the decision of Prince George's County Public Schools in case of an emergency or severe weather. You may sign up at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/PGCPS/subscriber/new> There is a cost to receive text message alerts, but email notifications are FREE. This is a very convenient and reliable way for you to receive emergency alerts and you won't need to call the school to check if we are closing.

The telephone broadcast system that we use at St. Pius X Regional School enables us to notify all households and parents by phone within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that causes early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. NOTE: Because we follow the decision of the Prince George's County Public Schools in the event of inclement weather, we do NOT use this service to announce such events when PGCPs system is in session. The service may also be used from time-to-time to communicate general announcements or reminders. When used, the service will simultaneously call all phone numbers in our parent contact lists and will deliver a recorded message from a school administrator. The service will deliver the message to both live answer and answering machine.



TIS THE SEASON, FLU SEASON



Reminder for keeping your child home when sick to help keep the illness from spreading.

Do not send a student with a fever to school, and do not return them to school until fever-free for 24 hours without any medicine help

(fever-reducing medicines include acetaminophen [Tylenol], aspirin [Bayer],

ibuprofen [Advil or Motrin], or combination products like Pediacare, Dayquil, Triaminic, Theraflu, etc). And please, do not give fever medicine and then send your student to school; it will wear off in 4 hours and you will have to come take your child back home anyway. Fever medicines mask illness symptoms--your child can still be contagious, passing illness along to others at school.

***NOTE:** A normal core body temperature is 97-99°F (36.1-37.2°C), most accurately measured rectally or tympanically (ear canal). Oral and forehead temps are *not* reliable; we measure tympanically at school. Health Dept. and School policies require a student to be sent home if 100°F (37.8°C) or higher. Although 99-100° (37.2-37.6°C) can feel uncomfortable & make the forehead feel “warm,” these are 'low-grade' temperatures, often due to non-illness, benign, or temporary causes, like under-hydration, intense concentration/stress, vigorous exercise/play, seasonal allergies/pollen, hot/humid weather, immunization reactions, etc. Fever of 102°F (38.9°C) or higher requires medical attention for possible bacterial or viral illness, heat stroke, severe injury/trauma, etc; some medicines and diseases can also induce high fevers. *(see school website Health Topics for more info)*

Repeated vomiting and/or diarrhea at any time indicates illness or infection; *keep your child home for at least 24 hours AFTER the last episode* to allow for adequate rest & recovery, and to reduce the spread of illness at school; call your Physician/Licensed Provider if illness symptoms persist.

A student diagnosed with Communicable disease and/or who misses 3 or more days of school due to illness or injury, must submit a Physician/Licensed Provider's Back-to-School clearance to RN *before* returning to class. Included diagnoses: Pink eye, Flu, Pneumonia, Strep throat, Ringworm, Impetigo, Measles, Chicken Pox, Whooping Cough/Pertussis, Tuberculosis/TB, Meningitis, Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS; complications of *or* prolonged Asthma, Diabetes, or Seizures; severe trauma/injury and/or surgery. Contact RN for accountability details & Back-to-School Clearance requirements.

Keep children home for *at least 24 hours* after the first dose of any prescribed antibiotic. Student may return thereafter, provided any remaining symptoms will be manageable at school.

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)

HSPT - High School Placement Test

SSC - Student Support Center

VSP - Volunteer Service Program

CFA - Chick-fil-A

HSA - Home and School Association

FSO - Fundraising Support Obligation

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
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<http://www.sacredheartbowie.org>

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

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