



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



March 28, 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, March 28

- *Lenten Food Drive
- *11:00-1:30pm, Patrol Lunch, hall
- *3:00-3:50pm, Kindergarten Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-3:50pm, ASL Club, library
- *6:00-7:00pm, Cub Scout, 6B
- *6:00-9:30pm, CYO Basketball Banquet, hall

Friday, March 29

- *Lenten Food Drive
- *End of 3rd Quarter
- *3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- *3:00-4:00pm, 2nd & 3rd gr Book Club, Library
- *3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B
- *5:30-6:30pm, GS Troop 2997, Art

Monday, April 1

- *6th-8th gr Faith Knowledge Assessment
- *10:15am, 5th gr Stations of the Cross
- *3:00-4:00pm, Band with Etter, hall
- *3:00-4:15pm, Striders
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play rehearsal, church, (All cast rehearsal with 1st grade cast),

Tuesday, April 2

- *3rd gr Faith Knowledge Assessment
- *8th gr Science Scantron
- *11:50-12:34pm, SGA Officer meeting, SSC
- *2:00pm, 3rd & 4th gr Stations of the Cross
- *3:00-4:00pm, Yearbook Club, Computer lab
- *3:00-4:15pm, Band with Martens, hall
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play rehearsal, church,
- *5:30-6:30pm, Den 5 meeting, 2B

Wednesday, April 3

- *Chick-Fil-A Day
- *4th gr Faith Knowledge Assessment
- *2:00pm, 1st & 2nd gr Stations of the Cross
- *3:00-4:00pm, 8th gr Academic Club, Math
- *3:00-4:30pm, Passion Play rehearsal, church, (All cash rehearsal without 1st grade cast)
- *3:00-4:30pm, Chorus, hall

Thursday, April 4

- *Report Cards Distributed to students in 1st-8th
- *5th gr Faith Knowledge Assessment
- *8th gr Math Scantron Testing
- *3:00-3:50pm, Kindergarten Spanish, SG I
- *3:00-4:30pm, 1st-4th gr Variety Show Try Outs,
- *6:00-7:00pm, Den meeting, 6A
- *7:00-8:00pm, Den 2 meeting, 2B

Friday, April 5

- *3rd -5th gr Field Day
- *8:45-2:00pm, 2nd gr Field Trip to Mt Vernon
- *3:00-4:00pm, Honors Chorus, Music
- *3:00-4:15pm, Chess Club, 2B

Please check the school calendar for more information:

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

FUNDRAISING SUPPORT OBLIGATION (FSO) TABULATOR CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

Mrs. Brooks is reaching out to **any parent who would be interested in taking over as the (FSO) Fundraising Support Obligation Tabulator Chairperson next year.** Her sons are in 8th grade and will be graduating from St. Pius X in May. This is a great opportunity to earn VSP hours with ease and flexibility. This volunteer position requires basic recordkeeping skills and basic knowledge of spreadsheets is beneficial but not required. This is a flexible function that is very accommodating for anyone working full-time as the tasks can be accomplished around your schedule. Please contact Lanette Brooks via email at info@LanetteBrooks.com for more details. Rest assured, Mrs. Brooks will provide training and will be available for support and assistance.

H&S CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER- March 12-April 29)



HSA is sponsoring the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser. This fundraiser has begun and ends April 29, 2019. Each family should have received one box of chocolate to sell. This fundraiser goes towards your Fundraising Support Obligation (FSO). 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. You may request additional boxes to sell by sending an email to HSA President Faith Proctor faithproctor@yahoo.com or Mrs. Patty Bechtel pbechtel@stpiusbowie.org. If you are unable to sell your box of chocolates, please return the **unopened** box of chocolates to the front office by **March 21, 2019**. The HSA will **not** accept any **unopened boxes** of chocolates after **March 21, 2019** and you will be charged for the box of chocolates through TADS. The HSA will **not** accept any partially sold or opened boxes of chocolates. Once the box is opened you are responsible for full payment of the opened box of chocolate. Checks should be made payable to St. Pius X Regional School.

BOOST APPLICATION OPEN!



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BOOST Program Application for 2019-2020 opened. Information on the application requirements, including the link to the application system - in English and Spanish - is available on the BOOST Program website - <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/boost/index.aspx>. The BOOST Application is only open until midnight, April 17, 2019 so both renewal and new applicants have just over five weeks to apply!

Income guidelines are available here: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Documents/boost/20192020/IEG2018-19.pdf>

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.

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

***One (1) seat—**St. Edward’s Parish**, South Bowie

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

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

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



Update: We received more than one application for the at-large seat and are currently interviewing at-large seat candidates. An update will be posted in News Notes once a selection has been made.

If selected for an upcoming vacancy, successful candidates may be asked to attend regular board meetings this spring. Please note that several of the 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 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.

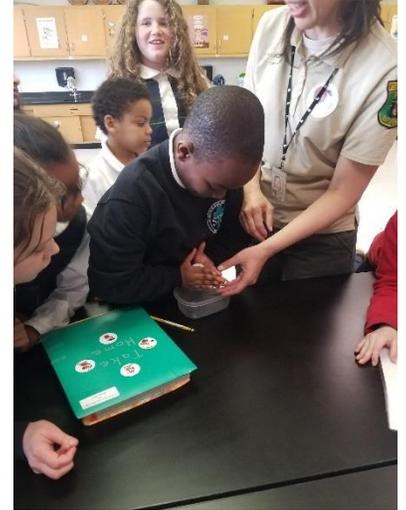
To request an application/obtain additional information: contact Board Secretary Kim Roddy at karoddy@comcast.net

For general questions/obtain additional information: contact Board President Patricia Reimer at patriciareimer@verizon.net or 301-464-1520.

NEWS FROM OUR GREEN TEAM



The club's guest speaker this month was from the Old Maryland Farm at Watkins Park for an Incredible Eggs presentation. We discussed the physical properties that make eggs strong, breakable, and versatile. Did you know that the things chickens eat can change the color of their egg's yolk and how it tastes? We learned that most chickens can produce about one egg per day, and that it takes about three weeks for an egg to hatch. We also learned that eggs have a wax coating that keeps them strong and keeps bacteria out. Not too long ago, pesticides made the shells of eagle eggs weak, but today they are strong due to environmental safeguards. Lastly, we did an experiment to see how many pounds of pressure an egg could withstand. We were able to stack 16 pounds of books on top of one egg before it broke—amazing!



SCHOOL TUITION AID PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF REGIONAL PARISHES

***IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID*
APRIL 17 DEADLINE***



The pastors of the four regional parishes of St. Pius X Regional School are pleased for the sixth year to open applications for tuition aid for the 2019-2020 school year. Application to the **School Tuition Aid Program** is open to all member of Ascension Parish, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Pius X Parish, and St. Edward the Confessor Parish who have children attending St. Pius X Regional School.

Please note that you must have previously completed the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application on TADS to apply for the School Tuition Aid Program. If you did not complete the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Application by the advertised deadline (December 1, 2018 for current families and February 4, 2019 for new families), you will not be eligible for this tuition assistance.

Click here to download the [School Tuition Aid Program Application](#) or you may go to the school website and download a copy. Hard copies are also available in the school office.

Applications must be scanned and emailed to Therese Hungate at thungate@stpiusbowie.org by **noon on Wednesday, April 17**. If necessary, you may submit a hard copy to the school office.

HSA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 20TH HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY, MAY 13TH!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN FOOD DRIVE, MARCH 25-29

St. Pius X School, with the assistance of the SGA, will participate in the Archdiocese of Washington/Catholic Charities Lenten Food Drive from March 25-29. Each grade will be assigned a particular food item to donate. Food donations may be sent with your child any day of our collection week. Please use the following guide for your donations.

- PK - Cooking Oils (vegetable oil, olive oil, canola oil, Smart Balance)
- Kindergarten - Canned fruits (in its own juice - pineapple, peaches, applesauce)
- 1st Grade - Canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)
- 2nd Grade - Pasta and sauces (pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese)
- 3rd Grade - Canned vegetables (low sodium mixed, green beans, corn, tomatoes)
- 4th Grade - Soups (beef stew, chili, chicken noodle, turkey, rice)
- 5th Grade - Whole Grain Cereal (Cheerios, Cornflakes, Raisin Bran, plain oatmeal)
- 6th Grade - Dried Legumes and Grains (rice, dried beans, lentils, corn tortilla flour)
- 7th Grade - Healthy snacks (raisins, dried fruits, nuts)
- 8th Grade - Canned proteins (tuna, salmon, chicken, peanut butter)



CALLING ALL CYO PLAYERS!

Attention T-Ballers!

Registration is now open for all PK-2nd grade students!! All games will be on Saturdays during the months of April, May, & June. Registration closes Monday, April 1, 2019. Visit <http://stpiusbowiecyo.com/> and click Sports Pilot to register. The fee is \$50 per player. Please contact Suzie Sweeney at Softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com if you are interested in coaching or have questions regarding the registration process.



TRACK & FIELD: Our first meet is this Saturday at Parkdale High School. Good Luck!

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

Remember, CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) is a volunteer organization and we can't do it without you! Please consider coaching one of our many teams! It's a great experience!

CHICK-FIL-A ORDER INFORMATION



Our next Chick-fil-a Day is Wednesday, April 3RD. Orders are due by Friday, March 29th.

<https://stpiusxschool.hi.hotlunchonline.net/frontend.php>

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.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE CHURCH'S 4 SPACES UNLESS YOU ARE GOING TO THE RECTORY

Parents, the rectory has asked us to remind you that the four parking spaces near the school's middle school entrance are ONLY for St Pius Church rectory use. We are not allowed to use those spaces for any school activity/visit/pick up, etc.



LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR MAY



MAY lunch orders must be placed by April 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> 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.

HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY - APRIL 10TH

The 3rd quarter Honor Roll Assembly for middle school students will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 1:30pm in the church. Students in 6th through 8th grades who made the Honor Roll will be recognized. Parents are welcome to attend. Please park as you would for dismissal.



STEMerge All-Girl Overnight Summer Camps at UMD

Those of you who attended the HSA meeting on Monday, March 18th heard Lily Granzow, SPX grad and current University of Maryland Chemical Engineering student, talk about STEMerge Camps: a new career-oriented STEM summer camp for girls at the University of Maryland. The camps focus on instilling confidence by providing a supportive community, having fun with resources available on the University of Maryland campus, and gaining a unique experience through company field trips and activities! This is an awesome, unique camp that you won't find anywhere else. The first camp launches Summer 2020. Learn more on the website: www.stemergecamps.com and show your interest!



ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE

Catholic High School Scholarship Information

THE LUCINDA L. JASPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC

The Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors announce the 2019 Lucinda L. Jasper Scholarship Competition. Students may find an application packet on the website after January 15, 2019, <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 on March 31, 2019.** Winners will be announced the first week of May 2019. **PLEASE SEE YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR MORE DETAILS. [Click here for application and information.](#)**



8th GRADE PANORAMIC PICTURE - APRIL 9TH



Lifetouch Photography will take the 8th grade group graduation picture on Tuesday, April 9th at 10:00am. Dress uniforms must be worn on this day - no PE uniforms or sneakers. All 8th grade students must bring their caps and gowns to school earlier in the week so we will be sure to have them for the picture on Tuesday (your homeroom teacher will have the exact day to bring in

your caps and gowns). The gown should be on a hanger with the cap and tassel in a gallon size Ziploc bag with the student's name on it. Please attach the Ziploc bag to the hanger by poking a hole in the corner and slipping it on the hanger.

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.

ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE cont'd

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
April 9	8th Grade Picture Students should bring caps and gowns to school on a hanger. Please make sure that EVERYTHING is labeled!
May 9	High School T-shirt/Sweatshirt Day Students should wear their high school shirt with their uniform.
May 3	Field Day Volunteer to be a part of your child's last field day at St. Pius.
May 22	8th Grade Graduation Dance In the hall at 7:00-10:00
May 23	Late arrival for 8th grade Students should come to school at 10AM.
May 24	Hershey Park 6:30a.m- 6:30 p.m.
May 28	8th Grade Breakfast 9AM
	8th Grade Awards Assembly 10AM
May 29	8th Grade Parade 8AM 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.
	Graduation Practice 10 -11:30 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.
	Graduation 7PM 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.

FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Field Days for students in PK, K, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be this spring between April 5th and May 24th. Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>FIELD DAY DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Grades 3, 4 and 5	Friday, April 5	9:00 to 11:45am
Grades 6-8	Friday, May 3	9:00 to 11:45am
Grades 1 and 2	Friday, May 10	9:00 to 11:00am
Grades PK and K	Friday, May 24	9:00 to 10:30am



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. Sikorsky at msikorsky@stpiusbowie.org

Only need one more First Aid Volunteer for Field Day on April 5th from 8:30 AM- 11:45AM

Anyone with: First Aid experience, Nurse, Doctor, EMT, Fire Fighter, Police officer etc.

Please email the nurse mbenson@stpiusbowie.org if you are interested.

Field Day Dates:

April 5th for grades 3rd-5th Time: 8:30- 11:45

May 3rd for grades 6th-8th Time: 8:30-11:45

May 10th for grades 1st and 2nd 8:30- 11:00

SUMMER UNIFORM BEGINS MONDAY, APRIL 8

The **optional** Summer Uniform may be worn beginning Monday, April 8, 2019. This **optional** uniform for grades K-8 includes: navy blue dress shorts (standard uniform issue only), belt, St. Pius logo white polo shirt or white short-sleeve oxford cloth button-down collar shirt (girls 6th – 8th grade), or white short-sleeve blouse with peter pan collar (girls K-5th grade), and white uniform socks (calf length crew socks). **No below ankle socks are to be worn.** The optional PE uniform for grades K-8 includes the following: St. Pius X black athletic shorts, St. Pius X teal tee shirt and white crew socks (**no below ankle socks are to be worn**), and athletic shoes. Please refer to pages 18 and 19 in your Parent Student Handbook for clarification of the summer uniform.



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.

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 or call 202-438-5711.

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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 6th 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

SAVE THE DATES

March 29 – End of 3rd Quarter

April 3 – Chick-fil-A

April 4 – Report Cards Going Home

April 5 – Field Day for grs 3-5

April 8 – Summer Uniform Begins

April 9 – 8th gr Panoramic Class Photo

April 10 – Pizza Day

April 11 – Tag Day

April 12 – Whole School Mass at 10:30 am. Please join us!

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>

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1940 Mitchellville Road Bowie, MD 20716 301-249-9199
<http://stedwardbowie.com>