



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
September 29, 2022



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Thursday September 29, 2022
Middle School Reading MAP
Testing

Friday, September 30, 2022
2nd and 3rd Grade Reading MAP
Testing

Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Class Mass Grades 1-3 10:30am
4th and 5th Grade L.A. MAP
Testing
Middle School L.A. Map Testing

Wednesday, October 5, 2022
Late Arrival - Students arrive 9:30
- 10:00

Thursday, October 6, 2022
2nd and 3rd Grade L.A. MAP
Testing

Friday, October 7, 2022
MAP Testing Make-ups

Monday, October 10, 2022
No School - Indigenous Peoples'
Day

CHICK-FIL-A ORDERS

The first Chick-fil-A lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Order deadline is Friday, October 7, 2022. See the "CHICK-FIL-A HOT LUNCH ONLINE ORDERING" flyer for more details.

CHICK-FIL-A VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The first Chick-fil-A lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th. If you are looking for a great way to earn some volunteer hours this may be just right for you! The CFA special lunch team needs volunteers to assist in lunch set-up, class deliveries and the breakdown of the event. Email: [Mrs. Ann Robertson-Blandon at spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com](mailto:spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com), SUBJECT LINE: CFA VOLUNTEER to sign-up!

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. [Luke 2:40](#)

SPX Pizza Day Lunch Orders 2022-2023



All pizza day ordering will take place online at <https://stpiusxschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net/> Please note that you will be ordering for the entire 2022-2023 school year at one time. Ordering closes on Monday, October 10 for Pizza Day. ****Don't forget to update your child's profile in the hotlunchonline system to ensure the order is delivered correctly!! ****

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

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

If you have any questions or you are interested in volunteering on Pizza Day, please email sxpizza@gmail.com

FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS

First quarter progress reports will be distributed on Friday, September 30 for grades 4 - 8 in Plus Portals.

Progress reports for grades 1 - 3 will be sent home with students on Friday October 7, 2022.

ATTENTION BAKERS

Attention Bakers! We are looking for a few parents to run our Pizza Day bake sale.

The bake sale occurs each pizza day, roughly once a month. The bake sale coordinator would need to monitor who is baking, how many treats we need and receive, organize treats the day of the sale, and approve VSP hours for volunteers and bakers.

Please contact Leigh Hampton at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org for more information!

THE YEARBOOK CLUB IS LOOKING FOR STUDENT MEMBERS

The yearbook is looking for seven 6th-8th grade students to join this year's club. We meet every Thursday from 3:30-4:30. The club will start meeting on 10/27/2022.

If you are interested in joining please email Monnette.quach@gmail.com

THE YEARBOOK CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Yearbook needs your help in filling this year's yearbook. We need first day of school pictures, party pictures, sports pictures etc. We also would need a parent volunteer to help as a yearbook advisor.

Please send pictures and or questions/concerns/suggestions to Monnette.quach@gmail.com

INTRODUCING A BRAND NEW CLUB

Introducing the St. Pius Showcase Newsletter! We are looking for students in grades 4-8 who are interested in joining the staff of the St. Pius Showcase newsletters. Our newsletter will be published monthly and will be showcasing our students, families, staff, clubs, sports, heritage, and diversity of our SPX family!

To join, please send Ms. Hampton a letter with your name, grade, and one paragraph about why you would like to be involved in this amazing new club! All applications need to be turned in to Mrs. Hampton by Wednesday, October 5th, 2022.

If you have any questions, please email her at lhampton@stpiusbowie.org



SPX PURSE BINGO IS BACK

The first SPX purse Bingo of the 2022-2023 school year will be held on October 14, 2022 in Nelson Hall. HSA is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games start at 7 p.m. Tickets to the event can be purchased at the door or online. Price for the event is \$25.00. Questions about the event or about volunteer opportunities should be emailed to:

Christina.caron@gmail.com or Kristin.Shazor@gmail.com

HOWL - O - WEEN HUSTLE NOVEMBER 5, 2022

The Howl-o-Ween Hustle 5k is a fun run/walk that will be a fun-filled event serving St. Pius X Regional School's larger purpose, creating a community that we are all proud to be a part of. 100% of money raised helps with our Home School Associations 2022-2023 goal of raising money for improvement projects to our sport fields and play areas!

While this year's race is happening after Halloween, we encourage all runners to come dress in Halloween costumes or spooky attire and have fun!

****To ensure you get a tshirt, register before October 21st****

Register at:

<https://events.eventgroove.com/event/2022-Howl-O-Ween-Hustle-5k-68625>

For more information about race sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, please contact the 5K planning committee chair, David Gedutis, via email dhgedutis@gmail.com

FOLLOW UP QUESTION FROM THE HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING 9/19/2022

What is St. Pius' policy on bullying?

St. Pius has a zero tolerance for bullying. We encourage all students to immediately share behaviors of this sort immediately to a teacher or administration. The school counselor also plays an integral part in this policy by working with all students on an ongoing basis.

SAINTLY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

As we strive to celebrate the unique gifts of God in all students, we look forward to celebrating all students in efforts to nourish their spiritual, intellectual, physical, social and emotional individual growth. There will be many opportunities for all students to be acknowledged and celebrated throughout the course of the year for their individual unique gifts. One of these opportunities will be Sainly Student of the Month. Students that display consistent kindness, reverence and cooperative and "Saint Like" behaviors will be celebrated each month. I know that you will join us in celebrating all of our students!

ARCHDIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The open application period for the 2023-2024 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program begins Saturday, October 1, 2022. The

deadline for returning families to apply is Friday, December 2, 2022. The deadline for new families to apply is Saturday, February 18, 2023.

To apply, log into 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.

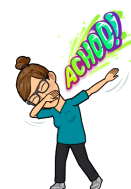
NEWS FROM THE NURSE



**Illness and Daily Symptom
Checking - when sick, please
stay home!**



With cold, flu, and allergy season upon us and continuing COVID cases among vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals, daily symptom checking remains one of our most important mitigation strategies. If your student is sick, please keep them home until fever free for 24 hours (less than 100.4 without the use of fever reducing medications) and



symptoms have improved to reduce the spread of all illnesses.
Meghan Benson mbenson@stpiusbowie.org

PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK

You should have received a Parent Student Handbook. It is also on our website. This handbook is one of the most important pieces of information you will receive. We advise parents to read the book from cover to cover and familiarize themselves with our policies and procedures. It is especially important in the first few weeks of school to understand our arrival and dismissal policies as well as our late arrival/early dismissal and emergency closing policies.

CALENDAR UPDATES FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Please see the calendar on our website for updates.

HSA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

HSA is looking for parents to take leadership in 3 SPX events - The Christmas Bazaar, Kids Night Out and Purse Bingo.

See the attached flyer for more details on how to get involved.

FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

If your child forgets their lunch, you may drop it off before 11:00am. Absolutely no fast food should be dropped off.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD (SAB)

The School Advisory Board (SAB) would like to welcome its newest member!

Mr. Peter Righi is a new Ascension parish representative on the School Advisory Board. He is also a father to two current SPX

students and one former student.

Thank you to all parents for everything you do and please join us in welcoming our newest SAB members!

The SAB currently has openings for parish representatives from St. Edward's and Sacred Heart. Please contact Katie Summers at katie.mason.summers@gmail.com for an application.

SPX CYO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Show your School Spirit! For those participating in a SPX CYO fall sport, you may wear your CYO jersey over your school uniform on Fridays during the season.

Winter Basketball Registration - coming soon - please keep an eye out for registration information in News Notes!

Attention Parents!! - If you are interested in coaching or helping with one of the CYO basketball teams, please get Virtus Certified now! This will allow you to get involved immediately as teams begin to form. If you aren't already Virtus Certified, ask Mrs. Bechtel for information today!

CYO (CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION) - The purpose of CYO Athletics is to provide and promote recreational activity, which by its nature will lead toward the development of Christian ideals in the youth served. SPX CYO is run by volunteers. Please consider coaching or assistant coaching a team. Coaching is not only a wonderful opportunity to be a part of your child's youth sports experience but a chance to connect with other SPX families and a fun way to earn VSP hours! Reach out to Megan at m_bogley@hotmail.com today to learn more!

UNIFORMS

Carousel Uniform Company still has a few items for purchase. Call them at 301-843-8884 to see if what you need is available. Our new supplier is Flynn O'Hara. They can be reached at 240-764-4545. Uniform requirements may be found on pages 16-18 in the Parent Student Handbook (found on our website).

Andrea Bramwell is our Uniform Exchange coordinator. She can be reached at 202-276-2436.

LABEL UNIFORMS

We already have many sweaters and sweatshirts in our lost and found. Please label them so we can return them to the children.

VFW ESSAY CONTEST

Each year, nearly 68,800 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in state and national awards. Each first-place state winner receives a minimum of \$500 at the national level, and the national first place winner wins \$5,000! 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. Applications must be turned in by midnight, October 31, 2022. Applications and additional information can be obtained via the VFW national Website,

<https://vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

If you have any additional questions, please contact Bowie Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8065 Commander, Megan Bogley, at m_bogley@hotmail.com or (301) 974-2676.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for Catholic students in Grades 4-8 to serve at our school Masses as Altar Servers. We will provide training, and they will be selected to serve throughout the year. Please email our campus minister Jen Mayer (jmayer@stpiusbowie.org) with your student's name and homeroom if they would like to serve. If your student is already serving as an Altar Server at weekend Masses in your parish, please mention this when you email.

MASS READERS

We are looking for students in Grades 4-8 to serve at our school Masses as Readers. We will provide training, and they will be selected to serve throughout the year at various Masses. Please email our campus minister Jen Mayer (jmayer@stpiusbowie.org) with your student's name and homeroom if they would like to serve.

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR TADS

Please note the new billing address for TADS:

Auncor, Inc.

P.O. Box 850136

Minneapolis, MN 55485

Please include a copy of your invoice with your payment and allow at least 6 business days for checks to arrive and be processed before the 10th of the month to avoid any late charges

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

- Tuition and ESP payments must be paid on or before the due date each month. Failure to do so will result in withholding a student's progress report, report card, academic record, yearbook, etc.
- If your tuition and/or ESP account becomes overdue by 30 days, your child(ren) may not attend school until it is paid in cash or

certified funds in the school office. If payment is made directly online to TADS, it must be paid 7 days prior to this 30-day deadline, so that the funds have time to clear the bank.

- There is no need to call us to confirm the status of your account; we see the same information as you on TADS. If your TADS account shows the payment was made and nothing is past due, then you are in good standing.
- Thank you to the many families who do pay their tuition on time each month! We truly appreciate it! As a token of our appreciation, a prize will be awarded to one family at the end of the year from all who have kept their tuition current every month all year! It is very time consuming to track down families to make their payments. We ask for your cooperation and understanding with this.

ATTENTION WALKERS

WALKER'S PASSES will be required for those students who walk home (or to caregivers). Students who do not live in a surrounding neighborhood will not be issued a Walker's Pass and are expected to be picked up and dropped off on school property (translation—you may NOT park your car in a surrounding street and have your child meet you there). These rules apply to everyone and are enforced to keep children safe. Walker's Pass applications were sent home the first day of school and passes will be required on September 9th.

ESP (EXTENDED SCHOOL PROGRAM) APPLICATIONS

At this time, ESP is closed for new applications. To be put on a waiting list, email the Directors at stpiusxesp@gmail.com

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 program 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 can also link your card by visiting tie.harristeeter.com/together-in-education and click "link your card" button.

1. Enter email address associated with your VIC account
2. Enter the one-time password sent to your email address
3. Search for your school and click "add" to link your card

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

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

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