



St. Pius X Regional School  
News Notes  
October 6, 2022



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**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**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**MAP Testing Make-ups  
New Parent Coffee 5:00 pm  
Nelson Hall**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**  
**MAP Testing Make-ups  
Chick-fil-a Day for those who  
ordered**

**Friday, October 14, 2022**  
**Whole School Mass  
Purse Bingo 7:00 pm Nelson Hall**

## 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!

*"All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children." [Isaiah 54:13](#)*

## 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](mailto:sxpizza@gmail.com)

## 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.

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

Please contact Leigh Hampton at [lhampton@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:lhampton@stpiusbowie.org) for more information!

## FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS

First quarter progress reports were 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.

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Monnette.quach@gmail.com)

## CULTURAL SHOWCASE

In our continuing efforts to celebrate our wonderfully diverse community, we ask all families to share family customs, traditions, and heritage with us. Please send us pictures, recipes, history, family tree, crests, etc. to include in our monthly newsletter. Please email family information to [lhampton@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:lhampton@stpiusbowie.org) .

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Christina.caron@gmail.com) or [Kristin.Shazor@gmail.com](mailto:Kristin.Shazor@gmail.com)

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/f7b5dc/Campaign/Details>



## 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](mailto:dhgedutis@gmail.com)

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us on Friday, October 28 from 6 - 8 pm for our annual TRUNK OR TREAT! Registration required as well as a \$5 participation fee. Participating families need to make sure that their car is decorated and provides enough candy or treats for all participating students. All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, **NO DROP OFF ALLOWED**. Register today at <https://bit.ly/spx2022trunkortreat>.

**ST. PIUS X**  
**60th ANNIVERSARY**  
**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST**

**It's fun, super easy, and a great way to show off your family's creativity!**

**Here's what you do:**

- 1. Choose a creative way to highlight either the number 60 or 60 items on your pumpkin in honor of St. Pius' 60 th Anniversary.**
  - 2. Get a medium pumpkin. It can be a real or craft pumpkin.**
  - 3. Decorate your pumpkin with your chosen design by using acrylic paint, permanent markers, or glue to add things onto the pumpkin. Pumpkins may not be carved, cut, or have holes punched in them.**
  - 4. Fill out the form below to turn in with your pumpkin.**
  - 5. You can bring your pumpkin to the St. Pius X Pumpkin Patch (also known as the front lobby) during the week of October 24 th – 27 th .**
  - 6. Pumpkins will be on display at the Trunk or Treat on October 28 th and can be picked up from there.**
  - 7. St. Pius X Gift Bags will be awarded for 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place.**
- See Attached flyer to sign up.**

## 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



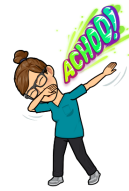
**Illness and Daily Symptom  
Checking - when sick, please  
stay home!**



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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto: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 is now OPEN! Visit the sportspilot website @ <https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106236> to complete your registration. Available to 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U players. Please contact SPX CYO Basketball Commissioner, Ron Thurston with any questions or if you are interested in coaching a team via (443) 506-4602, [rt2016@gmail.com](mailto:rt2016@gmail.com)

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! All Head Coaches and up to 2 Assistant Coaches can earn up to 15 VSP hours.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:m_bogley@hotmail.com) or (301) 974-2676.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.stedwardbowie.com)