



St. Pius X Regional School News Notes



October 4, 2018



SGA ICE CREAM SALE \$1 PER CUP- OCTOBER 16



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 4

- *Band, 3:00-4:00
- *Kindergarten Spanish for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- *Service Club for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- *Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:00

Friday, October 5

- *Whole School Mass, 10:30, Please join us!
- *Honors Chorus for registered students 3:00-4:00
- *Cadette Troop, 7:00-8:30

Monday, October 8

- *Columbus Day-FULL SCHOOL DAY

Tuesday, October 9

- *SGA General meeting, 11:50-12:34
- *St Johns College High School visit for 8th graders, 1:00-1:30
- *Band, 3:00-4:00

Wednesday, October 10

- *Georgetown Prep High School visit for 8th graders, 1:00-1:30
- *Holy Cross High School visit for 8th graders, 1:00-1:30
- *Chorus, 3:00-4:30
- *TUITION DUE TO TADS TUITION MANAGMENT

Thursday, October 11

- *6th grade field trip to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 8:15-2:30
- *Kindergarten Spanish for registered students, 3:00-4:00
- *Band, 3:00-4:00
- *Robotics Club, 3:00-4:30, in Science Lab
- *After-School Spanish Club, 3:00-4:00
- *Cub Scouts, 6:00-7:00

Friday, October 12

- *No School for Students-ADW Collaboration Day for Faculty and Staff

Please check the school calendar for more information:
<http://www.stpiusbowie.org/school-life/calendar/>

On October 16, 2018, the SGA will hold its first fundraiser to support the victims of Hurricane Florence. We will sell ice cream cups (1/2 vanilla, 1/2 chocolate) during lunch to all grades for \$1 per cup. Any family wishing to make a monetary donation may send a check to school on October 16. Donation checks should be made out to St. Pius X Regional School with "hurricane donation" on the memo line.



CHESS CLUB- FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

Chess Club is coming soon! Chess Club is for 7th and 8th grade students only. Meetings will be held from 3:00-4:15 in classroom 2B.

Registration will open Friday, October 5th at 7pm via Sign Up Genius.

Click here for the link, however it will not be open for registration until October 5th at 7:00pm. Only 20 students will be able to join- first come, first served. No exceptions will be made.

The meeting dates are as follows (but may be subject to change):

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| November 2, 9, 30 | December 7, 14 |
| January 4,11,25 | February 8,22 |
| March 8, 29 | April 5, 12 |
| May 10 | |

YEARBOOK CLUB- FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Join the Yearbook Club!

Yearbook club is back, and we are looking for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade to help us create, design, and give input on this year's Yearbook! YB Club will meet every other Tuesday from 3 pm to 4 pm. If your child is interested in joining the club, please register online via the Sign-Up Genius.

Registration will open Thursday, October 11th at 7pm via Sign Up Genius.

Click here for the link, however it will not be open for registration until October 11th at 7:00pm. Only 14 students will be able to join. Please email Maureen Sanders at Maureen.sanders85@gmail.com with any questions.

BLANKET ANGELS ARE LOOKING FOR A PARENT CHAIRPERSON

ATTENTION PARENTS OF OUR 6th, 7th & 8th GRADERS!
Mrs. Cooper our former Blanket Angel Chairperson is no longer available to coordinate this amazing group of students who make no-sew fleece blankets for area hospitals and is looking for a parent chairperson to lead this club. The group generally meets after school one day per week for about 1 ½ hours in the Art room. Mrs. Cooper would be happy to fill you in about how this group functions and how to get it going. Please contact Mrs. Cooper at cooperL6886@gmail.com if you can help.



ART CLUB HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2018-2019

Mrs. Baden has decided to cancel Art Club for this year. After receiving many emails that were threatening, unkind and borderline bullying, she does not feel like she can run the club this year.

LUNCH TIME - ORDER NOW FOR NOVEMBER



November lunch orders must be placed by October 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](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.

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY!!



Join St Edward the Confessor Church for a day of FUN, FOOD, GAMES, MUSIC AND MORE...October 7th from 12:30-4pm

CHANGING WEATHER AND APPROPRIATE DRESS



Fall is here and with it comes colder weather. Please be sure to send your students with jackets or sweatshirts in the morning, as it can be very chilly (50° and below). Our Winter Uniform will not begin until Tuesday, November 13th. Students may continue to wear uniform shorts until then, but please be mindful of the weather.

COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH IS A REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAY OF SCHOOL

SPX CYO GIRLS AND BOYS BASKETBALL, SOFTBALL AND SOCCER

SPX CYO

BASKETBALL



Want to be a part of your child's sports experience, meet other SPX families or earn **VSP hours**? Consider coaching or assistant coaching your student's basketball team! This season, we are offering a **50% registration reimbursement** to head basketball coaches! Please contact either Nick Trice, SPX Boys' Basketball Commissioner, NSTrice@co.pg.md.us or Jawara Marierose, SPX Girls' Basketball Commissioner, jawara@gmail.com if you are interested in coaching a team. ***It is a very rewarding experience!***

SOFTBALL

St. Pius CYO Softball Clinic

Sunday, October 14 and Sunday, October 21

2:30pm to 4:30pm

Buckingham Park, Bowie MD

Please join us for our complimentary softball clinic this fall! The clinic is open to **2nd** through **8th** graders and will focus on hitting, running bases, catching, fielding, and pitching. The clinic will be held 2 Sundays in October and new players are always encouraged to come out and join the fun!

Please sign up on our [sign up genius link](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAEAC28A31-spxcyo5) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DAEAC28A31-spxcyo5>

Any questions can be directed to Commissioner Suzie Sweeney @ softball@stpiusbowiecyo.com or Coach Jennifer Murphy @ Snoopyvrb@gmail.com

SOCCER

Check out your team's progress. Soccer schedules and scores can be found at <https://adw.org/youth-sports/catholic-youth-organization-cyo/soccer/>.

OUR NEXT PIZZA DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY PRE-ORDERED



PICTURE DAY - SAVE THE DATE

LifeTouch Photography will be taking individual student photographs at our school on Tuesday, October 23. Picture Day order forms, which describe the portrait packages that are available to be purchased this year, will be distributed soon. ALL STUDENTS will be photographed, and the portraits will be used in the yearbook. The students may dress out of uniform on this day and appropriate dress, as always, is required. Order forms and payments must be returned to school with your child before the start of the school day on Tuesday, October 23. If you have any questions about picture day, or would like to volunteer to help on picture day, please contact Margaret Lonergan at 301-919-5551 or Maggielonergan@hotmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Parent Administration Forums 2018-2019

Please mark your calendars for upcoming grade specific Parent Administration Forums. The meetings allow parents one hour of direct conversation time with the administration in a group setting during grade specific sessions. Please do not bring children, as babysitting is not provided. The forums are designed to gather general sentiments regarding the school and are not time for parents to voice concerns about their individual student.

Tuesday 10/23/18, 5-6 pm—school library—middle school parents (grades 6, 7, 8)

Tuesday 11/13/18, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in PK, K, 1st grade

Tuesday 2/12/19, 5-6 pm—school library—parents in grades 2 and 3

Tuesday 3/5/19, 5-6 pm—Nelson Hall—parents in grades 4 and 5



In addition to verbal comments to the administration, parents will have the opportunity to provide written input (name optional) on the following questions:

- *How can we make SPX an even better school?
- *Do you have ideas for new programs, events, or activities that should be considered?
- *How do you envision the future of SPX School?

Thank you—October 2, 2018 (PAF for New SPX School parents)

Thank you to the new parents to SPX School (all grades) who attended our first Parent Administration Forum on the evening of Tuesday 10/2/18. We enjoyed meeting and spending time with you. A brief summary of parent comments from the 10/2/18 Parent Administration Forum will be published soon in a future edition of News Notes.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Board President Trish Reimer at 301-464-1520 or patriciareimer@verizon.net. We look forward to seeing you at a future parent/administration forum!

SPX Parish Seat Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a St. Pius X parish seat.

Parents/Guardians from that parish who might be interested in becoming a Board member should email the Board Secretary Kim Roddy for further information and instruction. She may be reached at karoddy@comcast.net.

SPECIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCHES—ORDERS DUE TOMORROW

Special lunches are offered in Middle School on celebration days like class parties and field days. Information sheets were sent home last week related to the 4 Middle School Special Lunches. You will fill out the order form and pay now for the entire year. This is a new process and is aimed to streamline the amount of “money requests” sent home to families. The initial order form and money collection will be due by TOMORROW, Friday, October 5th. Each student will have an opportunity to choose from a specific menu a few weeks prior to the Special Lunch. Sample menus are listed on the information sheet that was sent home. Click here for the link to the order form on our website: [Middle School Lunch](#) . Any questions should be directed to the room parent for your child’s homeroom



7TH AND 8TH GRADE HALLOWEEN DANCE SOCIAL – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH



The Middle School Social Committee will be hosting a HALLOWEEN DANCE for SPX students only in grades 7 and 8 on Friday, October 19th. Costumes are optional. No facemasks. As always, appropriate attire is required. Doors to Nelson Hall will open at 7:00pm. The \$10.00 price of admission will include: D.J., snacks, and drinks. Door prizes will be awarded during the evening. Parents-please pick up your children promptly between 10:00 and 10:15pm. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A CHILD DOES NOT HAVE A PERMISSION SLIP SIGNED BY THEIR OWN PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO NELSON HALL. Permission slips will be sent home soon. Extras will be available in the school office. Any interested chaperones who are compliant with the Child Protection Policy, should contact Mariana Lathrop at mariana.lathrop@gmail.com. Chaperones need to be available in the Hall from 6:15 to 11:00pm. VSP hours will be earned for chaperoning.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE



Our Uniform Exchange Closet is open and running with bargains galore! If you need gently used uniforms, please contact Renunda Lee at leers28@hotmail.com. She is available most weekday afternoons by appointment. You may also contact Mrs. Shirley Williams at 215-510-2916 to set up an appointment. The uniform exchange will gladly take your gently used uniforms, with the exception of blue uniform trousers/shorts (exchanges only for these items). Donated items must be clean and without holes and tears and have the sizes clearly marked. Please make an appointment with either co-chair (Mrs. Lee or Mrs. Williams) to donate your items.

PK AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Please tell your family and friends about our informal Open House for prospective families on Friday, November 2nd from 9:00 to 10:00am. This informal Open House is for prospective families with **PreK and Kindergarten** students and we will have a special activity for our young visitors. Families will receive information about our school and a guided tour as well.



ALL ABOUT 8TH GRADE



Below is the schedule of due dates for the high school application process. Check your child's Google Classroom Homeroom page for forms, information from the high schools and other updates.

High School Application Process

Dates to Remember

| Date | Item | Completed |
|-----------|---|-----------|
| Sept. 4 | HSPT Online Registration Opens | |
| Oct. 26 | HSPT Online Registration Closes | |
| Nov. 3 | Parent input for transcripts due. | |
| Nov. 19 | Window for selecting High School Choices opens; return to the HSPT registration page to make high school selections Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements. | |
| Nov. 26 | Authorization to Release Records form due to homeroom teachers. | |
| Nov. 28 | HSPT at St. Pius | |
| Dec. 9 | Window for selecting High School Choice closes. Letters of recommendation - if needed - due to homeroom teachers. | |
| Dec. 10 | Homeroom teachers will process transcripts to go to high schools. Check your high schools for their application due dates and requirements. | |
| Jan. 2019 | HSPT scores distributed by STS to parents electronically. | |

SPONSORS NEEDED

St. Pius X Regional School is looking for businesses to help underwrite the cost of our school folders, handbooks, directories, excuse pads, Thursday Folders and magnets. If you would like to participate in these ad programs, please fill out the bottom portion of the flyer sent home today. Our students receive these items FREE every year from our wonderful advertisers. We hope you will consider this opportunity to help the school and promote your business.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROGRAM

At the time of enrollment and re-enrollment through TADS, each family agreed to the terms of our Volunteer Service Program (VSP). This requires families to either work the required number of volunteer hours (20 hours for a 2-parent household, or 10 hours for a single parent household), or make a monetary payment for the required hours. If you chose to work the required hours, you must submit volunteer hours electronically on our volunteer website called Track it Forward. All new families will need to create one account per family. Returning families can still use their current account. We would like to streamline the accounts to just one per family, so feel free to edit your first name to include both volunteering family members (ex. Mary and Joseph +last name) and delete your second account. Please remember to log your hours as soon as you complete them. Create an account here:

<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school?type=register>.

If you have any questions, please contact Nanette Lowe at nanette_lowe@yahoo.com. Details about family VSP requirements can be found on page 26 of the 2018-2019 Parent-Student Handbook.

EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (ESP) DROP IN AFTERCARE

ESP is happy to announce that they will open a drop-in room for students who need occasional aftercare.

Please note the following:

1. Space is limited to the first 15 respondents who sign up on the [Drop In After Care sign Up Genius](#), or **by noon of the day needed**. No exceptions. No walk-ins. Sign up is by individual student, not family.
2. Students who are signed up for the drop-in room come to the room at dismissal to sign in and then they can go to any after school activity. No students will be permitted to sign in after 3PM.
3. Drop-in aftercare students in grades 1-8 will be assigned to a regular aftercare room. Pre-K and K students will go to the Pre-K and K room.
4. Drop-in students will follow the regular aftercare schedule: recess, snack, homework, etc. Snacks and milk are provided.
5. For calendaring purposes: the drop-in room will be open when regular aftercare is open and closed when regular aftercare is closed. Those dates are posted on the school calendar.
6. The fee is \$20/day for use any time between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00pm. The fee for 1/2 Friday is \$35/day for use any time between the hours of 1:00 and 6:00pm. Late fees will apply after 6:00pm. You will be billed through your TADS school account. Drop-in receipts are available upon request.
7. No medication will be dispensed to drop-in students.
8. If you use the drop-in more than 2 days a week, you will find it more cost effective to enroll in the regular aftercare program.
9. This is only an afterschool drop-in program (no before care drop-in offered).

Interested families should complete the ESP drop in [registration form](#) found on the school website. Email Mrs. Fay for a copy. Sign up daily via the [Drop In After Care Sign Up Genius](#).



FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

TUITION MUST BE KEPT CURRENT

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

SUBMIT REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF PURCHASE

Reimbursement requests for school approved expenses must be submitted within 2 weeks of your purchase. We hope this will help you avoid losing your receipts. You will complete a Reimbursement Request Form (available in the school office) and submit your receipt(s) with the form for final approval. Remember... always get a separate receipt for your specific purchase and do not combine with personal items. Additionally, we want to set up everyone for direct deposit reimbursements which is very simple for you to do. We just need a voided check from you so that we can enter the bank name, routing number and account number. You will attach the voided check to your first Reimbursement Request Form and sign the bottom of the form. This is by far the quickest and most efficient way to return your money to you as fast as possible. Question about getting a reimbursement? Contact Mrs. Hungate in the Finance Office at thungate@stpiusbowie.org or 301-262-0203 ext. 16.

LABEL ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Be sure to mark all of your student's belongings with their name. Our lost and found items are accumulating already. We keep our Lost and Found box outside of Mrs. Manley's room. Smaller items, like glasses and jewelry, are kept in the main office.



*FINANCIAL AID FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR * APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Archdiocese of Washington works hard to keep Catholic education as affordable as possible. The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for students in grades PreK-12 who are applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington (Washington, DC and Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland).

All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Applying for tuition aid has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school.

To apply for tuition assistance from the Archdiocese of Washington for the 2019 – 2020 school year, please click on the appropriate [TADS](#) link below.

The deadline date to apply for Archdiocesan tuition assistance for the 2019 – 2020 school year is **Saturday, December 1, 2018 for returning families. THIS APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID INCLUDING: ARCHDIOCESAN AID, REGIONAL SCHOOL AID, AND PARISH AID.**

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
<http://stedwardbowie.com>