



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
October 27, 2022



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Thursday, October 27, 2022

SGA Tag Day - Students may dress out of uniform for a \$1 contribution to SGA, dress code must be followed

Friday, October 28, 2022

**No School for Students
Trunk or Treat 6 - 8**

Monday, October 31, 2022

**Picture Make up Day
PK3-PK4 Halloween Parade 8:40
Halloween Parade 1:30**

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Whole School Mass - All Saint's Day 10:30 am

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Chick-fil-a Day for those that ordered

Friday, November 4, 2022

**Pre-K Open House 9:00 am
Kids Night Out 6 -9 pm**

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Howl-o-ween Hustle 5K

CHICK - FIL - A

Our next in school Chick-Fil-A lunch is on Wednesday, November 2. The deadline for ordering is Friday, October 28. You can order at <http://stpiusxschool.h1.hotlunchonline.net> . NOTE: Please remember to update your student(s) profile to accurately reflect their homeroom for this year - we had many issues with that at the last Chick-Fil-A lunch. Interested in volunteering on November 2? Contact the team at spxhotlunchonline@gmail.com

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

SIGNING IN LATE CHILDREN

If your child arrives at school after 8:15am, you must come in and sign them in. PK3 & PK4 must always be signed in by a parent.

SCHOOL PICTURE MAKE UP DAY

Make up pictures are scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2022. **ONLY STUDENTS THAT ARE TAKING PICTURE RETAKES MAY DRESS OUT OF UNIFORM.**

CAROUSEL UNIFORM STORE

As we approach their last month or two.....Carousel now has STORE WIDE markdowns. They have quite a few St. Pius items. Call first to see if they have what they want (301) 843-8884. Also, they are happy to still deliver. They also have Communion attire, etc., should parents want to stop on in.

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 to be collected in cash as you enter the parking lot (exact change required).

Participating families need to make sure that their car is decorated and provide enough candy or treats for all participating students. Families cannot just come to trick or treat. All students **MUST** be accompanied by an adult, **NO DROP OFF ALLOWED**. Register today at <https://bit.ly/spx2022trunkortreat>

HOWL - O - WEEN HUSTLE NOVEMBER 5, 2022

There's only 10 days left to register for the SPX Howl-O-Ween Hustle 5K which is happening on November 5th! It is going to be a hooowling good time, so come out dressed for the event and support our SPX community.

****To ensure you get on of the limited runner t-shirts, register before Friday, October 28th****

Register at:

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

If you would like to volunteer and gain VSO service hours, please contact David Gedutis at dhgedutis@gmail.com.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

SAVE THE DATE: The 3rd Grade Annual Grandparents Day is Friday, November 18th. Donations from the SPX community will be needed to make this a fabulous event for our 3rd graders and their special guests. This is a great opportunity to earn VSP hours. Keep a lookout for the Sign-up Genius, as we'll need an assortment of support to ensure the students and special guests have a wonderful time.

FOOD DRIVE RECAP

The St. Pius X Student Senate is grateful for the generosity of our

school community in giving to our food drive last week. We collected 748 canned foods that were packed into 20 boxes to restock the Father McKenna Center food pantry and to provide ingredients for the soup kitchen meals! You are wonderful, St. Pius!



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' 60th 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 24th - 27th.
6. Pumpkins will be on display at the Trunk or Treat on October 28th and can be picked up from there.

7. St. Pius X Gift Bags will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.



St. Pius X Pumpkin Decorating Contest Entry Form



Student Name(s):

Grade(s):

Name of Pumpkin:



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 .

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.

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

FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

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

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 OPEN through November 2nd! 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 Don't wait too long to register as teams fill up quickly! Coaches are needed!! - All Head Coaches and up to 2 Assistant Coaches can earn up to 15 VSP hours.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Please see the attached information about FLU and RSV. Please help keep St. Pius X Healthy by keeping your sick kids home. Inform the teachers and the nurse if your child is out sick. If your child has been out for 3 or more days, a Doctor's note is required for clearance to attend school.

Contact Nurse Benson with any questions:
mbenson@stpiusbowie.org



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.

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.**

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