



St. Pius X Regional School
News Notes
December 15, 2022



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Friday, December 16th, 2022

Reconciliation Grades 3-8
Purse Bingo 7:00 pm in Nelson Hall

Monday, December 19, 2022

Whole School Mass

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

Living Gospel 10:30 am
No Aftercare

Thursday December 22, 2022 -

Monday January 2, 2023

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Classes Resume

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

CHICK - FIL - A Day for those that ordered

Thursday, January 5, 2023

CYO Tag Day, Students may dress out of uniform for a \$1.00 donation to CYO. Dress code must be followed and can be found in Student Handbook and News Notes

CHANGE TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 3rd, 2023 is now a Full Day for students. March 17th, 2023 will be No School for Students.

PURSE BINGO

Please join us in Nelson Hall for a Christmas themed designer purse bingo on December 16 2022. You are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages. Light refreshments will be available for purchase as well. Come, Be Merry, and Win! Advance purchase and registration can be done at:

<https://go.eventgroovefundraising.com/5391a3>

"Nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" Ephesians 6:4

CHORUS CONCERT

A note of thanks from Ms. Massimini:

The students did an amazing job at the concert! Thank you for allowing me to sing with your children each week. Their youthful joy is contagious!

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Sacred Heart, St. Edward's, and Cavalier Ornaments now available.

Click on this link to order Sacred Heart, St. Edward's, and the St. Plus Cavalier ornament!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpmBBEc0HdZwVvwjBrdq2wOxb8RvD8JUoMg0sa6mtJ4djz4g/viewform?usp=sf_link

Images can be seen on the Google Order Form!

TOYS FOR TOTS TAG DAY

Thanks to all our wonderful families for bringing in toys for our Toys for Tots collection. This was a record breaking year for St. Pius. The following grades have meant the 60 toys or more goal for our 60th Anniversary and will have a TAG DAY on Tuesday, December 20th. Students may wear Christmas pajamas or Christmas attire. Please wear appropriate shoes for school.

Pre-K

Kindergarten

1st Grade

2nd Grade

3rd Grade

4th Grade

5th Grade

6th Grade
8th Grade

Thanks again for your kindness and generosity.

BAND CONCERT

There will be no band concert in December.

SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Do you want to make St. Pius X Regional School the best that it can be? The School Advisory Board is looking for new applicants to get involved in the Board and Strategic Planning (particular need for St. Edward's Parish members).

The SAB was established to provide advice, guidance, and long-term planning to the Administrative Council Team (Pastor and Principal) in the governance of St. Pius X Regional School. The Board provides this through the functions of: Planning, Policy Development, Finance, Facilities, Communications and Public Relations, Financial Development, and Evaluation.

If you are interested in getting involved please email the SAB President, Katie Summers, at SABPresident@stpiusbowie.org.

TIES AND TIARAS SCHOOL DANCE

Help make SPX's first annual Ties and Tiaras School Dance a huge success!

This event is planned for June 2, 2023 and is an opportunity for SPX students to invite an important adult in their life for an evening of fun and dancing. We are looking for parents to join the dance's planning committee as well as anyone interested in donating a talent such as photography, advertising, DJ skills, or floral experience making corsages and boutonnieres.

If interested, please contact Katie Summers at SABPresident@stpiusbowie.org

DRESS CODE

For a child to attend school it is the School's policy that each child is dressed in the complete school uniform and that hygiene and hairstyles comply with the intent of the school uniform policy and safety of students. Boys are to be clean-shaven at all times. Fingernail polish or adornments are not allowed; only clear or light pink nail polish is permitted. Excessive jewelry, no ostentatious headbands (cat ears, unicorn horns, etc.), hats, and makeup are not a part of the uniform. Studs and small hoop earrings are permitted; hoops larger than the width of a finger are NOT allowed. No facial piercings are allowed. No T-shirts with decals or logos may be worn underneath the school blouse or shirt. Boys and girls are expected to wear their hair in a way that is appropriate and fitting to the St. Pius X School uniform. Extreme hairstyles, shaved or spiked hair, dyed hair of non-natural colors (grey, white, pink, red, purple, blue, green, etc.) or other non-traditional hairstyles are not acceptable. The Principal will have sole discretion in determining the appropriateness of a hairstyle and/or dress. Make-up is not allowed. No tattoos of any kind including permanent, temporary and henna based. Parents will be notified if violations of the dress code occur. Students who are in Scouts may wear their Scout Uniforms on the day of their meeting.

DRESS CODE FOR NON-UNIFORM DAYS (TAG DAYS)

Non-uniform days will be announced on an occasional basis. If there is a specific theme announced, students will be asked to dress accordingly. The guidelines for non-uniform days are as follows:

- Attire must be appropriate in size, fit, and coverage
- Midriff must be covered at all times
- No tank tops, crop tops, see-through or off the shoulder clothing will be acceptable
- Clothing displaying offensive, vulgar, obscene or sacrilegious language and pictures, weapons, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or other related items are forbidden
- Clothing identifiable with gang activity is not acceptable
- Skirts, dresses, and shorts must extend to two inches above the knee
- Yoga, exercise pants, or leggings may not be worn as pants; must be worn with a skirt, dress or shorts over top.
- Ripped clothing is not allowed; if ripped clothing is worn, a shirt or pair of pants must be worn underneath
- Shoes with heels greater than two inches are not permitted
- Flip flops are not permitted
- Outlandish hair styles are not permitted
- Hats are not allowed

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.

FORGOTTEN LUNCHES

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

TRACK IT FORWARD

Please remember to put your VSP hours into Track It

Forward. It is your responsibility to log your hours online on the school VSP site, Track it Forward, <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school>. Every family member should use the same account on Track it Forward and ensure that they log their hours through that 1 account.

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 in.

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

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 .

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

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

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.

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

CFA - Chick-fil-A
HSA - Home and School Association

