

# ANNOUNCEMENTS - May 2, 2024

## NEWS NOTES SUBMISSIONS

News Notes Submissions must be received by noon on Monday for them to be featured in News Notes for that week. Please email all submissions to Mrs. D'Angelo at [kdangelo@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:kdangelo@stpiusbowie.org)

## TRACK IT FORWARD

A reminder to all families to complete your VSP Hours. VSP stands for Volunteer Support Program. So many of the amazing activities and programs that the school has for our kids are only possible because of the time given by our parents. Our school community depends on parents to make these things possible. Single-parent households are responsible for 10 hours each year, and dual-parent homes are responsible for 20 hours each year. Every week NewsNotes has opportunities for you to earn your hours.

It is your responsibility to enter your hours in [Track It Forward](#), our online software, within 30 days of the event. Once you enter your hours, an email is sent to the event approver who then goes into Track it Forward to approve them. Hours entered after 30 days can be rejected as with so many events tracking past this point is cumbersome. Thank you for understanding.

Hours that are not completed are charged at the rate of \$25 per hour.

This year we are instituting deadlines for reporting your hours so that those who don't finish their hours can be charged in a more timely manner.

- If your **only child in the school is in 8th grade**, then the deadline for your hours is **Wednesday, May 8th**.
- Hours for **all other families** are due by **Wednesday, May 22**.

**Hours not completed by these deadlines will be charged before the end of the school year via TADS.** Please note that this is a change as in previous years hours were charged the following school year.

*We know that some events take place AFTER these deadlines. We ask that you put your hours for events taking place after these deadlines in ADVANCE using your best guess - it's the honor system!* Questions about the hours you've submitted? Email Katie Skerpon at [hsapresident1@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:hsapresident1@stpiusbowie.org).

## NEW ATTENDANCE POLICY

**NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR--** All absences must be reported to the school by 8 am. If your student is absent you **MUST** call the school and/or email Mrs. Fay at [pfay@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:pfay@stpiusbowie.org). Any non confirmed absences will be verified by phone from the office. If a student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days a doctor's note is required for the student to return to school.

## **TARDY POLICY**

### **FEES BEGAN ACCRUING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**NEW THIS SCHOOL YEAR--** Please note our new late arrival (tardy) policy which can be found in our handbook - "Each student will be allowed 5 unexcused tardies each quarter, after the 5th tardy, parents will be charged a \$10.00 fee per family for each time their child is late. This fee will be charged through TADS."

## **PARKING CONCERNS**

Parents, when coming to the school during any time other than arrival and dismissal that requires you to park and exit your vehicle you must park in one of the parking spaces. It is not permitted to pull up along the curb, which is a designated emergency service lane. If you park along the curb you will be instructed to move your vehicle to a parking space before the school can assist you.

## **PICKING UP ITEMS**

Friendly Reminder

Once a child has been dismissed from the classroom, he or she is NOT permitted to return to the classroom for forgotten items.

Student supervision can not be guaranteed after 3:30pm as faculty and staff have other duties and may not be available to accompany students. Because many of the classrooms are used for other purposes they should not be interrupted. We strive to provide students with responsibility opportunities and a forgotten item is a great lesson to learn.

## **SGA FUNDRAISER**

St Pius X Regional School Launches Sneaker Drive Fundraiser to Raise Money for SPX Student Government Association.

Bowie, MD 3/13/2024 – St. Pius X is holding an athletic shoe drive fundraiser starting in March to raise money for SGA. SPX will earn funds based on the total quantity of gently worn, used, and new sneakers collected. GotSneakers, a social enterprise, will issue funds in compensation for the collected sneakers. Those funds will benefit SGA. Anyone can help by simply donating gently worn, used, and new sneakers.

GotSneakers has developed a unique fundraising program that asks communities to reach into their closets, not their pockets! The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on our environment, and helps organizations like ours raise much needed funds. The program is truly a win – win! Learn more about GotSneakers by visiting their website at [www.gotsneakers.com](http://www.gotsneakers.com).

“We are excited about our sneaker drive fundraiser,” said Ann Gillespie.

“We know that most people have extra sneakers in their closets they would like to donate rather than throw away. By doing so, we raise money for our school and help the environment. It’s a win – win for everyone!”

## **SPX YEARBOOK CLUB**

SPX Parents, Yearbook Needs Your Help!!!

Please share your photos taken from SPX events.

Directions:

- 1) Go to the following link: [www.YBKpix.com](http://www.YBKpix.com)
- 2) Log in either by using your own username & password or use:  
username: spxyearbookparents@gmail.com  
password: SPXYearbookParents. (Note the SPXY and P are all CAPS and the (.) on the end)
- 3) Click “SHARE YOUR PICTURES” on the upper Left corner
- 4) Tag your photo
- 5) Find the event folder or your child's grade level folder
- 5) Click or tap Upload your photo(s)

The photos you share may just end up in the yearbook!!

## **FUN DAY 2024**

The School Advisory Board and the Home School Association are looking for a group of dedicated parents to join the Fun Day committee. This event was previously held as a spring event but is transitioning to a fall theme and date for 2024. While the fall of 2024 is still a year away, there is a lot of planning and preparation that can be done early. This event has food, games, moon bounces, basket raffles, ticket sales, and t-shirt design/sales just to name a few. If you are interested in leading one of these areas, please contact Katie Summers at [sabpresident@stpiusbowie.org](mailto:sabpresident@stpiusbowie.org).

## **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).

## **NEW CLASS CODE FOR EPIC**

Parents please note the updated class code for EPIC login **gpc4891** as well as information about an at home option available for purchase. Go to [getepic.com/connect](http://getepic.com/connect) to learn more.

## **HARRIS TEETER'S TOGETHER IN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Your shopping can help St. Pius X earn money and doesn't cost you a cent! 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 the "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 Harris Teeter all year long will directly support our school!

## **FORGOTTEN LUNCHES**

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

## **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. Parents can find the Uniform & Dress Code policies on pages 36 - 42 of the Handbook.

## **TUITION NOTES**

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.

## **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.