

ANNOUNCEMENTS - October 5, 2023

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

SPX CHORUS

Chorus and Liturgical Choir for students in grades 3-8 started the week of September 18th! Good News! There are still a few spots remaining. You can find a copy of the permission slip in Google Classroom. Please contact Ms. Massimini with any questions: gmassimini@stpiusbowie.org

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Attention: PRE-K Parents and 6th Grade parents

Vaccine Requirements 2023-2024 School Year

Updates: Please check your students immunization record and make sure it is up to date and the School Nurse has an updated copy.

**** **Students entering 7th grade** must have a TDAP and MCV vaccine prior to the start of the new school year. Please if your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email.

We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the first day of school.

**** **Students entering Kindergarten** must have 2 documented doses of MMR and Varicella prior to the first day of school. If your child has already received these vaccinations send in a copy with your student or send to my email.

We will enforce exclusion from school if not received prior to the first day of school.

Please contact the School Nurse if you have any questions.

Meghan Benson RN, BSN, CPN mbenson@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.

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 to learn more.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WAR'S SPONSORED PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY CONTEST FOR 6TH-8TH GRADERS

Conducted nationwide, this VFW-sponsored youth essay competition gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme. We invite you to join the more than 73,000 students in 6-8th grade who participated last year in this Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. Prizes and scholarships will be awarded to winners at the Post, District, State and national level. Department (State) winners receive a portion of \$55,000 in national awards. National Winners will receive at least \$500. The first-place national award is currently \$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. The 2023-24 theme is: "How are you inspired by America?". The entry deadline is October 31, 2023.

If you would like to apply, please contact Commander Megan Bogley, Bowie Memorial Post #8065, Bowie, MD 20715. Her email is m_bogley@hotmail.com or (301) 974-2676. She will provide the rules and eligibility requirements and the entry form.

TRACK IT FORWARD

Track it Forward is the online system that our school uses to track our VSP (Volunteer Support Program) hours. A reminder that every family is required to participate. Dual parent homes are required to complete 20 hours, single parent families 10 hours. Uncompleted hours will be charged at the rate of \$25 per hour.

All families must have an account to track their hours - accounts from past years are still active. The site can be found at <https://www.trackitforward.com/site/st-pius-x-regional-school>

Hours must be logged within 30 days of the event or they will not be approved. Parents are required to input their own hours which are then sent to the head of that activity to approve.

Parents who volunteered or donated as part of the Uniform Sales this summer, Welcome Back Week or the Back to School BBQ are encouraged to log their hours now.

Questions? Contact Katie Skerpon at hsapresident1@stpiusbowie.org

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 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!

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity for this school year? Please consider volunteering in the school library! TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED. You do not have to choose your student's scheduled library time, but may if you would like to. Multiple volunteers for the same class will rotate duties each month. In addition to scheduled class times, Ms. Neitzey needs volunteers each morning from 8:30-9:30am to check in and re-shelve books. Choose one of the times or more! Volunteer schedules may change each quarter, and you may choose different volunteer times to accommodate your schedule. Volunteering in the library is a yearlong commitment. You must be compliant with the Virtus Child Protection Program to volunteer in the school library. Please contact Ms. Neitzey at 301-262-0203 x213 or kneitzey@stpiusbowie.org.

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.