

Thursday, November 14, 2024–Newsnotes Announcements

Newsnotes submissions

For future reference, please plan all newsnotes submissions accordingly:

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular Newsnotes will not be published on Thanksgiving Day–Thursday, November 28, 2024 (On behalf of St. Pius X Regional School, we send best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families!). Newsnotes will resume publication on Thursday, December 5, 2024.

The weekly Newsnotes newsletter is emailed to school parents, faculty, and staff Thursday mornings after 10 am. Event chairs should email any paragraphs explaining the event, photos, event flyers, section headers, etc. to Mrs. Reimer in the front office at preimer@stpiusbowie.org. Newsnotes submissions are due by 12 noon on Monday for publication that Thursday. All items (including links) should be proofread prior to submission; entries are subject to editing. Thank you for your cooperation as we work together to keep the school community informed.

Plastic SPX School Identification Cards

Plastic SPX School Student photo identification cards were distributed to families on or about Tuesday, October 22, 2024. Parents may keep the student identification cards at home; students do not need to carry the identification cards on campus.

SPX CHURCH/PARISH–WEEKEND COORDINATOR JOB OPENING

The role of the Weekend Coordinator is to create, plan, and manage the key elements required for a successful weekend experience at St. Pius X. The Weekend Coordinator's duties focus on managing the operation of the weekend Masses and working with all ministers, volunteers, and congregants to promote an "irresistible environment". Our irresistible environment presently includes the following elements: Worship, SLAM, Child Care, Greeters, Host Team, Weekend Maintenance, Info Desk, and Church Safety Committee. They must be present on all weekends before, during, and after Masses as well as Holy Days and other key worship experiences. This position is a total of 19 hours, non-benefits eligible, and reports to the Pastor.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- coordinates with the presiders and ministry captains to ensure that all the liturgical ministers are serving in a quality environment that allows them to create an "irresistible environment" for all weekend churchgoers and guests
- works with the SLAM Coordinator, Child Care Coordinators, and their volunteers to ensure

safe, clean, and efficient use of the facilities for all minors and their families

- responsible for the recruitment, training, scheduling, and ongoing formation of all liturgical

ministers and weekend volunteers (including greeters, host team, cafe volunteers, info station,

etc). Serve as a communications hub for ministry captains and volunteers including weekly

communication to ensure all volunteer spots are filled each week.

- are able to step in and fill needed volunteer positions as needed
- is the contact person for visiting clergy
- orders all supplies needed for worship and sacraments (hosts, wine, candles, linens, etc.)

- communicates to the Facilities Manager in a timely manner any issues that require attention

(HVAC, lighting, plumbing, furnishings, etc.)

- monitors the flow, cleanliness, and functionality of all the buildings throughout the weekend

- at the conclusion of every weekend, evaluates the weekend, addresses concerns, and reports

back to the SLT on any issues that need attention

- be present at weddings, Confirmation, First Communion and other key worship experiences.

Will work with ministry captains and volunteers to ensure the smooth flow of worship.

- chairs the church safety committee
- is a member of the SLT - Senior Leadership Team - and will attend scheduled meetings and

fulfill duties assigned by the team. Will communicate regularly with the Pastor and team members regarding scheduling, planning, and issues of concern.

- Coordinates our Homebound Ministry
- Other duties as assigned by the Pastor

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The Mass will be an irresistible and captivating experience.
- The weekend ministries will operate in an efficient manner to deliver an exceptional experience

for all churchgoers.

- Mass will function in a timely manner.
- Any emergencies are dealt with in a discreet and efficient manner.
- Ministries will work together.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION

Bachelor's Degree (or work experience as agreed upon by Pastor)

EXPERIENCE (desired)

Previous project management experience, human resource management and training

LICENSES OR CERTIFICATIONS

Will need to become VIRTUS Compliant once hired

COMPETENCIES

Build Relationships

Communicates Effectively

Understand and Support SPX Vision & Strategies

Delivers Results

Leads Effectively as a Manager

COMPUTER SKILLS

Computer proficiency

Google Work Suite (Gmail, Google Docs, etc), SignUpGenius, FlockNote

SPECIAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE AREAS (desired)

Event planning experience, conflict resolution, public speaking, and scheduling expertise

ACCOUNTABILITY

MINISTRIES FOR WHICH YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE

All liturgical ministers (Altar Servers, daily Mass Sacristans, Lectors, Musicians & Cantors,

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Art & Environment), the Host Team, Greeters,

Café Directors and Volunteers, Info Desk Volunteers, SLAM, Child Care, St. Pius X Senior

Leadership Team, Weekend Maintenance, Tech, Home Bound Ministry

INDIVIDUALS YOU SUPERVISE

Weekend Maintenance

Child Care Coordinator

WHO YOU REPORT TO

The Pastor

Family Privacy Policy

Please be reminded that parents are not permitted to record or take pictures of St. Pius X students, parents, or faculty without their permission.

SPX School Yearbook

SPX Parents, The Yearbook Needs Your Help!!!

Please share your photos taken from SPX events. Directions:

- 1) Go to the following link: www.YBKpix.com
- 2) Search for our school: St. Pius Regional School Bowie
- 3) 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)
- 4) Click "SHARE YOUR PICTURES" on the upper Left corner
- 5) Tag your photo
- 6) Find the event folder or your child's grade level folder
- 7) Click or tap Upload your photo(s)

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

City of Bowie MLK Art Contest

To honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and highlight his accomplishments and the continued need for social justice work, the City of Bowie Diversity Committee is sponsoring an annual art contest for Bowie students in grades K-12. The theme for the 2024-2025 contest is "*Keeping The Dream Alive.*" Students can express their creativity through either performing or visual arts.

Entries must be submitted online, and the deadline to enter is **December 5 at 5 p.m.** More information is available on our [webpage](#). We look forward to seeing the wonderful talent from our Bowie students.

Going Green...

In order to become more mindful of the presence of chemicals in our everyday lives and the potential impact these harmful chemicals can have on our health, environment and planet, SPX will begin using more environmentally friendly and conscious cleaning products in the classrooms. These non toxic cleaning products will be used throughout the school day by the students and teachers. Each evening the previously donated wipes will be used to disinfect all desktops by an adult.

CYO 2024-2025 Basketball Program Registration Information

SPX CYO is conducting registration for its winter 2024-2025 Basketball program that the Archdiocese of Washington CYO (ADW CYO) operates. The ADW CYO program aims to help boys and girls foster strong principles of teamwork and sportsmanship both on and off the court, all while developing their physical talents, learning to play fairly and enthusiastically, and appreciating Christ's presence in their opponents. The SPX CYO program is open for ages 10U - 14U.

NOTE:

1. If anyone is Virtus certified and would like to coach basketball, please contact the Commissioner, Ron Thurston, at rt0216@yahoo.com.
2. Each registered player will receive their own personalized jersey kit. The cost of the jersey kit is included in the registration price.

Registration link: [SportsPilot User Login for Registration](#)

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! [Request for Library Volunteers Flyer](#) 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, and 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.

Bake Sale during Pizza Days

On our Pizza Lunch days, students also have the opportunity to purchase items from our Bake Sale. We are looking for volunteers on the day of the bake sale and bakers. Volunteers will assist in selling the baked goods to the classrooms. The perk of volunteering on the day of the sale is that you not only get VSP hours, you also get an opportunity to see your child(ren). In addition, we are seeking bakers to commit to donating two dozen (24) baked wrapped goodies for each bake sale for the whole school year. VSP hours will be provided: 1.5 VSP hours will be earned for each dozen of HOMEMADE goodies, .5 VSP hours will be provided for donating store bought items. All items must be brought in with your child or dropped off no later than 8:30am. Please clearly mark items with your child's name and classroom in order to get credit. PLEASE NOTE: Brownies, Rice Krispies treats, and similar baked goods should be no smaller than the palm of your hand (i.e., one 9x13 oblong pan should yield 12 brownies, Rice Krispies treats, etc.) At least 2 to 3 cookies must be wrapped together in order to count as 1 item (i.e., a batch of 36 cookies will yield 12-18 items, not a full 3 dozen). Ziploc bags work best for packing items. *Due to allergies we kindly ask that you do not make anything that contains peanuts or tree nuts. In addition, the price of the baked items are now \$0.50. Please send your child in with two quarters if you would like them to purchase a treat.

Scheduled Bake Sale dates are: September 25, October 23, November 20th, January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, April 30th, and May 28th – (8th grade not included in the last Bake Sale).

Sign-up to volunteer for individual bake sale dates OR to bake for the entire year at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A4A82AA1FE3-51266071-pizza>

Questions? Contact Neisha Blagrove at nplb2011@gmail.com

Got Sneakers?

St. Pius X is holding an athletic shoe drive fundraiser 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. Just drop the sneakers off in the box located in the front lobby of the school! THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT !