

Thursday, October 24, 2024–Newsnotes Announcements

Submissions to Newsnotes

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.

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 Martin Luther King Jr. 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.**

SPX CYO Basketball Registration

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](#)

More information is available on our [webpage](#). We look forward to seeing the wonderful talent from our Bowie students.



Register Now for SPX CYO 2024-2025 Basketball Season

Open to St. Pius X Regional School students and parishioners of Ascension Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Parish, St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, and St. Pius X Catholic Church.

Registration:

Visit the sportspilot website @

<https://backoffice.sportspilot.com/register/family/default.asp?asoid=106236>

Basketball Commissioner: Ron Thurston, (443) 506-4602, rt0216@yahoo.com

NOTE: CYO is an all-volunteer organization. Please consider supporting your child and their interests by coaching/assistant coaching a team. All Head Coaches and up to (2) Assistant Coaches can earn VSP hours.

Age Group	Birthdate Eligibility	Early Reg Fee (9/23 – 10/18)	Late Reg Fee (10/19 – 11/3)	Remarks
14U(*)	12/1/2009 – 11/30/2011	\$245	\$260	Players will be assessed to be placed on the correct competitive level team before the season begins. (*) HS players are allowed to play as long as they are not playing for their HS team (JV or V)
12U	12/1/2011 – 11/30/2013	\$245	\$260	Players will be assessed to be placed on the correct competitive level team before the season begins.
10U	12/1/2013 – 8/31/2016	\$235	\$250	Developmental league; Non-Tournament based team.

Parking Lot Safety

Safety at St. Pius is always at the forefront of what we do. A huge thank you to the Ruiz family for their gift of traffic cones and stop signs that are being used to keep our students and staff safe during dismissal!



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.

St. Pius X Church–Child Care Coordinator Job Opening

St. Pius X Church is looking to hire a Child Care Coordinator to provide a happy, safe and supportive environment for our littlest ones to grow in relationship with Jesus while their parents worship during Mass. This position would supervise the program at the 9:30 am & 11:30 am Sunday Masses. More details are included below.

Interested in joining our team? Contact Suzanne Fanning at liturgy@spxbowie.org

Opening–SPX Church–Childcare Coordinator



ChildCare Coordinator

The ChildCare Coordinator supports the Mission of SPX by providing a happy, safe, and supportive environment for our littlest ones to grow in relationship with Jesus. The ChildCare Coordinator is responsible for recruiting, training, scheduling and supervising the ChildCare Staff as well as caring for toddlers through Pre-K. The Coordinator reports to and is supervised by the Weekend Coordinator.

Responsibilities

- Shall be responsible for the recruiting, training, scheduling and supervising of childcare workers
- Shall be responsible for ensuring that there are always a minimum of two childcare workers/volunteers staffed at all times per the Church's Child Protection Policy
- Shall communicate with Weekend Coordinator about needs and concerns arising with childcare staff (for example, training, logistical needs like room cleaning, particular scheduling challenges, concern for staff behavior, etc.)
- Shall be responsible for facility readiness in preparation for children's arrival
- Shall demonstrate love and care for all children in the nursery
- Shall engage the children in creative play, songs, stories, and otherwise provide a happy, wholesome experience
- Shall implement curriculum provided by the Church to help children grow in relationship with Jesus
- Shall be responsible for monitoring the condition of nursery equipment and supplies, and alert the Weekend Coordinator when necessary.
- Shall be responsible for leaving the facility in good order
- Shall work with the Weekend Coordinator and Parish Secretaries on ensuring that all ChildCare Staff are VIRTUS certified
- Shall be responsible for reporting any incidents that occur to the Weekend Coordinator

Work Hours

- Every or every other weekend, depending on needs
- 30 minutes prior to Mass and after the last child is picked up, and the room is returned to original state
- 2 Sunday Masses - 9:00 – 10:45 am (9:30 am Mass) & 11:00 am – 12:45 pm (11:30 am Mass)

Qualifications/Experience

- At least 18 years of age
- Childcare experience necessary
- Must be VIRTUS certified (or must be willing to become certified)

Expectations

- Must be dependable and have reliable transportation
- Demonstrate excellent interpersonal skills, especially dealing with parents and children in a professional manner
- Maintain cooperative relationships with school staff, Church staff, and members
- Willing to use curriculum, sing, and do crafts with children
- Appropriate, modest dress

Compensation

- \$75 per week

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 !

VFW ESSAY CONTEST–ESSAYS DUE 10/31/24

Each year, nearly 68,800 students in 6-8th grades enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest for a chance to win their share of nearly \$1 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. Before submitting your essay, download the 2024-2025 entry form [here](#) and find your sponsoring local VFW Post as Applications must be turned in by midnight, Oct. 31st.

The 2024-25 theme is: "My Voice in America's Democracy"

Buddy Poppy (oratory contest)

The Buddy Poppy Contest is held annually in the state of Maryland to recognize the work done by disabled vets who assemble the buddy poppies for use by VFW organizations in collecting donations. These funds are used to assist the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids MI, rehabilitation series in DC and MD, and to provide direct

assistance to needy and disabled vets, their families, and widows and orphans of veterans.

The contestants answer a series of questions and recite the poem by John McCrae In Flanders Fields, they are judged on their accuracy, poise, personality, and appearance. Applications must be turned in by midnight, Oct. 31st.

Loyalty Day (oratory contest)

The Loyalty Day Contest is designed to raise awareness of civic responsibilities and patriotism. Originally it began in the 1930's to counter the advances of communism; today it also serves to promote loyalty and respect for our flag.

The contestants answer a series of questions and recite the Pledge of Allegiance; they are also judged on their accuracy, poise, personality, and appearance. Applications must be turned in by midnight, Oct. 31st.

Teacher of the Year

Without our nation's veterans, America wouldn't be the great nation it is today. Our youth deserve to learn about our rich history, traditions, and the role of our veterans in creating and shaping America.

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects elementary, middle, and high school teachers to participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher program.

Please review the new rules and eligibility requirements and download the 2024 entry form and brochure to nominate a teacher you know. Teacher nomination entries must be received at a local participating VFW Post by Oct. 31st.

Who Is Eligible?

1. Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette, and patriotism are prime candidates for this award. For example, do you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall or organizes community volunteer projects? Maybe you know an instructor who invites veterans into the classroom to discuss their military experiences. Perhaps you are familiar with a teacher who fosters the development of democratic values and beliefs through special projects. If you know of such a teacher, honor them today.

2. All current certified/licensed teachers in grades K-12 are eligible. Previous national winners are ineligible. Nominations can be submitted by themselves, fellow teachers, supervisors, family members, or other interested individuals.

If you are interested in competing in the VFW Patriot's Pen youth scholarship contest or want to nominate a teacher for Teacher of the Year, please contact Megan Bogley at m_bogley@hotmail.com for more details.

SPX School Photo Day (photo day was September 17, 2024; retake day is coming up on Tuesday, October 29, 2024)

Photo retake day is coming up on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Please see the current issue of Newsnotes to obtain friendly reminders regarding photo retake day.

HOW TO ACCESS YOUR UNDERCLASSMEN'S PORTRAITS

If you'd like to view your
school portraits, but don't
have your online code, visit:



www.LegacyFindMyCode.com

*Questions? Ask our photo providers at **ask.LegacyStudios.com***



PHOTO DAY *is easy as 1,2,3*

1 Visit ***Shop.LegacyStudios.com***

Online
Code:

4594F25

2 *Save the Date*

9/17

3 *Smile!*

Questions? Ask us at
LegacyStudios.com



**SPX School Yearbook Club
request for student assistance**

STUDENT YEARBOOK CLUB

Attention: 4-8 Graders!!!

Are you interested in joining the yearbook club? We are looking for 12 students to help us create, design and give input on this year's Yearbook. The club meets every 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Our first meeting will be October 17, 2024.

There is a 50 dollar fee to cover snacks and drinks for each meeting. Please send the payments to the school. They accept cash or check payable to SPX. Please have the payments on or before October 17, 2024.

Please sign up on SignUpGenius, if you are interested in joining. The sign up will open on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 08:00 am.

Here is the link to join

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4BAEAD22A6F49-51914198-yearbook>

We are looking for:

4-8th graders
2-7th graders
2-6th graders
2-5th graders
2-4th graders

FOOTBALL MANIA

THE FOOTBALL MANIA FUNDRAISER IS BACK!

Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information

Do you have a favorite NFL Football team? Or do you just like to watch the NFL games? Purchase a Football Mania e-ticket in support of the SPX CYO fundraiser. Each game card has three randomly generated teams listed per week (weeks 9-18). Each week, 30 winners will be selected.

Use the link below to email your friends and family who live out of the area. The possibilities of selling e-tickets are endless! Just make sure they put your child's name in the seller box so they receive proper credit. This is important, as the class that sells the most tickets will receive a pizza party from the SPX CYO board.

<https://www.charitymania.com/register/GE076>

For each \$20 ticket sold, \$14 will go back to SPX CYO for its fundraising goals: (1) maintain the SPX field for our 8U soccer program; (2) purchase new equipment for its sports programs; and (3) lower registration costs for upcoming sports seasons.

Important Dates:

- 1) Ticket Sales end: Monday, 01 NOV 2024.
- 2) The fundraiser begins during week 9 of the NFL regular season, starting on 31 OCT
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Football Mania Flyer Information:

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\$15K? Purchase a Football Mania e-ticket in support of the SPX CYO fundraiser, to enter for that chance. Each game card has three randomly generated teams listed per week (weeks 9-18). Each week, 30 winners will be selected.

** Each ticket purchased includes access to \$20 of music and book downloads from CharityStudio.

Weekly Score Prize

Highest Combined Score \$400

2nd Highest Combined Score \$200

3rd Highest Combined Score \$100

Next 22 Highest Combined
Score

\$25

Lowest Combined Score \$50

Next 4 Lowest Combined
Score

\$25

** At the end of the season there will be a grand prize winner selected who will win \$1,000; the second grand prize winner will win \$200. Use the link below, and email your friends and family who live out of the area. Post the link to your social media account. The possibilities of selling e-tickets are endless! Just make sure they put your child's name in the seller box so they receive proper credit. This is important, as the class that sells the most tickets will receive a pizza party from the SPX CYO board.

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3) Football Mania will conclude on ~ 05 JAN 2025.

If you have any questions throughout the fundraiser, please email us at:

spx.cyosports@gmail.com,
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