

Thursday, October 3, 2024–Newsnotes Announcements

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 Players present Annie Jr.

The SPX School Players are proud to present Annie, Jr. as our school musical this year. Here's a brief synopsis: With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil schemes, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Performances will be held February 21 - 23, 2025. No absences from rehearsals are allowed after February 8, 2025. See stpiusbowie.org/anniejr for all the details and email hsapresident1@stpiusbowie.org with any questions.



SPX CHORUS

Love to sing?

Our school choral groups for students in grades 3-8 started recently. You can find a copy of the permission slip in Google Classroom under Music. Please contact Ms. Massimini with any questions: gmassimini@stpiusbowie.org

SPX School Photo Day (photo day was September 17, 2024)



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