

Thursday, February 6, 2025—Newsnotes Announcements

Newsnotes submissions

For future reference, please plan all newsnotes submissions accordingly:

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@stpiousbowie.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.

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 Golden Apple Award was created by the Pittsburgh-based Donahue Family Foundation whose founders, Jack and Rhodora Donahue, sent their 13 children to Catholic schools. Eager to express their deep appreciation to Catholic school teachers, the award was created to honor teachers for providing a quality academic and faith-filled education. The Golden Apple award is awarded in five dioceses across the country.

The Golden Apple award is given annually to ten (10) Archdiocese of Washington Catholic school teachers for teaching excellence and dedication to Catholic education. The award includes a Golden Apple, certificate, and a check.

To nominate a St. Pius X Regional School teacher, parents, students, or colleagues must complete the Golden Apple Nomination form. Please return the completed application to Mrs. Gillespie no later than Friday, February 7, 2025.



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INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

Snow Day Update and Plans Regarding Possible Future Inclement Weather Closures and Delays As you know, St. Pius has had 4 snow days this year. At this time, we are not required to make up any days. In preparation for any possible future inclement weather, we will make these missed days asynchronous learning days. This means that the classroom/homeroom teacher will provide students with assignments presented as either hard copy, posted in Google classroom, or a combination of both. All directions for grades PK3 - 5 were provided on Google Classroom on or about Friday, January 31, 2025. Middle School will be updated in real time. *Please note that asynchronous learning is different from virtual learning in that there are no virtual meetings and students work at his/her own pace. The school understands that weather closures and delays can be frustrating to many of our working families. St. Pius X Regional School follows Prince George's County decisions regarding weather closures. There are

several reasons behind this approach. The public school district has tools and resources to assess road conditions and the overall safety of travel. By following the public Prince George's County closures and delays, we help protect everyone who travels to and from our school. Many families and staff commute from many different locations throughout the Maryland, DC, and Virginia area. This decision helps ensure the roads in and around our school are safe. As a Catholic community, we are called to care for one another and make decisions that reflect our shared values. Prioritizing safety is one way we live out this mission, ensuring that no one is placed at unnecessary risk during severe weather conditions