

# 2021-2022 Pallotti Parent Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Meet other parents and support Pallotti at these events!

Watch for emails to sign up to volunteer or donate food/financial support.

Volunteers Needed OR Donations Needed OR Both

## July

- 31<sup>st</sup> - Used Book Sale (Freshman Only)

## August

- 12<sup>th</sup> - Used Book Sale (All grades)
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Used Book Sale (All grades)

## September

- 8<sup>th</sup> - Freshman Coffee with the Principal
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Soph./Junior Coffee with the Principal
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Senior Coffee with the Principal
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Crab Feast

## October

- 9<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming Dance
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Grandparent/Special Friends Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Bonfire (for all students)

## November

- 7<sup>th</sup> - Admissions Open House
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Midnight Madness
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Giving Tuesday

## December

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tree Lighting Ceremony

## January

- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Midterm Madness

## February

## March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Lip Sync Battle
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Gala & Auction
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Freshman Registration Day

## April

- 21<sup>st</sup> - Admissions Open House

## May

- 15<sup>th</sup> - Gift cards \$25/\$50 to thank faculty/staff
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Prom & Post Prom
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Finals Frenzy

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## Pallotti Parents' Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Created by the Parent Guild

### 1) Where do I drop off/pick up my student?

Use the circle driveway off St. Mary's Street in front of school. Pull forward towards the end of the circle to drop off, do not stop at the main front door blocking traffic. For morning drop off, there are often school personnel helping to direct the cars in and out of the driveway as it can get busy. Please follow their instructions as we want this to be a safe and efficient experience for all involved. When picking up, park on St. Mary's Street or pull to the right side of the circle driveway. When exiting, please only turn right to keep traffic flowing.

Students can be dropped off beginning at 7:00 a.m. – **students must be in class by 7:45 a.m.** All students must be picked up no later than 7:00 p.m. Students in the building after 3:30 p.m. must be with a coach or teacher; students not accompanied by a teacher or coach must report to the designated after-hours location.

### 2) Is there bus service or carpooling available?

The school partners with Towne Transport, to provide bus service throughout the Bowie area, to and from Pallotti. Find more information about this service and carpooling on the [website](#).

**3) What do I need to do when my student is sick or has an appointment?**

Parents/guardians must call the Attendance Office (301-725-3228 ext. 2216) by 7:30 a.m. on the day that their son/daughter is absent or late. Messages must state the reason for the absence or lateness. If the school has not received a phone call for an absent or tardy student, the student's absence will be considered unexcused for that day.

Only early dismissal requests for medical or dental appointments will be honored. A note from the parent must accompany these requests and upon return a note/appointment card must be re-turned to the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Students.

**4) What is the 'Protected Hour' (sometimes called Extra Hour)?**

From 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. is Pallotti 'Protected Hour.' During this time, no sports practices and no play or musical practices will be held. Students are encouraged to use this time to complete homework, make-up tests, or see teachers for individual tutoring or study sessions. Teachers are normally available from 2:30-3:15 p.m. after school in their rooms for students who need extra help. Students should be mindful that teachers will sometimes have meetings or other responsibilities that may preclude them from being available on a given day. Students are encouraged to schedule appointments with teachers and/or to see teachers on the days they have indicated on their course syllabus they will be available after school for help

**5) What are Tag Days and what does the money go towards?**

Tag days are days when students can opt to pay a small fee (\$5) in support of a fundraiser in exchange for coming to school out of uniform. On these days, students should use good judgment and wear clothes that are modest and in good taste. Money raised on Tag Days goes towards each classes' post prom event and occasionally is donated to mission work.

**6) How can I know about events and activities at school?**

Watch for emails from [ParentGuild@pallottihs.org](mailto:ParentGuild@pallottihs.org) and you can also read a summary of the morning announcements students hear each day in PlusPortals at the bottom of the page under School Links & Files. Subscribe to the twice-monthly e-newsletter, the [Pallotti Bulletin](#), sent every other Thursday afternoon during the school year, and you can also follow Pallotti on [social media](#).

**7) How can I check my student's grades before report cards come out?**

Current academic information for a student can be viewed on [PlusPortals](#), the interactive website where teachers post updated assignments, grades and resources for their classes. [Download a Quick Guide](#) to learn more.

**8) What are best practices for buying textbooks?**

Attend the Used Book Sales in-person to purchase books directly from the Parent Guild or other Pallotti parents. You can purchase new or used books from the [online bookstore](#), operated by MBS Direct. You can also join the SVPHSBooks Google Group ([svphsbooks@googlegroups.com](mailto:svphsbooks@googlegroups.com)) which is a forum for parents to find or sell books from other Pallotti families.

**9) How can my student access counseling services, if needed?**

The Pallotti [Guidance Department](#) is prepared to help students with a range of things such as adjustment to high school, academic advising and course selection, schedule changes, difficulty with a class, help in getting more involved in the school community, advice if having difficulty making friends or getting along with others, help in communicating with your teachers or parents, assistance dealing with personal issues and college and career planning.