BRAVO

The St. Pius X Fine Arts Department includes 8 disciplines:

- Band
- Dance
- Guitar
- Tech Crew
- Chorus
- Drama
- Music Technology
- Visual Arts

• There were a total of 11 Fine Arts events this past year – 7 ticketed events and 4 free events - with 24 performances. In 2018-2019, over 8,000 patrons enjoyed the outstanding Fine Arts productions at St. Pius X!

• Chorus enjoyed a year of great performances collaborating with the SPX Dance Company and Advanced Guitar throughout the year. One Men’s Ensemble member was selected for the GMEA All-State Men’s Chorus and the SPX Mixed Chorus returned to GMEA and earned a Superior rating at their Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE).

• The Music Technology program acquired more technology to improve the overall program, and one student will be continuing his music technology education at Middle Tennessee State University in the fall. Music Technology II is scheduled next year, advancing our music technology curriculum.

• The Marching Golden Lions brought “Guardians of the Gridiron” to two competitions in the fall, winning their division in both. In the spring, the symphonic band had an excellent performance at LGPE and brought in Jimmy Brown as a guest jazz artist at the spring concert. One student will be attending Georgia College and State University to major in music therapy.

• The Dance program enjoyed great success with 91 dancers in the program performing at Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Margaret Harris Comprehensive School, and hosting a special performance for Dresden Elementary. 3 Seniors were accepted into the dance programs at the University of the Arts, Texas Christian University, and UGA.

• Visual Arts students participated in the memory project, painting/drawing portraits of orphans from Peru. Advanced and AP students toured the Lowe gallery where contemporary art and their collection of art and artists were discussed. Keith Rosemond (’04) was the juror for the annual juried arts show.

• The Drama program enjoyed successful productions of Antigone, Charlie Brown’s Special Christmas, and the smash hit musical, Newsies, to sold out crowds. The Pius Players also gave a heartfelt musical show for the patients at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Three Drama students will attend Long Island University Post, Loyola Marymount University and Marymount Manhattan College.

• Guitar students received the highest rating, Superior, at their LGPE for the fifth year in a row. They recorded their fourth CD, played at colleges and universities across the state, and took a trip to Nashville, Tennessee. Five guitar students will be attending Georgia College and State University, University of Georgia, University of Southern California, University of Mississippi and Georgia State University.

• As always, the Tech Crew worked around the clock to make all our productions a reality. The fine arts at SPX would not function without our dedicated Tech Crew.

CENTER STAGE

St. Pius X Arts Society (SPAS) is an organization that assists the school’s Fine Arts Program. Our mission is to promote, support and supplement the needs of the Fine Arts students and their teachers in a spiritual environment. Many parents and other interested individuals and companies contribute to our program financially as well as volunteer many hours each year. With this valuable assistance, SPAS enables SPX Fine Arts to host guest artists, offer new innovative courses, enhance facilities and productions, provide student scholarships and much more.

DIRECTOR’S NOTES

The St. Pius X Art Society organized a momentous event this year as we celebrated our first ever Fine Arts College Signing Day! It was a moment of special recognition for several students as they continue to follow their passion for the arts into college. SPAS depends on the support of SPX families and community friends. With your support, we were able to improve all of our musical and theater programs with technical and lighting specialties in addition to hosting guest artists, sponsoring field trips, and providing summer scholarships! Every contribution is important – join online anytime at www.spx.org/SPAS. We appreciate your support!

Jessica Simmons
SPX Fine Arts Administrative Assistant, St. Pius X Arts Society Board Chair
MARQUEE

2019-2020 Fine Arts Events
October 18-20  Fall Play, Clue
October 24  Fall Chorus Concert
November 20  Holocaust Production, The Last Train
December 4 & 5  Christmas Band & Guitar Concert
December 7  Christmas Concert featuring Chorus & Dance
February 28  16th Annual Juried Arts
March 5-8  Spring Musical, Oklahoma!
March 26-29  Spring Dance Concert
April 16 & 17  Spring Guitar Concert
April 23  Spring Band Concert
April 28  NOVO Dance & Choreography Benefit
May 1  Spring Chorus Concert

APPLAUSE

SPAS Membership Levels
Diamond Level  $550
Platinum Level  $350
Patron Level  $200
Sustaining Level  $100
Friend Level  $50
Young Alumni Level**  $25

**SPX graduates 2015-2019

The Fine Arts are important for everyone. Your membership in SPAS provides enriched educational opportunities that can impact students throughout their lives.

See our website www.spx.org/SPAS for more information on the benefits of each level!

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