

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November 13, 2019



Open House is tomorrow evening! Visitors may tour SPXS from 5:00-6:30. We invite prospective families, as well as our third and fourth grade students and families to attend. Prospective families who are new to St. Pius X can visit Lower School and Middle School. **Grade 3** and **Grade 4** families, thinking ahead to Middle School- take a close look at our own setting. When you first visited SPXS, Middle School probably seemed years off- but now it's around the corner. A re-visit will enlighten you and inform choices you make!

I just spent one of my favorite days of the year with an awesome third grader! **Payton Bridge** was our **Principal for the Day**, assisting with various school tasks, officiating at Sparkle in Gr. 3, providing a helping hand to Ms. Downs in Science class, and making some popular pronouncements from the office!

Payton

decreed extra recess time for everyone on Tuesday
granted each class a Dress Down Day (date selected by the teacher), and
announced a Pajama Day, complete with a Christmas movie, hot chocolate, and
cookies, for Dec. 6th!

Payton was an amazing principal- and even dressed the part!

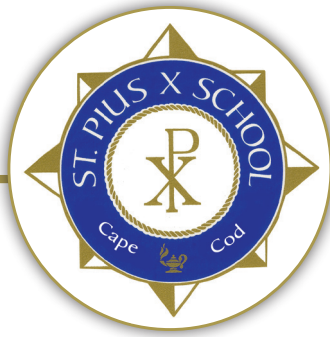


Thank you to those students who volunteered to help at the parish's **Christmas Fair**. Though they now have enough help, volunteers are also needed to assist with the Dennis-Yarmouth **Create the Good Thanksgiving Drive**. This is a drive for which we will hold a Dress-Down day on November 22. Additionally, student-volunteers may volunteer on Nov. 23 and/or Nov. 24th from 11:00-2:00, and earn service hours, while assisting this amazing organization. Create the Good helps the student population of Dennis-Yarmouth and their families. Please contact the school office for information, or to register to help!

Cindy Horgan from Cape Cod Children's Place will present "**What Our Boys Need**" on Thursday, November 21st from 6:00-7:30. This presentation will help parents/guardians:

- discover the unique needs of boys as they grow and develop*
- learn to promote skills that support healthy emotional development*
- become aware of current trends that affect boys*
- learn to support boys as they make sense of the process of growing up.*

An RSVP is required, as attendance is limited. Please email the school office or call to reserve a spot. This presentation is for adults.



ST. PIUS X SCHOOL

To Learn, To Grow, To Lead

Pre-K to 8th Grade

OPEN HOUSE

November 14th ✦ 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

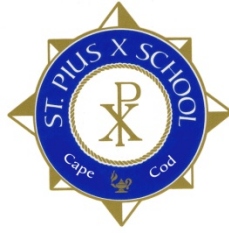


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NO SCHOOL

School will **NOT** be in session on **Friday, November 15th** for a Diocesan Professional Day.

THANKSGIVING FEAST



A reminder that Thursday, November 21st, the students will be enjoying a turkey dinner with all the trimmings! The price of the meal is the student's meal ticket or \$3.00.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Tuesday, November 26th - Students will be dismissed at 11:30am. The Extended Day Program will **NOT** be available on Tuesday, November 26th. There will be no interruption in bus service. Buses will depart the school at 11:30.

THANKSGIVING RECESS

School will **NOT** be in session on Wednesday, November 27th, Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th.



UNIFORM REMINDER

Please note that effective **Monday, December 2nd**, students will be able to wear the Winter Uniform. The listing of the Winter Uniform can be found below. The polo shirt/gym shirt must be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform. **A white turtle neck may be worn under the polo shirt/gym shirt as part of the gym uniform.** As we are now into the Winter months, the windpant, sweatpant, or gym pant **must** be worn over the mesh shorts during classroom time. During Physical Education class, the windpant, sweatpant, or gym pant may be removed. **As Summer uniforms are long gone – so are shorts on dress down days!**

Please note that to keep consistency in our dress code, all uniform purchases must be made through the uniform company and not from other vendors including department stores with the exception of the navy sweatpant.

WINTER UNIFORM

The Winter Uniform may be worn during the following time period:

From Monday, November 26, 2017 to March 8, 2018.

The Winter Uniform consists of the Standard Uniform and the following **additions**:

GRADES K-4		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or white oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	navy slacks
	Shirt	white turtleneck or standard round collar blouse

MIDDLE SCHOOL		
Boys	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt with tie
Girls	Trousers	khaki slacks
	Shirt	white turtleneck or oxford button down shirt

From Nurse Annie



COLD

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SYMPTOMS

- ☐ SNEEZING
- ☐ STUFFY NOSE
- ☐ SORE THROAT
- ☐ COUGHING
- ☐ POST-NASAL DRIP
(mucus dripping down your throat)
- ☐ WATERY EYES
- ☐ MILD HEADACHE
- ☐ MILD BODY ACHES

- ☐ FEVER OR FEELING FEVERISH*
*Not everyone with the flu will have a fever.
- ☐ RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
- ☐ SORE THROAT
- ☐ COUGHING
- ☐ VOMITING OR DIARRHEA
(less common in adults)
- ☐ WATERY EYES
- ☐ HEADACHES
- ☐ MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES

TREATMENT

1. Get lots of rest.
2. Drink plenty of fluids.
3. Take over-the-counter (OTC) medicines to help ease your symptoms.*

*Antibiotics will NOT help you recover from a cold.



Make an appointment with a medical provider. There are drugs your doctor may prescribe for treating the flu called “antivirals.”

From Nurse Annie



TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

HERE'S HOW
TO TELL



University Hospitals

Rainbow
Babies & Children's



STAY HOME IF ...

Your child feels too sick for regular activities

Yellow or green pus appears

The temperature on an oral thermometer reads 100° F or higher (100.4° F for an ear, rectal or forehead temp)

You suspect flu – it spreads rapidly

Redness and itchiness affect all or most of your child's body

Your doctor suspects or diagnoses strep throat

Your child is vomiting or has uncontrollable diarrhea

SYMPTOM

← COUGH AND OTHER COLD SYMPTOMS →

← EYE DISCHARGE →



← FEVER →



← FLU →



← RASH →

← SORE THROAT →



← STOMACHACHE →



GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER ...

Fever decreases and your child feels better

The amount of pus decreases; after using antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours

Body temperature reaches normal (98.6° F)

Fever has been gone for 24 hours

The rash is gone – or the doctor gives the OK

24 hours have passed since beginning antibiotics

Vomiting stops and your child has control of bathroom breaks

If your child's symptoms are persistent or severe, seek an evaluation by a health care provider. Learn more at Rainbow.org/AskRainbow.

Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fine Art with Mrs. Maker



Wednesdays 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 12/18

2:30-3:30 in the Art Room

Grades 2-4

\$55

Limited to 10 Students

(Students will be picked up at the back cafeteria doors following class)

With degrees in Fine Arts/Painting and Elementary Art and Elementary Education, Mrs. Maker will teach the students the proper techniques in acrylic painting on canvas by:

- Using quality materials.
- Building a palette.
- Practicing basic color theory and design.
- Creating depth using gradation of color.
- Setting up a painting with a background, midground and foreground.

At the end of four weeks of exciting art education, your child will take home his/her beautiful holiday seascape acrylic painting in time for the holidays!

Please make checks payable to Friends of SPXS.

Fine Art Class

Name: _____ Grade: _____

KID FIT!

Grades K-3 starting Monday November 18th



Students will learn body awareness and proper form for popular exercises for athletics as well as everyday movements. The movement will be incorporated in games, relay races and fun activities.

****Students should wear sneakers and clothing they can move and run in and bring water bottle****

Mondays, November 18th to December 16th

2:30-3:30 in the SPXS Gym

\$55/student

Limited to 16 Students

Make check payable to Friends of SPXS

Name: _____ Grade: _____



A FUNDRAISER EVENT TO THE BENEFIT
THE CLASS OF 2020

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

PK – GRADE 4

2:15PM – 3:15PM IN THE LIBRARY.

Crafts with the grade 8 students and their parents.



\$10 per student



PICK UP AT THE BACK CAFETERIA DOORS.

Student name: _____

Grade: _____



We are very grateful for your support!!

Dress Down on November 22nd to support **Create the Good DY Schools** \$2 donation

Founded in 2010, Create the Good DY Schools has been providing less fortunate families within the DY School District with complete holiday meals for the Thanksgiving holiday. From turkey to pie and everything in between, Create the Good is helping to create memories for families who most likely would not be able to do so without our support.

In 2018, partly due to SPXS support, Create the Good DY Schools was able to feed 110 families in the DY district.

Dress down on Friday November 22nd and help us meet this years goal!

To find out more information about our organization, and the other ways we help throughout the year, please visit us on Facebook at Create the Good DY Schools. You can also email us at

createthegood@yahoo.com

Thank you so much for your generosity this holiday season! These children and families are so grateful for our support.





FRIENDS OF SPXS MEETING

Friday, November 22nd at 8:00 AM

(SPXS cafeteria)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

- *Calendar Sales!*
- *Event Planning*
 - *Christmas Parties (12/13)**
 - *Catholic Schools Week (1/27-1/31)*
 - *Gala and Auction (5/17)*
- *Enrichment offerings – planning for next session*
- *Grant Researching*
- *Box Tops*
- *Ideas, Suggestions, Feedback!*

***There will be a CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE meeting right after this (short) Friends meeting.**



Would you like to pick your own Dress Down Day?

The 5th Grade has a special offer for you!

For a limited time, you can purchase a

No Uniform Today Card

Cost: \$3.00

**Parents, N.U.T. Cards make great
stocking stuffers too!**

Limit: 1 N.U.T. Card per Student

Proceeds go to the 5th Grade NEED Academy Trip

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If you would like to purchase a **No Uniform Today (N.U.T.) Card**, please return this completed form with your \$3.00 payment. Make checks payable to: SPXS

☐ Yes! I would like to purchase 1(one) N.U.T. Card

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____





December Parish Brunch

Join us at the December Parish Brunch on Sunday, December 1st! Families with children in **Grades 3 and 7** are hosting this month, however help from other grades is always encouraged.

Thanks to the generosity of the St. Pius X Church Parish, the proceeds from EVERY month's brunch go directly to SPXS. We, as a school community, are responsible for hosting these brunches, so every SPXS family is expected to help out at least once each school year. There are volunteer time slots available on Saturday afternoon and throughout the morning on Sunday.

Working a brunch is a fun experience for the whole family! It's also a wonderful way to teach our students to give back and for us all to show our gratitude for the ever-present support of the St. Pius X Church Parish. We hope to see you there! Click the link below to sign-up for a time slot.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AEAE29A6FB6-december5>

CRUSADER FUN NIGHT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

STUDENTS' NIGHT OUT - PARENTS' NIGHT OFF

FOR SPXS LOWER/MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY

PreK - Grade 4

- North Pole Game Room
- Santa's Workshop: Holiday Crafts
- Ho-Ho-Holiday Movies
- Legos in the Library
- Reindeer Games in the Gym
- Dinner @ the Kris Kringle Café - salad, pizza, and a beverage are included in the price of admission :)
- DINNER and A MOVIE - for MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ONLY

Supervised by SPXS Staff

5:30-8:30pm

\$25/child - \$50/family of 3 or more

****Pick Two/\$1: Snacks & Bottled Water- available for purchase****

_____ Yes, we would like our child(ren) to attend the Crusader Fun Night

Name: _____ Gr. _____

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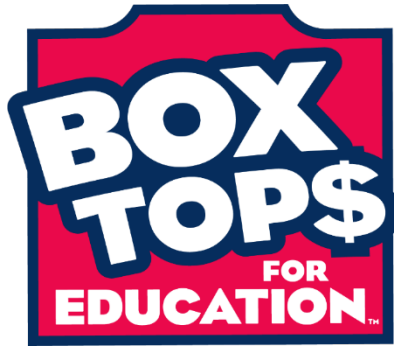
**Newly designed SPXS Spirit Wear is here!
Just in time for your Christmas shopping!**

Orders need to be placed by 11/24.

<https://www.kscopestore.com/spxs/shop/home>

*There are different styles, colors, & sizes (youth & adult).
Show your SPXS Pride!*





A NEW WAY TO TRACK BOX TOPS PARTICIPATION!

Now when families use the Box Tops app to scan their store receipt, they can "Give Credit" to an individual, classroom or grade level. To

"Give Credit" make sure you have the latest version of the Box Tops app, scan your receipt then tap the star icon to enter your "Give credit" memo. Box Tops Coordinators: You can download the earnings report on the Box Tops website. Simply log in as a Coordinator, click "School Earnings" and you'll see it below school activity.

Please Enter Child's Name & Grade or MS House.



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The latest news & information from Box Tops for Education

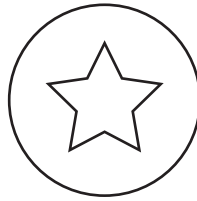
WINTER 2019

THANKS FOR SENDING IN YOUR BOX TOPS CLIPS!

Earnings checks will be sent out to schools in mid-December.

GIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR BOX TOPS RECEIPT SCANS

Want to let your school's Coordinator know how much you've earned with the Box Tops mobile app? Each time you scan a receipt, you can click on "Give Credit" if you want to tag your earnings for a specific individual, classroom or grade level.



IS YOUR BOX TOPS APP UP TO DATE?

Don't miss out on any earnings! Box Tops updates the app weekly to fix bugs and add top-requested features.

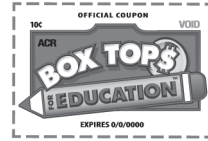


EASY WAYS TO EARN BOX TOPS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

- Keep holiday guests satisfied with Chex Mix™ & Nature Valley™ snacks
- Make baking easy with Annie's® baking mixes
- Paper Mate® Pens make great stocking stuffers!

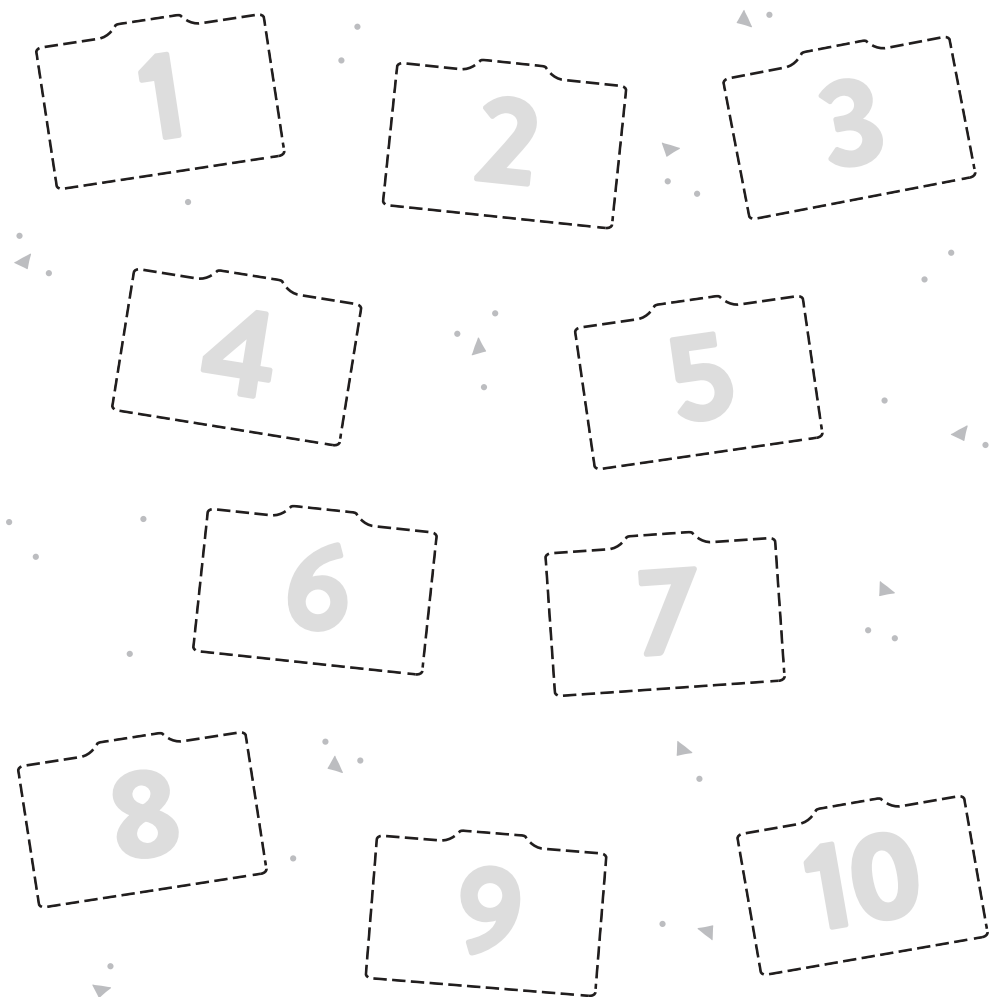
SEE A FULL LIST OF BOX TOPS PRODUCTS AT BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS

Remember, if you see the new Box Tops label on packages, use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt. **There's no need to clip Box Tops labels or send them to school!**



YOU CAN STILL SEND IN TRADITIONAL CLIPS

If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for our school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.





BUZZ



Las noticias e información más recientes de Box Tops for Education

INVIERNO DE 2019

¡GRACIAS POR ENVIAR SUS CUPONES DE BOX TOPS!

Los cheques de los ingresos se enviarán a las escuelas a mediados de diciembre.

DAR CRÉDITO POR LOS RECIBOS ESCANEADOS DE BOX TOPS

¿Desea que el coordinador de su escuela sepa cuánto ha ganado con la aplicación móvil de Box Tops? Cada vez que escanea un recibo, puede hacer clic en "Give credit" si desea etiquetar sus ingresos para una persona, un aula o un grado específicos.



¿SU APLICACIÓN DE BOX TOPS ESTÁ ACTUALIZADA?

¡No se pierda ningún ingreso! Box Tops actualiza la aplicación semanalmente para corregir errores y agregar las funciones más solicitadas.

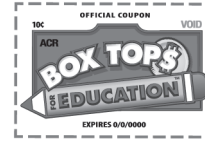


MÉTODOS SENCILLOS PARA GANAR BOX TOPS DURANTE LAS VACACIONES:

- Satisfaga a sus invitados durante las vacaciones con los bocadillos Chex Mix™ y Nature Valley™
- Facilite el horneado con las mezclas para hornear de Annie's®
- ¡Los bolígrafos Paper Mate® son excelentes para regalar en los calcetines navideños!

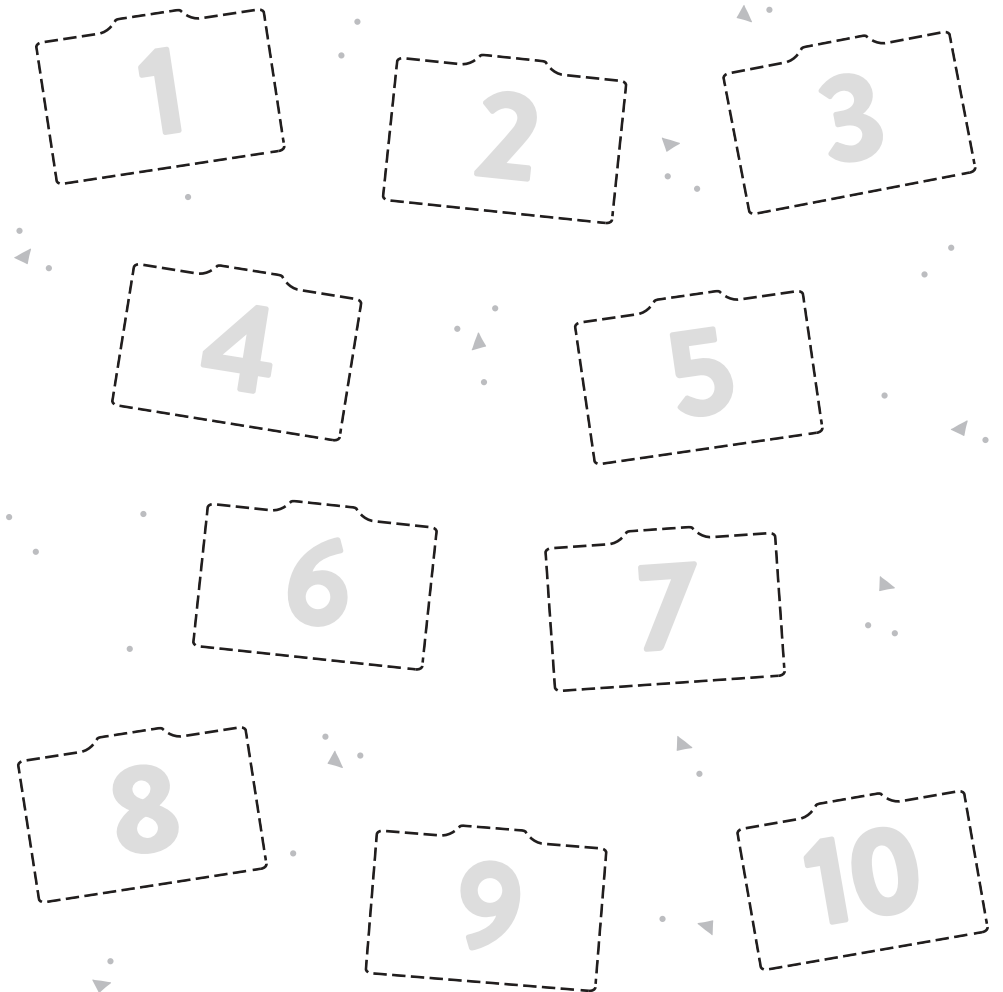
CONSULTE LA LISTA COMPLETA DE PRODUCTOS BOX TOPS EN BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS

Recuerde: si ve la nueva etiqueta de Box Tops en los paquetes, utilice la aplicación de Box Tops para escanear su recibo. **No es necesario recortar las etiquetas de Box Tops ni enviarlas a la escuela.**



PUEDA SEGUIR ENVIANDO LOS CUPONES TRADICIONALES

Si su paquete tiene un cupón tradicional de Box Tops, córtelo y adjúntelo a continuación. Cada cupón vale 10 centavos para nuestra escuela. Asegúrese de que cada cupón tenga una fecha de vencimiento válida.



The 14th Annual Holiday Cookie Stroll in Historic Bass River

South Yarmouth Library Open House and
Celebration to honor Carol Ann and Bob Morris



Saturday, December 14, 2019
10:00 to 3:00
(Rain or Shine)

Featuring 14 Bass River sites, festive cookies, holiday stroll book
Mini-bus transport available

Tickets on sale starting Monday, November 25

Tickets \$20 by cash, check or credit card
at the South Yarmouth Library

Tickets also available at Bass River Shoe Repair, Adrene Jewelers,
Platinum Auto Service, and Bass River Mercantile, (Cash or check only.)

Credit card sales at (508) 760-4820 X 1318

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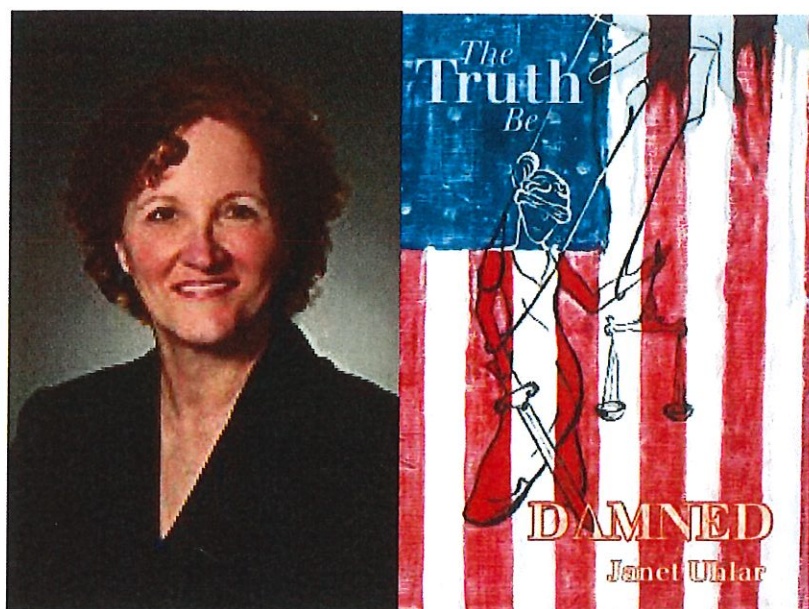
Buy tickets early! We sell out!

www.yarmouthlibraries.org

South Yarmouth Library Association presents...

Janet Uhlar

Author of *The Truth Be Damned*



A novel based on
the author's
experience
as a juror in the
2013 Whitey Bulger
trial.

Sunday, November 17, at 2:00 p.m.

South Yarmouth Library

312 Old Main Street

Free admission. Reservations greatly encouraged.

Please call the Library at 508-760-4820 or sign up on line at
www.yarmouthlibraries.org.