



Purple & Gold Rush



February 1, 2010

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****Articles are due on Thursdays at noon****



School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, February 3rd
at 8:30 am.
All are welcome!

* The 2nd Grade classes are planning mass.

February Gospel Value:

PATIENCE

The ability to accept and remain calm in difficult situations.

*"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart."
—Ps 27:14*



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

We were privileged to hear a homily given by David Proctor, our seminarian, last Wednesday at Mass. He told the story of St. Meinrad to the students. What was St. Meinrad (the German Saint, not the seminary) known for? What did he do for the criminals even though he knew what they were going to do? How should we also "be open" to what God wants us to do? What is the word from Hebrew that means "Be open"?

Dates to Remember

Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010

2/1-5 Catholic School Week

2/1 Hobby Show - all day in Ross Hall

2/4 Math Mania

2/5 Winter Carnival/Middle Schl Dance

2/5 PTO Middle School Party

6:00 pm in Ross Hall

2/8 NO School - Day after Super Bowl

2/11 PTO Meeting

2/11 NO Teacher Thursday

2/11 Full Day of School

2/12 Presidents' Day Break - No School

2/12 PTO Bowling Party

2/15 Presidents' Day Break - No School

(Snow Make-up Day)

2/17 Ash Wednesday

2/17 Soup & Bread Dinner

6-7 pm in Ross Hall

2/19 Stations of the Cross

2:15 pm in Church

Send articles to stenson@lei.org

PRINCIPALS' CORNER

* **Parent-Tween Night:** A huge thank you to Steve Kelly, a St. Pius X School parent, and Diana Rauschhaupt, a St. Pius X parishioner, who spoke to families and their children last Monday evening. Mr. Kelly highlighted information about internet usage that all parents need to know in order to monitor the safety of their children when using this tool for communication. Mrs. Rauschhaupt informed us of a new program designed to help teens forge healthy relationships that will be initiated with our 7th Grade students.

Several extremely important points were made. **First, information and photos sent electronically by cell phone or internet are public forever.** They can always be retrieved by someone with technical knowledge. **Second, never send anything by cell phone or internet that you would not want your grandmother, school principal, college admissions officer, or future employer to discover.** Many colleges and businesses are now routinely checking sites such as *Facebook* to see what kinds of things their applicants have posted or said. **Third, children should not have an expectation of privacy in the home.** Parents have a right and an obligation to know what their children are involved with in order to protect them. These are all vital points to consider!

* **Catholic Schools Week:** This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The theme is *Catholic Schools-Dividends for Life*. All of our students have been asked to think about how our Catholic school will provide them with dividends in the future. We look forward to hearing their thoughts on what they think their Catholic Education will mean to them in the years to come. St. Pius X School is very proud of our legacy of providing our students with a top-notch education and a love of their faith. We look forward to continuing this wonderful ministry for youngsters well into the future.

* **Children's Collection:** Since we have recently had several collections to support relief efforts in Haiti, there will be no Children's Collection at school next week. We will resume our children's collection for the parish on March 3rd, the first Wednesday in March.

* **School Registration:** If you have not yet sent in your school registration information and deposit which was attached to last week's Purple & Gold Newsletter, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, no *Facts* payment was collected during January to a facilitate this registration payment. We appreciate your help with this so that we can begin the planning processes for the 2010-2011 school year.

Remember to continue to pray for each other, —Bill and Theresa

Please Return the School Tuition Form and Deposit

You should have received the 2010/2011 school registration information which includes a request for a \$200 per child deposit. Please return the form noting your payment preference along with your total deposit by **TODAY, February 1st**. If you did not receive the form, please contact Sharon Wagner in the parish office ASAP!

REMINDER: Please remember that in order to register for the next school year at St. Pius X and Bishop Chatard and receive the "active parishioner" tuition rate, each family **MUST** have a stewardship card on file in the parish office. We still have many school families who have not returned stewardship cards.

North Deanery Spell Bowl Team

Congratulations to the North Deanery Spell Bowl Team which will represent St. Pius X on February 4th at Bishop Chatard HS. Jordan Sacks, Rebecca Doyle, Wesley Morone, Nicholas Huntine, and Kate Nickerson will compete against other North Deanery teams beginning at 6:30 PM. We invite you to come and enjoy this competition!

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

You will find the **March** lunch menus in the take home folder today!

Don't brown bag it all month

Lunch Orders are due Wed, February 17th!

If you are able to be on a sub list for lunch please, contact Robin Hensley.

Volunteers Needed for Hamburger Lunch:

The Hamburger Lunch Crew is still looking for help on the 4th Tuesday. If you can help, please contact Ellen Farrell (efarrell4311@comcast.net).

SPXtras for 2nd Semester

Contact: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

For questions, please contact Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella.

Etiquette

Gr: 4th-6th

Day: Thursdays 3:15-4:30 pm

Jan 28 - Mar 4 (5 weeks)

(1/28, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25 & 3/4)

Location: Ross Hall

Cooking and Beyond: Session I

Gr: 1st-2nd

Day: Monday, Feb 1 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb 3 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Location: Ross Hall

Zumba

Gr: K-3rd

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Feb 2 - Mar 16 (6 weeks)

(2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/4 & 3/16)

No class on 3/9 Science Fair)

Location: Ross Hall

Yoga: Session I

Gr: 4th-8th

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:30 pm

Feb 3 - Mar 3 (4 weeks)

(2/3, 2/10, 2/24 & 3/3)

No class on 2/17 Ash Wednesday)

Location: Ross Hall

Scrabble

Gr: 2nd and up

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Feb 3 - Mar 10 (5 weeks)

(2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3 & 3/10)

No class - Feb 17 Ash Wednesday)

Location: Ross Hall

Honor Roll

We apologize for excluding three students from the Honor Roll List that went home in Monday's take home envelope. They are High Honors - Kyle Doyle and Kari Hayes, and Honorable Mention - Allie DeValeria. We regret the error.

No School on Monday, February 8th!

Teacher Thursday on February 11th is Cancelled!

February 11th will be a full day of school. Since the Archbishop is giving us the day off after the Super Bowl and we have Friday Feb 12th off already, the teachers will NOT have Teacher Thursday on February 11th.

Bowling Party on February 12th

Join your friends at Woodland Bowl on Friday, February 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Your \$6.00 fee includes shoes and bowling as many games as you like in 2 hours. Complete the sign-up sheet and return it to the school office by February 9th. Please call or email Chrissy Didat (259-0118) if you have questions.

SPX Panther Yearbook

Team/School Club Photos: If you have a photo of your child's sport team or school club for the yearbook, please forward it by **Friday, February 5th** to Erin Dorsey (Erindorsey@comcast.net)! We hope to get most of the sport team photos with the kids in their sport uniforms. Please identify the students in the photo that you send. You may email as a jpeg or send a hard copy through mail.

Any questions, contact Erin Dorsey (Erindorsey@comcast.net).

Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread Dinner

SPX will again host a Soup and Bread dinner on Ash Wednesday, Feb 17th from 7-8 pm in Ross Hall. All Confirmation candidates are invited to help with this service project serving and cleaning tables. If you can provide soup and bread, please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) by Friday, February 12th. She will provide the soup recipes to follow. Angie will be happy to answer any of your questions.

Scrip Information

Get that car washed and help SPX! Get ready for the salt and grim of the winter and buy your Mike's Car Wash Scrip cards! If each of the 270 families bought TWO \$8 scrip cards each month until the end of school (that is just \$16 per month), SPX would profit over **\$1,300!** Can you imagine all of the great things the PTO and Parish Tuition Assistance could do with that money? You get your car washed anyway, why not let it help the school, too?

Looking for a way to get involved at school?! We are looking for two people to run the Scrip to Go (STG) program starting this Spring. It is a great way to meet other parents at the school and help out with a great fundraiser for the school. STG sales take place every Friday morning. Please contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn if you are interested.

5th Grade Snack Day

Please help the 5th graders raise funds to help feed the hungry in Indianapolis. On **Tuesday, February 9th**, they will be selling Healthy Snacks for \$.50 from 7:30-8:00 am in the front lobby.

Don't forget to support Scrip this week! Scrip to Go on Friday mornings!

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SPX Winter Carnival is THIS Friday!

PreSchool - 5th Graders get ready for a circus themed night under the SPX Big Top! Grab some food at the Snack Shack, play lots of games, try your luck at Bingo, take a turn around the Cake Walk, win lots of prizes and much, much more. We've got a whole new set up and lots of surprises in store so don't miss this year's Greatest Show on Earth!

**What a perfect end to Catholic Schools Week!
Friday, February 5 from 6 - 9pm at the school**

It's not too late to order presale tickets to get the discounted prices! A presale ticket order form is coming home today in the take home folders. Please get these returned by **tomorrow, Tuesday, February 2**. Please note that all tickets will be available at will call the night of the carnival. None will be sent home. This means no forgetting them on the way out the door or leaving them in a backpack! Just show up for a fun night and they will be there waiting for you!

We will need all SPX families with K - 5th graders to donate a 2 liter bottle of soda and a \$5 prize (for Bingo games and pre-event activities.) There is a box in the lobby to collect your donations. We will also need cakes, cookies, and goodies for the cake walk which can be brought in the last few days before the carnival. If you plan to donate an item for the cakewalk, please email Erin Dorsey (erindorsey@comscast.net) ahead of time to let her know. Thanks for your help in making this a great night for the kids and for your generosity!

For questions or if you would like to help with this event, please contact Marcella Burnell (marcellaburnell@sbcglobal.net), Amy Clark (clarkspark6@mac.com), or Dawn Koers (dawnkoers@att.net).

Volunteers:

Haven't signed up yet to volunteer? There is still time! Please contact Marcella Burnell (marcellaburnell@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to help! We are also looking for high school volunteers. If you have a high school student at home that would like to come back and help out their alma mater have them contact Marcella Burnell as well. All shifts will be 1 hour.

Winter Carnival Family Checklist:

- Bring in a 2 Liter bottle of soda and place in donation box in lobby
- Bring in a \$5 bingo prize and place in donation box in lobby
- Contact Erin Dorsey if you can donate an item for the cake walk
- Send in ticket order form and payment **tomorrow**
- Contact Marcella Burnell if you or your high school student can volunteer

Spiritwear: New yellow shirts for adults and youth will be sold at the Snack Shack for \$15! Check it out!

SPX Soccer Callout

The SPX Soccer season starts soon! If your student (grades 4th-8th) is interested in playing spring soccer, the sign-up deadline is **Friday, February 19th**. Please go to <http://spxcatholicsschool.org/Athletics/Athletics.asp> and follow the soccer link to the left for spring soccer information and sign-up forms. In addition to submitting a completed SPX sign-up form, you will need to ensure your child is registered on the CYO website. If your child is already registered from a previous sport for the year, you do not need to register him/her again. To register, go to www.cyoarchindy.com, and choose "Register Child." **We are always looking for coaches and managers to help.** Any questions, please contact Phil Bastnagel (pmbast@comcast.net). (Spring soccer information and sign up forms can also be found in the SPX school computer room.)

Dismissal Lines

If you are going to be parking in the school lot after 2:30 pm, please park in the church lot. Cars parked in the school lot that follow the parking lines (facing North/South) create difficulties when cars are preparing for first pick-up. If you will return to your car for first pick-up and it is after 2:30 pm, please turn your vehicles around facing East/West so the first pick-up can park correctly. Please understand if a visitor is at our school and is not aware of the difficulty this presents.

Middle School Dance

Good Friends—Good Music—Good Fun

Hey, all 6th-8th grades... Join your friends and come to the Jr. High Dance on Friday, February 5th from 6:00-9:00 pm in the SPX gym! The \$5 ticket includes 2 pizza slices, drinks, dessert, games, and music! Pre-sale tickets will be sold during lunch on Tue, Feb-2nd!

Box Tops for Education

Don't forget to turn in your Box Tops for Education labels! When you send in the labels, please send them to the school office in an envelope or baggie!

SPX Athletics

Sports Evaluation Forms

Parents, As the winter sports wrap up, please be sure to send in an SPX Athletics Sports Evaluation Form to Athletics Director John Ernst. We want your feedback on how we are doing! Simply do the following:

Go to www.spxcatholicsschool.org

- Click on "Athletics" all the way to the right on the grey strip
 - Click on the link to "SPX Athletics Evaluations"
 - Fill out the form and please note the year in the top right hand corner
- You can send them to the AD in the mail or drop them off at the School Office signed or unsigned. Thank you!

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"Act Out" Program

In honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, Act Out, a local professional theatre troupe, will be presenting "There's No Excuse for Dating Abuse" on **Tuesday, February 9th at 7pm at Westlane Middle School. Admission is FREE!** This performance is being sponsored by Start Strong Indianapolis, a local program committed to educating teens about healthy relationships and the prevention of teen dating violence and abuse.

This will fit with the new 7th gr program on Building Healthy Relationships that Diana Rauschaupt from Ruth Lilly Health & Education Center mentioned at the technology presentation on Jan 25.

New Date for Trivia Night!

Save **Saturday April 10** for the PTO event of Olympic Proportions, Games of the IV Triviad. It will begin with team registration at 6:00 pm and games beginning at 6:30 pm in the school gym. We apologize for the rescheduling confusion; this is the final date, please mark your calendars and call your babysitters early! If you have never attended a Trivia Night, try this one out or join the volunteer team. If your form is already turned in with payment, we will reserve your spot and team name. More team forms will be out in late February and in the bulletin. If you require a refund, please request one. Please contact Amy Beausir (akbeausir@comcast.net).

8th Grade Video

Attention SPX Teachers & 8th Grade Families: HELP! HELP! HELP! We need your help gathering photos for the 8th grade graduation video. Please collect photos of our current 8th graders through their years at St. Pius X. Please submit actual photos to Melanie Hoffmire in the school office. Electronic photos may be submitted to Alice Hannon (alicehannon1@aol.com). Please write your name on the back of your photos so they can be returned!

Photos are due by March 2010. For questions, please call Alice Hannon.

It's up to all of us as parents to make this a special keepsake for our soon-to-be graduates! Your children will appreciate your efforts when they view the video. Thanks for your help!

Keep taking lots of pictures of your children during their 8th grade activities this year!

Lots of things happen this Spring!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 7-11 but the planning begins now! Co-directors and other volunteers are needed for this fun and exciting children's ministry. Call the Shalom office at 257-1085 to volunteer.

Electronic Contributions

Attached to this week's P&G, you will find an electronic contribution form. What better way to make sure your contribution is made each month. No more need to write a check. If you feel funny about not dropping an envelope in the collection basket, just check the "I give electronically" box on the contribution envelope and toss it in. This helps you meet your pledge, and lessens the load on the collection counters each Sunday. Please consider this option. Just fill out the form and return to the parish office to the attention of Matthew Walton.

Bingo Madness—Save the Date

You won't want to miss Bingo Madness on **Saturday, March 6th** at the Knights of Columbus! Doors open at 6:00 pm-games begin at 6:30 pm.

A delicious pasta dinner will be catered by Jug's Catering.

Tickets are \$30 - stay tuned for details! It promises to be a night of fun, games and overall madness to benefit SPX Athletics!

Youth Ministry!

SPX Youth Mass - The next SPX Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 14th at 5:00 pm. Please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) if you would like to participate in Mass.

Jr High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher) - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Wed, February 10th at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

SPX Youth Service Projects for Service Hours:

* **SPX Winter Carnival:** High School teens needed to help work 1 hour shifts for the SPX Winter Carnival on Friday, February 5th. Please contact Marsella Burnell (marcellaburnell@sbcglobal.net) if you can help.

* **Valentine's Day Gift Bags:** Youth will meet on February 14th from 1:30-5:00 pm to prepare and present gift bags to the elderly. Please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) for more information.

* **Soup & Bread Dinner:** SPX will host the Annual Soup and Bread Dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Help with set-up, serving and clean up is needed. Please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) for more information.

* **Cathedral Soup Kitchen:** Please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) for dates and more information.

Parish Shopping Days at Village Dove

February brings the Parish Shopping Days Event to the Dove. Each time you shop at the Village Dove and mention your Parish, your religious ed program will receive a donation of 10% of the net sale. This program runs through the month of February with donations being sent in early March after we have tallied the sales. We try to keep a selection of everyday and special religious items at all times, BUT if you require a specific item or book and give us about a week for shipping, we can assure your needs are met. Just give us a call at 1-317-845-5487 or email us at thevillagedove@aol.com. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.