



Purple & Gold Rush

April 5, 2010

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

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, April 7th
at 8:30 am
All are welcome!

* Mrs. Hansen's class is planning mass.

* Children's Collection at school mass.

April Gospel Value:

FOCUS

Concentrating on things with a goal in mind.

"And whatever you do, do it with gladness as if you were doing it for the Lord!"

—Colossians 3:23



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

The 5th Grade did a recreation of the Last Supper at Mass on Wednesday. They told us of Jesus washing the feet of His apostles and explained that He told the apostles to go and do the same thing for others. At the Holy Thursday Liturgy, parish leaders wash the hands of parishioners as a symbol of this. Father Jerry spoke about being a "servant leader" during his homily. What is a servant leader? Why is it important to be a servant leader for others? How can every-one, adult or child, demonstrate servant leadership?

Dates to Remember

Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010

4/8 Full day of school

4/8 Bishop Chatard HS Service Day

4/8 PTO Meeting

4/9 Teacher Friday

1:00/1:15 pm dismissal

4/9 8th Grade Walk-a-thon

4/10 SPX Trivia Night

6:00 pm in school gym

4/17 PTO 7th Grade Dads' Dinner

Following 5 pm Mass, Ross Hall

4/20 School registration packets due

4/23 Grandparents' Day - 1st Grade

4/23 SPX Annual Art Show

7:00 pm in School

Send articles to stenson@lei.org

PRINCIPALS' CORNER

We hope that everyone had a Happy Easter and a joyous day with your families. Easter is such a hope-full time. We have the hope of spring, hope of warmer weather, hope for a winning season this year (this is for all Cubs Fans). Most of all we have the hope of everlasting life in heaven because Jesus loved us so much that He was willing to die for us. His resurrection gives us the hope of happiness forever in heaven.

We would like to highlight some important dates for the remainder of the school year.

April 7th Children's Collection during 8:30 am Mass

April 8th Bishop Chatard Service Day at SPX

April 9th Teacher Friday 1:00 & 1:15 pm Dismissal; 8th Grade Walk-a-thon 1:15 pm

April 10th Trivia Night 6:00 pm Ross Hall & Gym

April 17th 7th Grade Dad's Dinner 6:00 pm Ross Hall

April 20th Registration Packets due back at school; 8th Grade class trip begins

April 23rd Grandparents Day 1st Grade 1:00 pm; Art Show 7:00 pm

April 26th ISTEP Testing, Multiple Choice Questions various days

April 28th SPX Class of 2006 Reunion 8:30 am at Mass

April 28th Kindergarten Spring Sing 1:00 pm Ross Hall

May 2nd First Communion 2nd Grade 1:30 pm

May 5th Ronald McDonald visits to celebrate "One Million Pop Tabs"

May 7th 8th Grade Mothers Mass 8:30 am

May 11th New Family Mentor Night 6:30 pm Ross Hall

May 14th Spirit Day

May 26th 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm

May 27th Field Day

May 28th Last day of school Dismissal 1:00 & 1:15 pm

Looks like a very busy time between now and year's end!

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

SPX Registration Forms

You should have received your Registration Packets for 2010-2011 on March 17th before Spring Break. After checking your youngest child's backpack, please contact the school office immediately if you have not received your copies.

Forms must be returned by Tuesday, April 20th.

Coin Challenge for Portillo

Next Wednesday we will begin the coin challenge to help students and teachers in Portillo, El Salvador. After Mass, Fr. Rob and others will share a bit about the project. More details will be included in next week's newsletter. Save those pennies and coins (and dollars!)

Attention 8th Graders & Parents

There will be an information meeting regarding the Washington D.C. trip. It will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 6th in Ross Hall. All 8th graders and at least one parent must attend.

Full Day of School on Thursday, April 8th

Teacher FRIDAY on April 9th with 1:00/1:15 pm dismissal

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

You should find the May menu in today's take home folder. Please enter your order and return the receipt along with payment by **Tuesday, April 20th**.

PTO Meeting in April

PTO MEETING

Thursday, April 8th begins at 9:00 am
Church Conference Rooms

Refreshments are provided and children are welcome.

Any questions, please contact Heather Douglas.

SPECIAL INFORMATION NOTICE:

Included in your take home folder today, you will find a special letter that shares new information about one of our PTO programs. Please take the time to read this letter so you are familiar with any changes. You may also come to this Thursday's PTO meeting to further discuss and have your questions answered. Thanks for all your support!

SPXtras for 2nd Semester

Contacts: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

Drawing & Cartooning by Richard Morris

Gr: All Grades

Day: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:45 pm
Mar 16 - Apr 20 (5 weeks)
(3/16, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 & 4/20
-No class 3/23-Spring Break)

Location: Ross Hall

Cooking and Beyond: Session IV

Gr: 5th-6th

Day: Monday, Apr 5 at 3:15-4:30 pm
Wednesday, Apr 7 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Location: Ross Hall

Yoga: Session II

Gr: K-3rd

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:30 pm
Apr 7 - Apr 28 (4 weeks)
(4/7, 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28)

Location: Ross Hall

Cooking and Beyond: Session V

Gr: Kindergarten

Day: Monday, Apr 26 at 3:15-4:30 pm
Wednesday, Apr 28 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Location: Ross Hall

Children's Collection Envelopes

We will be collecting children's envelopes during school mass this **Wednesday, April 7th**.

Students are invited to participate by placing a small donation inside the envelope. We also ask each class to write a class prayer and individual students to list a "good deed" on the outside of the envelope. The prayers and good deeds are shared as part of our morning announcements. These children's envelopes are designed to give students an opportunity to support the parish.

7th Grade Dinner with Dad

Attention 7th graders and Dad's. You should have received an invitation to the 7th grade Dad's Dinner. It will be on Saturday, April 17th with Mass at 5:00 pm and dinner to follow. Join other 7th graders and their Dad's for a night of fun, food and friends. If you have questions, you can call Sally Ferguson.

PTO Chairperson

Chairpersons needed for 2010-11:

- ❖ Everybody Counts co-chairperson
- ❖ Winter Carnival co-chairpersons
- ❖ Hobby Show chairpersons
- ❖ Staff Appreciation Lunch co-chairperson
- ❖ SCRIP-TO-GO chairpersons
- ❖ School Lunch Crew Chiefs
- ❖ School Lunch co-chairperson (specifically, for ordering food from GFS)
- ❖ PTO Executive Committee (always positions rotating)

Other events will need chairpersons in 2011-12. For instance, SCRIP, SPX-tras, New Family Mentor co-chair, Room Parent coordinator, School Lunch Crew Chiefs.

If you're interested in being a chairperson for a PTO event, or serving in a position on the PTO Executive Committee (even in a year or two), please contact Cathy Nickerson, 2010-11 PTO President (canickerson@sbcglobal.net).

Scrip Information

It is time for Spring Projects! : Time to dig out the rakes, lawn mowers, ladders and paint brushes. Stock up through Scrip with **Sullivan's Hardware**, **Lowe's** or **Home Depot** gift cards for all of your spring projects—inside or out! You can also get your air conditioner ready for those hot days ahead by purchasing an annual service with **Thiele Heating/Air Conditioning**.

Mother's Day gift ideas at Scrip: Mother's Day is May 9th! There are many gift ideas to choose from through Scrip online. The following are a few suggestions for Mom or Grandma:

- * Ulta Salon
 - * Gap/Banana Republic, Kohls, or J.Crew
 - * Bath and Body/White Barn
 - * Kay Jewelers
 - * Dick's Sporting Goods
 - * SpaFinder (certificates are good at over 5000 spas nationwide)
- Dads! - make it a "date night" with dinner at the Cheesecake Factory or Ruth's Chris, and a movie at AMC or Regal Cinemas, or a getaway at a Marriott or Hyatt hotel for a night!

Monthly Raffle: Purchase Scrip in April and be entered into the raffle to win a \$25 School Belles gift certificate!

Congratulations to Angie Casey!

She won a \$20 Puccini's gift certificate in the March Scrip raffle!

Please contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn if you have any questions about the Scrip program.

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RAP - Recycling at Pius

Please bring in your printer cartridges, old cell phones, and used digital cameras to the Recycle box by the computer lab for the Recycle Mania Contest. We still have until April 26th to participate in the contest to win \$750 for our computer lab if we turn in the most cell phones AND an Out-of-Uniform Day if we raise \$1,300! Let's get busy these last few weeks!

Register Now for the Olympic Trivia!

Saturday, April 10, at 6 pm in the gym, St. Pius X presents "Games of the IV Triviad". Don't miss out on this favorite social and PTO fundraiser. \$20 includes one pizza per table, adult beverages, soft drinks and your chance to BRING HOME THE GOLD, along with many other fun prizes and team recognition. New speed categories, categories for "non-trivia" people, guest MCs and Olympic spirit throughout.

Many teams have begun their training, planned uniforms and team spirit items, not to mention snacks and appetizers that may not be considered standard athletic fare. The committee welcomes some of the teams already registered: Ireland, Chile, El Salvador, Ceylon, Canadian Club with 2 White Russians, and the newly formed country of veteran players Kingdridgeprattwolfistan!?

If you have any questions, please contact Amy or Kevin Beausir (akbeausir@comcast.net).

SPX Dinner Club

Join us for the final 2009-10 Dinner Club & Help Kick Off the 2010-11 Group...

When: Saturday April 17th at 7:00 pm

Where: Hurley Home (10849 Wilmington Drive, Carmel, IN 46033)

Details: Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. BYOB for other "drinks".

RSVP: Call or email Deanna Murphy (deanna@deannaandpat.com) or Anne Hurley (thehurley6@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in attending!

CYO Track & Field

All boys and girls in grades 4 - 8, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kirby Kinghorn (kkinghorn@muesingmgmt.com)

Don't forget to send in used uniform donations!

**SPIRIT DAY is Friday, April 9th!
Wear your purple & gold!**



Living Way of the Cross Thank You

Thank you to all the 7th and 8th grade students in your performance of the Living Way of the Cross. It was the perfect way for families to remember Holy Week.

Gospel of Luke-Adult Bible Study

On three Wednesdays in April (7th, 14th, and 28th) the Bible Timeline group will be studying the book of Luke. We'll begin each evening at 7pm with a 50-minute DVD lecture on Luke by Jeff Cavins, renowned Catholic Bible scholar, followed by a group discussion of the Luke readings and DVD. All adults are welcome to join us in the church conference rooms and experience the Bible Timeline Study Program. Show up at 7pm with your Bible! (We recommend skimming the first nine chapters of Luke). For questions, contact the SPX Religious Education office.

Top 10 Reasons to Join Team Lux

Join "Team Lux" on Saturday, April 17th!

10. Sat, April 17 is a "girls only" (18 yrs & up) day!
9. Riding the fun bus downtown (departing from Broad Ripple Tavern) and not dealing with the downtown parking hassles! Did I say it was FREE?
8. Invitation to our "celebration luncheon" after the race with FREE food, drinks, and chair massages & a chance to win prizes!
7. Run or walk at your own pace...with others or by yourself.
6. Exclusive, limited edition Team Lux t-shirt!
5. Prizes, Prizes and more PRIZES!
4. For a mere \$100 in donations collected - YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT and be a part of history!
3. The EXPERIENCE - of an incredible day!
2. Earn more chances to win by registering early!

And the #1 reason to join Team Lux ...

1. IT'S SO EASY TO JOIN! Go to http://race.komenindy.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=1070&team_id=34460 Be sure to have your debit/credit card ready to pay for the \$28 registration fee; you can obtain your (\$100 minimum) donations later. If you would like to learn more, please contact Donna Treece (thetreecefamil@aol.com) or Anne Godlevske (adgodlevske@comcast.net).