



Purple & Gold Rush

April 12, 2010

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



PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Remember those Entertainment books? The Mum Sale? The Car Wash? These activities took place last fall to help the 8th Graders earn some of the money for their trip to Washington, D.C. Well, it is hard to believe, but this trip will take place next week! The class will leave on Tuesday evening on two luxury buses and arrive in DC on Wednesday morning. They will immediately meet their tour guides and begin to learn about this beautiful city that is the center of our government.

The group will visit all of the memorials and monuments as well as other places of interest. Some of the favorites from past years have been the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and Mount Vernon. Of course, they enjoy seeing the White House, the Capitol, and the Supreme Court Building because they study the development of these three branches of our government in American History.

The students will also have a tour of the Holocaust Museum. This will be especially meaningful since they have spent a great deal of this year learning about the Holocaust. It is amazing how much they receive from this experience each year.

We wish them well as they begin this wonderful trip and are proud to have them represent St. Pius X School. They will return to us with many memories and stories!

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

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, April 14th
at 8:30 am
All are welcome!

* Mrs. Ringwald's class is planning mass.

April Gospel Value:

EFFORT

Being willing to work hard!

"I continue my pursuit toward the goal which is God's upward calling!"
—Philippians 3:14



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

At Mass last Wednesday, the students learned about the village of Portillo in El Salvador. The people of this village have a special place in the hearts of St. Pius X Parish. Why is this village special to St. Pius? What did Father Rob tell us he learned from his trip to Portillo? What is taking place between April 12th and April 26th for the benefit of this village?

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.

Dates to Remember

- Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010
- 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
- 4/26-30 ISTEP+ Testing (Part II)
- 4/28 SPX Class 2006 Reunion Mass
8:30 am in church
- 4/28 Kindergarten Spring Sing
1:00 pm Ross Hall
- 5/2 First Eucharist - 2nd Grade
1:30 pm in Church
- 5/4 Pick up PTO Flower Sale
- 5/4-6 DIBELS Testing
- 5/5 Ronald McDonald visit
Celebrate 1 million pop tabs
- 5/7 May Mothers' Mass
8:30 am in Church
- 5/11 New Family Mentor Night

Send articles to stenson@lei.org

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 held 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.

St. Pius X 11th Annual Art Show

St. Pius X School and Art Teacher Carol Wagner
Proudly present

"Splendor in the Halls"

The 11th annual St. Pius X Catholic School Art Show
featuring the selected works of art students from grades K-8

Join us Friday April 23rd from 7:00-9:00pm
for an elegant evening of wine and cheese, beautiful music and ambiance,
While celebrating the artistic gifts of many talented St. Pius X art students.

Due to the nature of the event and the delicateness of the display,
we ask that the evening be for adults only. No small children, please.

***Special Feature** - Mrs. Wagner will be selling some original paintings during the show, 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Coin Challenge for El Salvador.

Artwork will be on display through Tuesday, following the art show.



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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

May Lunch Orders and payments are due **Tuesday, April 20th.**

Share your Gifts and Talents

The first annual **SHARE YOUR GIFTS AND TALENTS SHOW** will be held on Tuesday, May 11th at 2:00 pm. If you are in grades 3-8 and have a talent you'd like to share, you must sign up for a time to audition. Auditions will be held after school on Tuesday, May 4th and Wednesday, May 5th. Please see Mrs. Kirch to sign up for an audition time no later than Friday, April 30th.

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!

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

Yoga: Session II

Gr: K-3rd

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:30 pm
Apr 14 - May 5 (4 weeks)
(4/14, 4/21 & 4/28 & 5/5)

DATES CHANGED—Beginning date was postponed one week

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

Pennies for Portillo - Coin Challenge

For thirteen years, students at St. Pius X have helped transform lives in Portillo, El Salvador. In 1997, students had raised about \$600 which was just enough to encourage 3 teachers in El Salvador to continue teaching young students in some chairs under a tree. Since that time, all teachers have finished high school, (they didn't have a chance to go to school during the war), and one teacher graduated from college. Now she and two other teachers teach 40 students in a three room school building. In addition, 10 high schoolers and 5 university students continue their studies with St. Pius X students' help.



Pastor, the student on the left, is currently studying agricultural engineering and was a young 8 year old boy when we began the coin challenges. He explained to Mrs. Pollack, our Spanish teacher, how important the assistance from St. Pius X has been to his life and others in the village.

We currently pay one preschool/kindergarten teacher, Milagro, \$100 a month/12 months a year, to teach while she continues her education to get her teaching degree. In addition, we have a scholarship fund for all students attending high school or college. This fund has between \$2000 and \$4000 added yearly depending on our funds and the number of students studying that year. The majority of these funds come from the coin challenge each year along with a few private donations. That's why this coin challenge is so important.

Last summer, I went to Portillo to work with the teachers and students thanks to a Lilly Teacher Creativity Grant. Carol Wagner went with me to work with the teachers and students in creating picture books in Spanish. Of course, since Mrs. Wagner accompanied me, we did an amazing painting project at the community center and jewelry making which ended up including the entire community.



Beth Reitz, Tracy Murphy, Pat Baughman, and Clara Pile joined us a few days later and helped more at the school, visited homes and enjoyed a couple community dances. We all have so many stories to share, if you are interested in hearing more about Portillo or El Salvador ask any of us.

This year our **Coin Challenge will begin on Monday, April 12 and last for two weeks.** We have a wonderful benefactor in our parish who has decided to match all money we raise so we have an added incentive this year to work hard. What better way to continue the Easter Season!
—Alice Mattingly

We did it! One Million Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

We have collected 1 million tabs! On Wednesday, May 5th, Ronald McDonald will be at St. Pius X to entertain the students with a show in the gym at 8:30 am. The grand prize winner for this last competition was Mrs. Farrell's Room—they will receive a pizza party. The winner of Jeans Day is Team Purple (Homerooms: Austin, Chriss, Doyle/Alonzo, Farrell, Hansen, Jennings, Kavanaugh, Mattingly, McNulty).

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My Good Deed Was...

Last week at the school mass, we had a Children's Collection. Here is a sampling of the good deeds from our children as written on the envelope...

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| ..I kept my Lenten promise | ..I said I was sorry to my Dad. |
| ..paying attention in Mass. | ..that I babysitted without pay. |
| ..I was nice and listened to my parents. | ..said my nightly prayers by myself. |
| ..helping put out mulch. | ..to help mommy pull weeds. |
| ..gave my eggs away. | ..helping baby Lucy learn to talk. |
| ..I put a Band Aid on my sister. | ..listening to my mom. |
| ..going to see elderly friend in nursing home. | |
| ..I played a game with my brother when I didn't want to. | |
| ..brought my friends bike home when he left it at my house. | |
| ..I hold my sisters hand in the parking lot. | |
| ..being a friend to someone when boys were pushing her. | |
| ..helping my Dad when he had a bad day when my mom was out of town. | |
| ..taking care of mom while she was sick and cleaning my house (mostly room) | |
| ..I gave my dog food and water all by myself. Mom and Dad did not tell me. | |

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!

Earth Day ToxAway Event

April 24, 2010

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics
Properly dispose of your household hazardous waste (HHW) & electronics during the City's Annual ToxAway Day!

Saturday, April 24, 2010

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Trader's Point-7550 North Lafayette Road
- Perry Township Government Center-
4925 South Shelby Street
- IMPD Training Facility-9049 East 10th St

For more information on acceptable items, please visit our [website: http://www.sustainindy.org/toxdrop.cfm](http://www.sustainindy.org/toxdrop.cfm)

Why is it important?: Properly disposing of your household hazardous waste (HHW) & electronics helps divert materials from entering the City's sewer system & waterways.

Don't forget to send in used uniform donations!

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**.

Getting ready for First Communion on May 2nd?: Did you know that School Belles carries any clothing item that you may need for this special day? Stock up on their gift certificates through Scrip to purchase veils, shoes, dresses, or other gift items!

Interested in Helping with the Scrip Program?: We are looking for two people to help with Scrip to Go! Responsibilities include coordinating the weekly Friday STG sales and monthly parish sales. Please call Stephanie Van Horn or Gretchen Capo for more information. We look forward to working with you on this great program!

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

Information on Summer Camps

- **Bishop Chatard HS** - Go to www.bishopchatard.org, choose "Athletics" then "Summer Sports" for the dates, deadlines, and costs for the sports camps available this summer. Camp forms are available online.
- **Cathedral HS** - Go to www.cathedral-irish.org, choose "On Campus" then choose "Camp Cathedral". Cathedral offers Sports Camps and Enrichment Camps (service, theatre, art, science, math, language, & history). Click on the menu of camps to get more information. Registration is online.
- **LSKC** is a summer camp for K-6 grade campers with fun field trips, athletic activity, academic games, reading, arts and crafts. There are three sessions at Lawrence United Methodist Church. The first two sessions are four weeks with Session I starting June 7 - July 2 and Session II from July 6 - 30. Camp hours are 8am and 4:30pm and extended care is available from 6:30am to 6pm. For more information, go to www.lskc.synthasite.com or flyers will be available in the school office.
- **Orchard School Summer Camp** - To view the complete catalog of available camps, please log on to www.orchard.org or call 251-9253 for your free Orchard Summer Camp 2010 Catalog. Orchard School is located at 615 West 64th St in Indianapolis.