



# Purple & Gold Rush

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

### School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on  
**Wednesday, April 21st**  
at 8:30 am  
All are welcome!

\* Ms. Mattingly'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



Best wishes to the  
8th Graders who will  
spend the rest  
of the week in  
Washington DC!  
Safe Travels!

## Dates to Remember

- Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010
- 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  
6:30 pm in Ross Hall
- 5/12 CORE 40 Testing - 8th Gr Math
- 5/13 PTO Meeting
- 5/14 SPX Dance Marathon for  
Riley Children's Hospital  
2:30-5:30 pm

Send articles to [stenson@lei.org](mailto:stenson@lei.org)

## PRINCIPALS' CORNER

For more than three decades, ISTE's annual conference and exposition (formerly known as NECC) has been the premier forum in which to learn, exchange, and survey the field of educational technology. ISTE (The International Society for Technology in Education) attracts upwards of 18,000 attendees from all over the globe—including teachers, technology coordinators, administrators, library media specialists, teacher educators, and policy makers. The event offers world class keynotes, hundreds of sessions in a variety of formats, and a massive exhibit hall. This year it is being held in Denver.

Several St. Pius X teachers will attend this conference again this year. Having attended for three years now, our teachers have gained a wealth of information that they have used to enhance the use of technology in our classrooms. Our own Jeanie Warrick and Julie Cook have been chosen again this year to be presenters at the conference. 2145 presentation proposals were received by ISTE and only 733 were chosen. This shows how lucky we are to have such distinguished teachers working with our children!

At the opening, kickoff session, they will be highlighting Global Education in a session entitled "Not Too Young! Primary Age Child Engages in Global Education." This is called a "poster session" which lasts for two hours with attendees able to talk to the presenters and ask individual questions. This has been recognized as an ISTE premier session. It will highlight projects that our students participated in this year through IEARN which is ISTE sponsored. These projects also include Flat Stanley, Epals, and Journey North projects. Some of the activities that will be shown are Learning Circle-Places and Perspective, My Hero project, Teddy Bear Exchange, Talking Kites, and Holiday Card Exchange.

The second presentation, using SMARTboards with the Primary Age child, will be the following day. It is also a poster session. Our teachers will be highlighting examples of activities that they have implemented here at St. Pius. These include webquests and virtual museums. Tips and tricks will be provided to aid participants in creating their own activities.

Ms. Warrick and Mrs. Cook are also waiting to hear if their proposal for a presentation at the SMARTEd conference in Louisville, Kentucky, at the end of May will be accepted. They were asked to submit a proposal, and so they decided to give it a try.

On another note! Here is a review of Peyton Manning's visit to our school by Rebecca Doyle and Zoe Schrader:

*We were very excited when Peyton Manning came on Tuesday. He answered people's questions and had good advice to give. One student asked who his role model was, and he answered that his dad was always his hero. He said that we're never too young to start thinking about what we want to be or to try new things. He also told us to live life without regrets and to follow our dreams. We were very happy that Peyton Manning could come to our school.*

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

## SPX Registration Forms

The deadline for returning the 2010-2011 Registration Forms is

**TOMORROW, April 20th.**

Please contact Sharon Wagner ([swagner@spxparish.org](mailto:swagner@spxparish.org)) in the parish office today if you have questions or concerns.

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## SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

If you don't want to make lunches in the last month of the school year, remember to turn in your May Lunch Order! Orders and payments are due **TOMORROW, Tuesday, April 20th.**

## RAP - Recycling at Pius

April 26th is closing in! 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 only have until next Monday, April 26th to participate in the contest to win \$750 for our computer lab!

**If we raise \$1,300, we will get an Out-of-Uniform Day!**

## 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

**Where are YOU shopping this weekend?  
Get Scrip this Friday for all of your shopping needs!**



## St. Pius X 11th Annual Art Show

St. Pius X School and Art Teacher Carol Wagner Proudly present "Splendor in the Halls"  
The 11<sup>th</sup> 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 7:00-9:00 pm 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.

**ATTENTION PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** The art show is fast approaching, would you like to help? We will be hanging art work Wednesday evening, April 21st from 6:30-? If you can give 15 minutes or a couple of hours, I can use your help. All you need to bring is a hammer. Please let me know if you are available to help by emailing me ([cwagner@spxparish.org](mailto:cwagner@spxparish.org)). Thank you so much, Mrs. Wagner

## 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.



## Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd-7th!

With all the wonderful school events of this past school year, let's share something special with our teachers!  
(Remember the Specials Teachers & the front office staff, too!)

## PTO Needs YOU!

What are your interests? talents? skills? hobbies?  
Want to "chair" a one-time event?  
Is this the year you can organize monthly events?  
Volunteering is a great way to make friends and have fun.  
It's time to stand up!

## **PTO NEEDS YOU!**

For 2010-11 school year, we need:

- 2 Scrip-to-go co-chairs: sell scrip Friday mornings, and once/month after mass
- 1 School Lunch co-chair: responsible for GFS orders
- 1 Staff Appreciation Lunch co-chair: help organize monthly staff lunches. Volunteers provide food.
- Hobby Show Chairperson(s): Jan 31, 2011
- Everybody Counts co-chair: to replace chairperson who is "graduating," on Oct 20-21

Please contact Cathy Nickerson, PTO President 2010-11, with any interest.

([canickerson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:canickerson@sbcglobal.net))

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## **Big Trivia Night Thank You**

Congratulations to Team "Go for the Gold" who won the Gold at PTO's Games of the IV Triviad on April 10, and special recognition for receiving the Garden Skunk Award to Team Margaritaville. The gym was packed with thirty-eight teams. Thank you to nearly 300 players, all the volunteers, school and parish staff (Mr. Herman graciously participated in the auction for the Hardware Category and our wonderful sponsors: Wing's Etc, Dr. John McGoff for Congress, McGowan Insurance, Shelbourne Knee Center, Wells Fargo, Chernoff Associates, George's Creative Travel Adventures, Mike Fox/FC Tucker, The Brian Witchger and Pratt Families. Please remember to patronize our sponsors and look for Trivia V sometime in 2011!

Reported Missing: One Gold Battery-Powered Olympic Torch--Made in China, One Greek Olympian dressed in a toga. Found Items: Three Headresses (Afro, Mullet and Biker Hat and Ponytail)

## **HUGE THANK YOU TO AMY & KEVIN BEAUSIR**

Thank you for all the work you both did to prepare and organize the "Go for the Gold" Night! The group just gets bigger and so does the fun!

## **Speech Therapy**

Joan Bindner, Speech Therapist, has contacted us that she is again tutoring children that are experiencing difficulty with articulation (i.e. substituting incorrect sounds for the correct sound).

Examples include but are not limited to substitution of w for the r sound, w for the l sound, f for the th sound, frontal lisp for the s and z sounds, etc. She has been tutoring for several years and can work with children here at school or you could arrange for summer speech tutoring at a different location. Her philosophy is that the sooner the sounds are corrected, the better. Correct articulation helps with reading and spelling, and can improve a child's self-confidence.

## **Scrip Information**



**Need last minute items or gifts for First Communion?** First Communion is quickly approaching on May 2nd. Did you know that **School Belles** carries any clothing item that you may need for this special day? Get your gift certificates at STG this Friday to purchase veils, shoes, dresses, or other gift items!

**Visa PrePaid Gift Cards will no longer be available:** The new federal Credit CARD Act legislation will make offering these cards for scrip fundraising extremely difficult, so Great Lakes will no longer be offering them.

**H&M Scrip Now Available!** H&M Gift Cards are now available in a \$25 denomination with a 5% non-profit contribution. There is an H&M at Castleton Square Mall! H&M is a global fashion brand and pioneer of design collaborations with international designers and style icons such as Karl Lagerfeld, Roberto Cavalli, Stella McCartney and Madonna. Offering fashion and quality at the best price, H&M has a broad and varied assortment for the entire family, including concepts for ladies, men, teenagers and children.

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

## **Vacation Bible School**

Get ready to set sail on "High Seas Expedition"! Pre-registration has started for VBS; registration forms are being sent home this week and more are available on the church website, school office and Shalom. To volunteer or for any questions contact Sue Thompson ([sthompson@spxparish.org](mailto:sthompson@spxparish.org)).

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED:** All station leaders are in place but we still need a couple of adults to help with the preschool and 1 or 2 other adults to assist leaders. Also, we need a lot of crew leaders who are adults or students (5<sup>th</sup> grade on up who are school leaders).

**SUPPLY DONATIONS:** Please check out the poster in the church Narthex for needed donations. Please choose what you would like to donate and return the item(s) and paper listing the item by the date specified. We are grateful for your generosity!

## **First Communion Donations**

Later in May, a Burmese priest will be coming to St. Pius X Church to participate in the Holy Sacraments for our Burmese parishioners. We are looking for donations of First Communion dresses for the Burmese girls. The Burmese children will be making their First Communion later in May so we would like to have donations in as early in May as possible. Please mark the donations "Burmese First Communion" and bring them to Corene Ihrle ([cihrle@spxparish.org](mailto:cihrle@spxparish.org)) in the Shalom. Thank you.

**Don't forget to send in used uniform donations!**

## **Youth Ministry!**

**Jr High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher)** - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Wed, April 21st at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

**Jr. High Gatherings** - 7pm-9pm on May 7th. Please contact Angie Hyre, SPX Youth Ministry ([ahyre@spxparish.org](mailto:ahyre@spxparish.org)) if you can volunteer. **WE NEED ADULT CHAPERONES!**

**SPX Youth Mass** - There will not be a SPX Youth Mass on Sunday, May 9th-Mothers Day.

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## **Sport Physicals**

St. Pius X Athletics WILL NOT be offering physicals for athletes this year. The medical criteria has become so detailed now that the physicians agree they cannot provide the level of thoroughness in an out-of-office setting. Athletes will need to visit their physicians in their offices to complete this CYO requirement. Forms can be found on the CYO website. When completed, please return the physicals forms to the SPX Athletic Director. Thank you.

## **Athletic Committee Meeting**

**When:** April 25 at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Ross Hall/School Cafeteria

**Who:** Anyone interested in SPX Sports

**What:** Open Positions and Current Events

**Open Positions:** Football Coordinator, Kickball Coordinator, Girls and Boys Basketball Coordinators, High School Sports Coordinator

**We hope to see you there!**

## **Earth Day ToxAway Event**

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: <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.

## **Riley Dance Marathon at SPX**

An exciting and fun opportunity is being offered to the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. On **Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30 until 5:00 pm, students will be invited to participate in a Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital for Children. No dance experience is needed! This fun event that will be held at St. Pius X. Your child will have the opportunity to dance, play games and participate in crafts. Recording artist, Chris Koon will be performing at the marathon! He has shared the stage with famous Disney stars, including the Jonas Brothers. There will also be a DJ and snacks. The best part of the marathon is that Riley families will come and share their stories and the importance of Riley and community service. Ball State University Dance Marathon will be sponsoring and managing the event.

The kids are asked to raise a \$10 donation for the children of Riley Hospital. Additional donations are accepted and appreciated. Riley hospital treats the most critically ill children in Indiana and from all over the world. No child is ever turned away at Riley. They provide hope and comfort to families during some of their darkest days. This is a unique opportunity for your child to help children their own age. This will be an extremely positive, enlightening and fun event! A dancer packet will be coming home with your child this week. If you have any questions or concern, please contact Chelsea Backus at [cebbsudm@gmail.com](mailto:cebbsudm@gmail.com) or [cebbackus@bsu.edu](mailto:cebbackus@bsu.edu).

## **Boys Volleyball Success**

The first ever Boys Volleyball season was a huge success based on feedback from coaches, parents and players. Congratulations to the 32 SPX boys that participated in the league, especially to our Cadet team who were Champions Runner-up! We look forward to having even more boys participate next year. If anyone has any questions or feedback about this program, please contact Carlos Capo ([ccapo@parallels.com](mailto:ccapo@parallels.com)).

## **Information on Summer Camps**

- **Bishop Chatard HS** - Go to [www.bishopchatard.org](http://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](http://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 for 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](http://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](http://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.
- **Cathedral Girls Lacrosse Summer Camp** - Cathedral is offering a lacrosse camp for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls 6/28 - 7/1, 8:00 - 10:00 am for \$85.00. It is designed to teach the fundamental skills and tactics of lacrosse coached by Cathedral Girls' Lacrosse coaching staff as well as the team's top players. Each camper will receive individual and team-oriented instruction. Sticks and goggles will be provided, you only need to bring a mouth guard and water bottle. Please visit [www.cathedral-irish.org](http://www.cathedral-irish.org) (see above).
- **Royal Pins Bowling Centers (Woodland Bowl)** - offers free bowling for kids from April to August. Each child under 15 can bowl 2 free games per day. Go to [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com) to register your family. Special family passes can be purchased for adult family members also.