



# Purple & Gold Rush

April 26, 2010

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



## PRINCIPALS' CORNER

It's ISTEP time again! The second round of ISTEP testing begins tomorrow, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Testing will take place in the mornings on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. This round of testing is made up of multiple choice questions in Math, Language Arts, and either Science or Social Studies depending on the grade level.

Please make sure that your children have #2 pencils with good erasers. It is helpful if you sharpen them at home to cut down on the long line at the pencil sharpener when everyone has a fist full of brand new pencils. In addition, make sure that they get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast. Try to see that they get some protein for breakfast as this makes the brain function well. Eggs, oatmeal, toast with peanut butter, and yogurt with fruit are very good options. Sugary cereal, pancakes, or doughnuts are not good because they cause a drop in blood sugar after a short while and then the child can become lethargic. This limits their ability to think and concentrate.

Try to rearrange any appointments that you may have in the mornings this week. We will test from about 8:15 until approximately 9:45. After that time, appointments are fine. We know that all of our students will try their best, and that is all that we can ask of them. Results are supposed to be ready before we dismiss for the summer. You will be able to access them on-line. Information about that will be sent home when we receive it from the state.

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

### School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on  
**WEDNESDAY, April 28th**  
at 8:30 am  
All are welcome!

- \* Mrs. McNulty's class is planning mass.
- \* The 2006 SPX graduates will join us on Wednesday for a reunion 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



Congratulations to our SPX 2nd graders who will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday! Many blessings to you!

## SPX Registration Forms

The deadline for returning the 2010-2011 Registration Forms was last week. Please contact Sharon Wagner ([swagner@spxparish.org](mailto:swagner@spxparish.org)) in the parish office today if you have questions or concerns.

## Dates to Remember

- Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010
- 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
- 5/9 No Youth Mass
- 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
- 5/14 Spirit Day

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## Annual Art Show Thanks



Thank you, Mrs. Carol Wagner, for sharing your artistic talents with our school children! Friday evening was amazing and the children's artwork was outstanding!



## Special Opportunity on May 4th

On Tuesday, May 4, Holocaust survivor Eva Kor will be visiting and talking to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Mrs. Kor was a victim of Joseph Mengele and his twin experiments during the war. She was interred at Auschwitz Concentration camp in 1944 with her twin sister, Miriam, and other members of her family. Both she and her sister survived the horrors of the camp and the experiments they underwent. Mrs. Kor will be speaking at 10:30 am in the Library about her experiences. She has written a new book, *Surviving the Angel of Death*. We will have some copies of her book available for purchase for \$14.95, with checks made out to SPX. Parents are welcome to join us for this presentation.



## Welcome Back, 2006 SPX Graduates!

Please join us in welcoming back the 2006 SPX Graduates to the school mass at 8:30 am on Wednesday, April 28th before they graduate from high school! Congratulations, Grads! Best Wishes in your future plans!

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

## 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 Ihrie (cihrie@spxparish.org) in the Shalom. Thank you.

**Don't forget to submit your  
SPX School Supplies Order Form  
to order supplies for next school year!**

## Speech Therapy

Joan Bindner, Speech Therapist, 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. You can contact Joan at 335-7175 or cell 752-2751.

## SPXtras for 2nd Semester

**Contacts: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella**

### 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



## SPX Flower Pick Up

Flower sale orders will be available for pick up on

**Tuesday, May 4th from 2-5 pm**

Please pick up your flowers on the grassy area between the Church and Shalom. Volunteers will be available to assist in loading your cars. Thank you for your support of our Parish and School!

## 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.

## 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!

**School Belles change:** We have moved to a rebate system with School Belles. This means that all SPX family purchases at School Belles will be totaled, and at the end of the year, SPX PTO will get a rebate check for 4% of the total spent! Once we have sold out of the current inventory of gift certificates, we will stop carrying them.

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

## Spiritwear

You asked for it...you got it! Due to popular demand, we are going to place one last order for the grey and white zipped hoodies! Order forms are in this week's take home folder and on Edline. Please return the order forms with payment to the office by Friday, May 7th. **NO LATE ORDERS CAN BE ACCEPTED!** Any questions, please contact Lori McQueary or Kristie Cheek.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Spiritwear is in need of new chairs for the 2010-2011 school year! If you are interested, please contact Kristie or Lori.

## Dad's Day

Middle School dads, mark your calendars!

**THE LAST DAD'S DAY BREAKFAST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!**

Fri, April 30 - 6:30-7:45 am in Ross Hall

Middle School dads, daughters and sons come and share breakfast and some one on one time. Our speaker will be our beloved pastor and parish leader, **Fr. Jerry Kirkhoff!** You won't want to miss this. **Fr. Jerry will be taking attendance!** Dad's Day allows dads to spend much needed time with their children. A good time and many laughs are guaranteed! Coffee, juice and donuts will be served. For more info call Dave Adams or Mike Hoffmire.

## Youth Ministry!

**Jr. High Gatherings** - 7pm-9pm on May 7th. Please contact Angie Hyre, SPX Youth Ministry (ahyre@spxparish.org) if you can volunteer.

**SPX Youth Mass** - No SPX Youth Mass on Sunday, May 9th-Mothers Day.