



Purple & Gold Rush



May 3, 2010

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

**School
Mass
Notes:**

Join us for school mass on
FRIDAY, May 7th
at 8:30 am
for Mothers' Mass
All are welcome!

* We will be celebrating the 8th graders and their mothers at the annual Mothers' Mass!

**May
Gospel
Value:**

FORGIVENESS

Overlooking another's faults

"Bearing with one another, forgiving one another. If anyone has a complaint against another, as Christ has forgiven you, so you must also forgive."

—Colossians 3:13



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

Last week Father Jerry welcomed the St. Pius X Class of 2006 back for their Reunion Mass. He spoke about how important it is to have an anchor in your life in the midst of all the changes that take place every day.. What did he say is our anchor? How can this anchor help us?

Dates to Remember

- 5/4 Holocaust survivor-Eva Kor at SPX
- 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 Youth Mass at 5:00 pm
- 5/11 New Family Mentor Night
6:30 pm in Ross Hall
- 5/12 CORE 40 Testing - 8th Gr Math
- 5/14 SPX Dance Marathon for
Riley Children's Hospital
2:30-5:30 pm
- 5/14 Spirit Day
- 5/17 Parent Appreciation Luncheon
11 am - 1 pm
- 5/18 General PTO Meeting
8:15 am in Church Conf Rms

Send articles to stenson@lei.org

PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Congratulations and welcome back to our 8th Grade Class. They had a very successful class trip to Washington, D.C. last week where they represented themselves and St. Pius X School very well. Some of their favorite sites were Mount Vernon, the Vietnam, Korean, and World War II Memorials, and Arlington National Cemetery. What great memories!

Mass this week is on Friday, May 7th at 8:30 am. This will be the annual Mothers' Mass. Our 8th Grade students and their mothers will be especially honored as well as special remembrance for the Blessed Virgin Mary during her special month of May. It is always a memorable celebration! We invite you to attend this Mass and take the opportunity to remember your heavenly mother as well as your own mother on this Mother's Day weekend.

Since we do not have Mass on our regular Wednesday morning, we have scheduled a special visitor. Ronald McDonald will stop in to congratulate our students for their collection of **1,000,000** pop can tabs. These tiny pieces of aluminum don't seem very significant, but when joined with the collections of many other people, they can be redeemed for a significant amount of money. These funds help to offset the expenses of the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children. We began this project last school year in memory of Ellie Chambliss, the grandniece of our own Mrs. Ritter. Her family spent some time at Ronald McDonald House during her short life, and they were recipients of the kindness and caring offered to families whose children are under care in the hospital. We are proud of the hard work of our students who understand how putting our small contribution together with those of others can accomplish great work. Thanks to all of the parents, and other family members who helped them with this project. Keep the pop tabs coming. We are on our way to our second million!

Enjoy the gift of Springtime, and let's continue to pray for each other,
—Bill and Theresa

SPX Tuition Statement

You should have received your tuition balance statement in last week's take home folders. Please return your Facts account renewal forms or your payment in full for the 2010/2011 school year as soon as you can to Sharon Wagner in the parish office. If you find that you need to sign up for Facts this year, please contact Sharon (466-3351 or swagner@spxparish.org) before the May 18th deadline. Thank you to those who have already returned your forms. Returning your check or paperwork not only keeps you from losing track of it, but it also really helps the business office process all paperwork in a more timely manner. Thank you!

Teacher Lunch Thank You

Dear Parents- You may not realize what a great "surprise" it is to come into the Teacher's Lounge and find lunch once a month. That yogurt or fruit can always wait for the next day. We appreciate all of the lunches this year. Thanks to all who helped with these lunches. —The SPX Staff



SPX Flower Pick Up

Flower sale orders will be available for pick up
TOMORROW, 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!

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**Happy Teacher
Appreciation Week!**

The Final 2009-10 General PTO

Meeting will be held on:

Tuesday, May 18th at 8:15 am
in the church conference rooms

Please join us as we finalize next year's budget, vote in new executive members, and listen to our year-end results. Refreshments are provided and young children are welcome. Any questions, please contact Heather Douglas (hadouglas@sbcglobal.net).

7th Grade Dads' Dinner Thank You

Thanks to Sally & Steve Ferguson for organizing and hosting this special event. Every year 7th grade fathers truly enjoy attending this with their 7th graders. The Ferguson's organized the dinner, desserts, decorations, and speakers for the night. Thanks for taking the time to make the evening very welcoming for the guests. —SPX PTO

Thank you also to the following volunteers who made the 7th grade Dad's Dinner a memorable evening: Heidi and Jack Bolini, Doreen and Lebro Turchetti, Leisa, Rick and Matt Smith, Austin Scheer, Carrie, Teresa and Matt Ernst, Joe McDonald, Caroline and Carmac Doebbeling, Maura and Trey Lee, Lori and Quinton Pettucciani, Riley Ferguson, Mark and Sam Russell, Maggie Kovalan, Laurie and Sean McCormick, Chris Gray and Teri Yelinek. A special thank you to Larry Bystry for the delicious chicken dinner, Fr. Jerry for blessing the evening and Dave Adams for stepping in to be the master of ceremonies for the evening. It was a pleasure to work with each one of you.

—Warmly, Sally and Steve Ferguson

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

Special Opportunity on May 4th

On Tuesday, May 4, Holocaust survivor Eva Kor will be visiting and talking to the 8th 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.

School Commission Openings

The SPX School Commission is looking for two new members! Members serve a two-year term beginning July 1. The commission meets bimonthly and works closely with the school principal on policies and special projects. For more information, visit the School Commission page on our website (www.spxcatholicsschool.org). If you are interested in serving our parish school as a member of the commission, please attend the **Discernment on Monday May 24 at 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room**. Questions? Contact Jenny Myers, School Commission Chair (595.5685).

2010-11 School Supply Orders

PTO is again offering this convenient service so you can save time and avoid the hassles of back-to-school shopping for school supplies! The Order Form and the supply lists by grade are available to you on Edline. **Remember to choose NEXT year's grade level when completing your order form!** Please return the school supply order form along with your payment by **MONDAY, May 10th!** If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Quarto.

Order deadline is Monday, May 10th!

PTO Survey

Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D9R5XR9> and complete the PTO survey. This is a great opportunity to tell PTO what you like about events, and what you don't like. Please make comments, and suggestions. They are very helpful. Please respond by **May 12**.

There was an error in the rating scale questions, and the first couple of respondents had trouble. It was easily fixed and is working. If you are one of those first few who had problems, please go back and try again! We appreciate your help and opinions.

Mark Your Calendars!

Restock your closets for fall at our spring used uniform sale on **Wednesday, May 19th**. Sale will be held from 7:30 - 9:30 am and from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in Ross Hall.

Spiritwear

Last chance to purchase the new gold spiritwear t-shirt this year! We will be selling the new t-shirt (\$15) along with the SPX purple mesh shorts (\$15) Friday, May 7th from 7:30 - 8:00 am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Spiritwear coordinators needed. It is time to pass the baton! For more information, please contact Kristie Cheek or Lori McQueary.

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PTO NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

We need chairpersons for:

- * **Scrip-to-go** - 1 1/2 hours twice a month - sell scrip, enter data in computer, inventory
- * **School Lunch** - place orders with GFS. Other members of lunch team will continue.
- * **Everybody Counts** - it's Terri Brumleve's last year at SPX, a good time to learn from her. Jackie Morone will continue as co-chair.
- * **Hobby Show** - many veteran co-chairs available for help, but need a chairperson or two
- * **Staff Appreciation Lunch Co-Chair** - organize/set up monthly lunch for teachers. Food brought by volunteers. Current chair continuing, but could use a partner.

You will be trained by the current chairperson. You will be doing a great service for SPX and PTO! We need you! PLEASE *prayerfully consider* how you can help.

Please contact Cathy Nickerson to let her know what you can do
(canickerson@sbcglobal.net)

Scrip Information

Scrip is in need of STG (Scrip to Go) Captains and crew for our Friday morning Sales for next school year. We are also looking to grow and offer STG on Wednesdays at the school masses and Friday afternoons at Pickup.

Over the past year Scrip has earned over \$25,000 for our PTO and the Tuition Assistance fund. That is not too shabby given that Scrip is the **ONLY** fundraiser that costs our families nothing to participate. This is possible through the donated time and talent of our extraordinary volunteers!

Job responsibilities include selling gift cards, entering orders in the computer and balancing inventory at the end of a sale. Enthusiastic, positive, creative and sales driven personalities are a plus!

Get a group of buddies together and have coffee or diet coke while supporting our PTO - you'll see that you'll look forward to it! Each crew should be a minimum of 3. If you have more interested then you can rotate and work only 1x a month. It will take less than two hours of your time per STG!

Friday AM Crews needed (7:25AM to 9:00AM):

Captain + 2 Crew = 3 (1st & 3rd week of the month)

Captain + 2 Crew = 3 (2nd & 4th week of the month)

Friday PM Crews needed (2:30PM to 3:30PM)

Captain + 2 Crew = 3 (1st & 3rd week of the month)

Captain + 2 Crew = 3 (2nd & 4th week of the month)

Wednesday AM masses (8:00AM to 10:00AM)

Captain + 1 Crew = 2 (1st & 3rd week of the month)

Captain + 1 Crew = 2 (2nd & 4th week of the month)

Weekend Masses 1x a month Sat & Sun

Captain + 1 Crew = 2 (Sat after 5PM, Sun after 9:30, and Sun after 11:00)

Please contact Gretchen Capo (ccapo11@yahoo.com) or Stephanie Van Horn (scripgirl@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Dance Marathon for Riley Hospital

Your child has a wonderful opportunity to have fun and perform service for the community on **May 14th from 2:30-5 pm**. The marathon will be a fun way for 5th-8th graders to **receive credit for service hours** and enjoy an afternoon full of music and fun. Ball State Dance Marathon is helping SPX students plan and organize the event for the school.

Recording artist, Chris Koon will be performing and participating at the marathon. Chris has shared the stage with the Jonas Brothers and other Disney and music stars and has made appearances on TV shows such as Grey's Anatomy and One Tree Hill. You can visit his website www.chriskoon.com and his music and videos can be seen on YouTube. He is excited to perform and meet the kids!

I apologize for the donation information not being clear in the dancer packet sent home with your child. Donations of cash or check for Riley are accepted. Checks can be made out to Ball State University. All donations will be collected and donated to Riley Hospital for Children in the name of St. Pius X to support "Smile Therapy". Smile therapy is key to the health and overall well being of the children and families that visit Riley. An elaborate cart designed like a castle is pushed from room to room, delivering toys, dress up clothes, books, and smiles. A positive morale is essential for the healing process and the Castle Carts are treasure to the hospital.

We are looking forward to the St. Pius X Dance Marathon! For questions, please contact: Chelsea Backus (cebackus@bsu.edu or cebbsudm@gmail.com).

Youth Ministry!

Jr. High Gatherings - 7pm-9pm on May 7th at St. Matthews. SPX is co-hosting so we need at least 10 chaperones. Please contact Angie Hyre SPX Youth Ministry (ahyre@spxparish.org) if you can volunteer.

SPX Youth Mass - There **WILL BE** a SPX Youth Mass on Sunday, May 9th-Mothers Day. If you would like to participate in Mass, please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org).

Box Tops for Education:

Please continue to cut the **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** off of participating brands. You can turn them into the school office or deposit them in the metal box in the back of church. This is free money for the school and it costs nothing for you to help the school. We also continue to collect the Tyson A+ 1 2 3. - this whole part of the label on select Tyson product.