



# Purple & Gold Rush



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

### School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on  
**Wednesday, May 19th**  
at 8:30 am  
**All are welcome!**

\* Mrs. Alonzo & Mr. Doyle's class is planning 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

**Don't forget to return student vaccination information to the school office. See letter from Mr. Herman on the back side of last week's newsletter.**

### Dates to Remember

- 5/17 Parent Appreciation Luncheon  
11 am - 1 pm
- 5/18 Facts form/Tuition due in  
Business Office
- 5/18 General PTO Meeting  
8:15 am in church conf rms
- 5/24 School Commission discernment  
7 pm in Multipurpose Room
- 5/25 Last Day for 8th Grade
- 5/26 8th Grade Graduation & Dinner
- 5/27 Field Day
- 5/28 Closing Mass - 8:30 am in Church
- 5/28 Last Day of School - Grades K-7  
1:00/1:15 pm dismissal
- 5/28 End of 4th Quarter (49 Days)
- 5/31 Memorial Day
- 6/2 Report Cards Mailed - Grades 1-2
- 6/2 Report Cards Posted - Grades 3-8
- 6/30 School Office Closes for July

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

## PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Summer Break will be here before we know it! It is really hard to believe that the year is almost complete. The students have really grown, and they have learned many important lessons.

As we come to the end of the year, we must say good-bye to our graduating 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Most of them have been with us for 9 years, and we will miss them. We wish them great success in high school!

We also will miss Mrs. Carol Wagner who will be leaving us at the end of this year. Mrs. Wagner has been our Art teacher for the last twelve years. She has inspired many of our children with her wonderful ideas. Many of you probably have art pieces created by your children that are displayed in your homes. Carol has also assisted many of our teachers with projects that required artistic talent, she has worked on scenery for many school productions, she spearheaded the creation of the hallway mural that greets all of our visitors, and many other projects too numerous to mention. We wish Carol well as she embarks on the next chapter of her artistic career. We will be on the lookout for your work at the IMA.

Our biggest good-bye, however, is reserved for Father Jerry who will be taking on an assignment at a new parish beginning in July. We will really miss him! Father has been so good to our students, working closely with the Finance committee, the PTO, and the School Commission to ensure that we provide the best education possible for our students. We can tell how much he enjoys the children when he interacts with them at the school Masses. He loves to ask them questions and listen to their answers, some of which bring a big smile to his face. Father has coordinated yearly Reconciliation Services for our students which are geared to their level, making them very meaningful. He supports the students' acting out various Gospel passages, the teachers' distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, and their participation in a symbolic handwashing ceremony during Holy Week. He has also been instrumental in the planning and implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat each year. Although Father Jerry will leave a void that will be difficult to fill in our hearts and in our parish, we wish him well and hope that things will be a little less hectic in his new parish. God bless you, Father Jerry, and thank you for eight great years!!

Let's continue to pray for each other,

—Bill and Theresa

### SPX Tuition Payments or Facts Form due TOMORROW!

If you have not already done so, please return your Facts account renewal forms or your payment in full for the 2010/2011 school year. The Facts form or full payment is due TOMORROW to Sharon Wagner in the parish office. If you find that you need to sign up for Facts this year, please contact Sharon ([swagner@spxparish.org](mailto:swagner@spxparish.org)) IMMEDIATELY. Thank you to everyone who has already returned their paperwork or payment.

### Outstanding Fees

With the school year winding down, please be sure that all outstanding fees are paid before years end. Final grades will not be posted or forwarded until any and all fees are paid. This includes outstanding lunch payments, tuition, Extended Care, resource and enrichment fees, Library fees or book fees. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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## **PLEASE COMPLETE THE PTO SURVEY!**

To improve our events and make changes, we need to know your opinions.

Please go to the survey monkey link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/D9R5XR9> and give us your comments.

Especially if you mark "dissatisfied" with an event, tell us WHY and how we can change it.

47 surveys completed so far - not enough!

THANK YOU for your time and input!

## **Recess for 2010-11**

Recess is an important part of the school day and we want to make sure we have enough volunteers to help. This is where you can see your son/daughter interact with their classmates. We are in need of two (2) recess supervisors for each day (you can also alternate with someone). You can get paid for the position. Please contact, Melinda Nash if you are interested for the 2010/2011 school year.

## **New Family Mentor Night Thanks**

Many thanks to all of the SPX mentor families and representatives from PTO, Scrip, School Lunch, Scouts, SPX-tras, CYO Athletics, Used Uniforms and Spirit Wear for their participation in the recent New Family Mentor Night. We have approximately 27 new school families who will be joining us next August! Your gift of time and your enthusiasm is sure to make them feel welcome at SPX. Thank you!

—Eileen Countryman & Edie Witchger

## **Ryan Baker Football Camp**

**Ryan Baker NFL Football Camp: June 26**

Learn football from the pros! NFL defensive end Ryan Baker of the Miami Dolphins will offer a FREE one-day football camp at Bishop Chatard High School on June 26. The camp will run from 9 am to 1 pm. Campers will learn football skills and fundamentals from **Ryan Baker** (BCHS Class 2004 & **SPX Class 2000**) and his NFL friends. All participants will receive food, drinks and a camp t-shirt!

View the [flyer](#) at [www.bishopchatard.org](http://www.bishopchatard.org) for details. Print the [registration](#) and the [waiver](#) from [www.bishopchatard.org/athletics/bakerflyer.jpg](http://www.bishopchatard.org/athletics/bakerflyer.jpg). Both the registration and waiver must be submitted at the time of registration.

## **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](http://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.

## **Used Uniform Sale - Wed, May 19th!**

While it's difficult to think of little else besides summer vacation and all the end of year things that need to be taken care of, at some point, you will wish you had stocked up on great priced uniform clothing prior to the start of school in August!

Stop by the sale on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to pick up the next size shorts, shirts and pants for your kids to wear in the fall! Bring your coffee, have a donut on us and browse the great selection of gently used and great priced uniform clothing. The sale will run from 7:30 am to 9:30 am and from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> in Ross Hall. Don't miss it!



## **Scrip Information**

**Last On-Line order for school year-deadline this Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>!**  
**Stock up for summer!**

**Summer Ordering Dates and Times:** The summer schedule for on-line ordering and Scrip to Go will be:

- Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - on-line orders accepted
- Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00 am - Pick up orders/STG at school
- Mass sales June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
- Mass Sales August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

The Parish office will have a limited inventory available to sell until June 30<sup>th</sup>

**THERE WILL BE NO SALES IN THE MONTH OF JULY WHILE WE PLAN FOR BIG CHANGES TO THE ON-LINE ORDERING SYSTEM!**

If you want a preview of the new system, check out [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com).

Weekly ordering periods will resume Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>!

First STG of school year: Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Questions? Contact Stephanie Van Horn or Gretchen Capo.

## **SPX LAX**

Congratulations to **Natalie Cunningham, Libby Darnell, Allie DeValeria, Kelly Donnelly, Teresa Ernst, Allison Farrell, Marie Joseph, Ashley Plonski, Pepper Robinson, and Olivia Russell** for being a part of the inaugural girls lacrosse team at St. Pius X! St. Pius X was joined with several girls from IHM, and St. Thomas to create a fun and successful season. A very special thanks to Kathryn Ferrugia for working with us on our stick skills and understanding of the game. The girls learned how to cradle, cover a stick on defense, and pick up ground balls among many other skills. If lacrosse is a sport that interests you look into these [summer camps](#) to help you learn and develop lacrosse skills: Cathedral lacrosse camp 6/28 -7/1; Chatard lacrosse camp 6/7 - 6/11; Guerin lacrosse camp (Step Up Lacrosse) 6/5 - 6/7.