



# Purple & Gold Rush



September 8, 2009

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Email newsletter articles to Diane Stenson

<b>School Mass Notes:</b>	Join us for school mass on <b>Wed, September 9th at 8:30 am!</b> All are welcome!
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\* Mrs. Austin's and Mr. Doyle's class is planning mass!

<b>September Gospel Value:</b>	<b>EMPATHY</b> Empathy is an understanding of another's needs that leads to helping without expecting anything in return.
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## FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

David Proctor, a seminarian working with St. Pius X parish, was introduced to the students at mass last Wednesday. David is a former student of Mr. Herman's from St. Monica's. Please share and discuss with your child, what is a seminarian? And what role do they play in the church?

## Teacher Thursday-Sept 17th

Please note that dismissal times for Teacher Thursdays are now 1:00 or 1:15 pm. Our first Teacher Thursday will be next week on September 17th!

## Dates to Remember

9/5-14 Spell-A-Thon collect contributions  
 9/09 Training for School Commission Members 7-9 pm at the Catholic Center  
 9/11 5th Grade Gift Gathering Party  
 9/15 Spell-A-Thon contributions due  
 9/17 Teacher Thursday  
     Dismissal at 1:00/1:15 pm  
 9/18 Spell-A-Thon Grand Prize Awards  
 9/26 3rd Grade Gift Gathering Party  
 10/2 PreK/Kindergarten Gift Giving Party  
 10/3 4th Grade Gift Gathering Party  
 10/4 6th Grade Gift Gathering Party  
 10/4 8th Grade Gift Gathering Party  
 10/8 Teacher Thursday  
     Dismissal at 1:00/1:15 pm  
 10/9 End of First Quarter (41 days)

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



As we enter the month of September, we also enter our new office space. Mrs. Cates and Mrs. Hoffmire may now be found holding court in their new offices. Please be patient as they arrange their needed supplies. Mrs. Davis, Mrs. DeGan, and Mrs. Cook are in the process of organizing their new space, and students will be meeting them in this space very soon. Mrs. Pollack will be using the new Spanish Room as soon as the desks and chairs are available.

**Morning arrival is going a little more smoothly. A few reminders:**

- \* **Pull up to the orange cone if you are first in the string of cars. Please Do Not Stop in Front of the Main Door. We want to be able to get as many cars as possible into the drop off area to alleviate back-up onto 71<sup>st</sup> Street.**
- \* **Do Not let your kids get out of the car on the driver's side. They must then cross in front of your car. This can be dangerous!**
- \* **If you are going to walk in with your children, please park in the north lot so no one is walking between cars to slow the flow of traffic.**

- ❖ Hopefully everyone was very successful in learning their Spell-a-Thon words for today's tests. This weekend students should begin collecting their pledges! This is a true win-win fundraiser: the kids learn their words and the school benefits financially!
- ❖ Please talk to your children about "respiratory etiquette". Make sure they cough or sneeze into their "elbow", use Kleenex, and dispose of Kleenex properly.
- ❖ Please keep students home if they are running a temperature with respiratory problems.
- ❖ Please stress good hand-washing techniques at home so that they will do the same thing at school. Mrs. Hipskind and Mrs. Hoffman, who are nurses, will be here the week of September 14<sup>th</sup> to instruct children on proper hand-washing techniques and respiratory etiquette. More information is available at the CDC website [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)
- ❖ Please remember that you can buy SCRIP at school on Friday mornings during arrival. Please park in the back lot if you are coming in to purchase SCRIP. SCRIP will also be sold this weekend after some of the Masses.
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will be selling Entertainment Books to raise money for their trip to Washington, D.C. in the Spring. These coupon books cost \$30, but if you use coupons 2 or 3 times you recoup this investment and can save hundreds of dollars more. They will also be selling gift and food items from a catalogue, as well as wrapping paper. Please consider helping them with this sale.
- ❖ Please return the "All Inclusive Field Trip Permission Form" that came home in the first take home envelope. This gives your permission for your children to go on every field trip. Details about each trip will come home just prior to the field trip. Without this permission slip on file, they cannot get on the buses.
- ❖ Remember that Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> is Labor Day. Enjoy this holiday with your families!

**Scrip online orders are due Sundays by Midnight - Checks due on Tuesdays!**

**Scrip to Go - Friday mornings before school - 7-8 am!**

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOX**

You will find the October menu in today's folder.

**On-line orders are due September 22.**

We are still looking for a few good women to help with the Panther Pick lunches on Sept. 25, 29 and 30. Come for one or come for all! This crew is not for wimps but we can guarantee good food and a good time! Email Robin Hensley if you can help. Thanks! (See phone number in school directory.)



## **Spell-a-Thon**

Yeah Rah! What a great Spell-A-Thon week! The students showed tremendous enthusiasm and we had hundreds of daily benchmark tickets turned in each day. We gave away over 65 awesome daily prizes! If your child(ren) did not win a prize there is still the opportunity for them to participate in the classroom incentive programs and win...every class that has 100% participation will earn a Bingo Party with Prizes and the class that earns the most money overall will win a Friday Night DJ / Pizza Party. Students can still obtain pledges and donations until September 14th. All money is due back to St. Pius on Sept. 15th. The Grand Prize winners and the Class Incentive winners will be announced on Sept. 18th! Remember...every dollar counts! **GO SPX!**

9/5-14 - Collect Money

9/15 - Spell-a-Thon Money due

9/18 - Grand Prizes awarded

## **PTO Meeting**

Thursday, Sept 10th at 10am

SPX parish conference rooms 1&2  
Refreshments available & kids welcome...

Questions...contact Heather Douglas  
See you there!

See phone number in school directory.

## **PTO WOULD LIKE TO THANK...**

**HUMONGOUS THANKS** to **Tracy Sanders** for leading the **Spell-a-thon** student fundraiser kick-off Friday, Aug 28th. Her energy is certainly worth bottling up to share with the rest of us! Thanks to the entire **Bee-Squad** and **other volunteers** who helped prepare for packet distribution, setup and cleanup of this big fundraiser. It was certainly entertaining with the special guest appearances from teachers, principals, & students to really grab our attention. Thank you students for "Helping St. Pius....Raise Big Money!"

Many thanks to **Tracy Nondorf, PTO treasurer**, for working year round on the PTO Budget. While many of us were hanging at the pool, she was handling the left over expenses from last school year and processing the payments during the construction for the new year purchases & events. Tracy's time and effort is tremendously appreciated!

Special thanks to **Robin Hensley, Kathleen Prechtel, Anne Hurley, & Becky Klee** for preparing the Ross Hall kitchen for the 8th grade fundraising lunches and the **School Lunch Program** beginning this month. Many hours were spent by each of them in checking inventory, creating healthy menus, marketing the program, updating the orgonline system for easy ordering, and processing your orders & payments. Parents & Teachers alike thank you for offering these delicious lunches so that they can take a break from making lunches!

Thank you **Principal, Mr. Herman & Assistant Principal, Mrs. Desautels** for your ongoing guidance in drop-off procedures. Hopefully soon, we parents will be trained to know how far up to pull up before stopping and dropping off our students. Old habits are hard to break...as you can see. Thank you for your patience and persistence in making this process smooth, safe and speedy for our students!

Yippee! Thank you **Erin Dorsey and Christine Marsella** for co-chairing the **SPX-tras** this year! Much thought was put into simplifying the sign-up process and new classes were offered for the students. Thank you for working on this enriching program for the students of SPX this summer and now thru enrollment. Our students are looking forward to their classes starting already!

## **Musicians Needed**

We would like to have SPX students involved in the mass on October 17th that will be part of the dedication of the new school facilities. If you child attends St. Pius X and is currently taking lessons on an instrument and would like to play before that mass, please contact Mrs. Kirch. **ALL AGES ARE NEEDED!**

## **8th Grader Fundraiser**

The 8th graders will be kicking off their fundraising efforts for their trip to Washington D.C. They will be selling Entertainment Books for \$20.00 and a catalog of mixes, dips, magazines, etc. Please call any 8th grader if you would like to order. Thank you in advance for your purchases. Please contact Lorrie Manuszak or Theresa Chaniga if you have questions. See phone number in school directory..

## **Box Tops for Education**

Please keep saving your Box Tops for Education labels and turning them in to the school office! It's easy cash that benefits the school!

When you return the Box Tops for Education labels, please send them to the school office in an envelope or baggie!

## **Youth Ministry!**

**Jr. High Gatherings** - 7pm-9pm on October 9th at KofC. Please contact Angie Hyre, SPX Youth Ministry (ahyre@spxparish.org) if you can volunteer for these events. **WE NEED ADULT CHAPERONES!**

**Jr. High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher)** - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Sept 16th at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th grade students are welcome!

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## **SPX Dinner Dance & Auction - Class Gift Gathering Socials**

Mark your calendars for your child(ren)'s class gift gathering socials. These socials are KEY events to gathering items for the auction. They promise to be LOTS of fun. You will also receive invitations from the party hosts and hostesses with more details. Pencil in these **remaining** dates now so you won't miss out on the good time! **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE 3RD AND 6TH GRADE PARTIES!**

**Pre-K and Kindergarten:** Fri, October 2nd at Tracy & Brian Sanders' home at 7 pm (3709 Delaware Commons S. Drive)—Hosted by Tracy & Brian Sanders, Amy & Devin Sanders, The Link's, and The Leaman's

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Sat, September 26th, "College Football Tailgate" at the Adams' home at 7 pm (11312 E. Lakeshore Drive, Carmel)—Hosted by The Adams', The Marsella's, The Calvert's, The Clark's, The Murray's, The Doebbelings, The McGinley's, The Hawes', and The Hensley's

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sat, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm at the Kellison home (6457 Bramford Court)—Hosted by Eric & Ann Kellison and Mark & Alice Hannon

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Fri, September 11<sup>th</sup>, "Backyard Bonfire" at 7pm-10pm at Maura & Steve Lee's home (6475 N. Oakland)—Hosted by The Lee's, The Hipskind's, The Marsella's and the Ferguson's

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sun, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-8 pm at George's Place (71st & Binford Blvd)—Hosted by Scott & Leslie Schrader and Mike & Heidi Boilini

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Sun, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-8pm at George's Place (71st & Binford Blvd)—Hosted by The Russell's, The Godlevske's, and The Thierwechter's

Save the date for the "Blue Jeans & Bling" Dinner Dance & Auction on Saturday, November 7th at the K of C.

## **1st, 2nd, and 7th Grade Parents**

Did you miss your class gift gathering party? Do you have a gift or donation for the SPX Dinner, Dance and Auction that you would like to donate? The following people would be happy to collect your items: 1st grade: Jenny Myers, 2nd grade: Julie Pratt, 7th grade: Julie Dunn. Mary Sims is always available to take your items as well. You may also drop off any certificates or envelopes to Mrs. Cates in the school office. Please be sure to label the envelope SPX Dinner, Dance and Auction. Thanks so much for your generosity. The parties were a great success!

## **Girl Scout Contacts**

All girls are invited to join Girl Scouts! Whether or not you have been in GS before, you may join the SPX troop for your grade. Please look for registration information to come home soon. For questions, please contact the leader of your troop or Cathy Nickerson, SPX Girl Scout Organizer.

**7th/8th Gr - Troop 584** Lisa Doyle

**5th Gr - Troop 1871** Cathy Nickerson and Sally Ferguson

**4th Gr - Troop 1943** Melinda Nash, Audra Kuhn, and Marcia Molenda

**3rd Gr - Troop 2121** Lynda Thies

**2nd Gr - Troop 2496** Mary Schilling-Sims

**1st Gr - Troop 1156** Amy Murray and Shannon Holton

**Kindergarten Information Meeting:** Wed, Sept. 23 at 7-8 pm in Ross Hall

## **SUPPORT SCRIP**



### **Scrip stores are all around you!**

There are so many stores around us that participate in the Scrip program! Let's take the Southeast plaza at 82<sup>nd</sup> and Allisonville, for example. You can purchase Scrip online for any of the following stores:

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| * Shell or Speedway gas stations | * Michael's | * PetSmart     |
| * Blockbuster Video              | * Marsh     | * Panera Bread |
| * Coldstone Creamery             | * Qdoba     | * Dress Barn   |

Before your next shopping trip to any of these stores, don't miss out on a chance to support our school by purchasing Scrip!

### **Scrip Volunteer Opportunities**

Looking for an easy way to help out the school? We are looking for 1 or 2 volunteers for the following Scrip positions. Each position takes less than an hour of your time just ONCE A MONTH!

**Scrip envelope stuffing/delivery the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.**

**Scrip sales the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after the 8AM Mass.**

Your help would be very appreciated. Please contact Stephanie Van Horn or more information. (See phone number in school directory.)

Scrip-To-Go will be on Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8am in the school lobby!

## **SPX Athletic Bingo Chair Needed**

This is a great way to get involved in SPX athletics! The Athletic Committee is seeking an individual to chair the SPX Athletics Bingo Night next March. The group is in place from the last two years but a chairperson is needed to coordinate. If interested please call John Ernst, Athletic Director (See school directory.)

## **Matthew Kelly**

### **"Building Better Families"**

The North Deanery is hosting another visit with Matthew Kelly, an inspiration speaker and Australian author, on Monday, October 5th from 5-7 pm at St. Joan of Arc Parish to speak about "Building Better Families," based on his book of the same title.

In his talk, he will discuss the purpose of life - and the role that our relationships, especially those within our own families, play. Inside family and out, the meaning and purpose of life is to become the best-version-of ourselves, and help those around us do the same. Please join us! For more info, please contact Alexa Sifuentes, Dir of Religious Ed ([asifuentes@spxparish.org](mailto:asifuentes@spxparish.org) or 257-1085).