



# Purple & Gold Rush



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**School Mass Notes:** Join us for school mass on **Wed, September 16 at 8:30 am!** All are welcome!

\* Ms. Prickel's class is planning mass!

**September Gospel Value:** **EMPATHY**  
Empathy is an understanding of another's needs that leads to helping without expecting anything in return.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION**  
During Fr. Rob's Homily Wed. he spoke about cats and dogs. He said we should all be more like dogs not cats. What "dog traits" was he talking about?

## Teacher Thursday-Sept 17th

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

## Dates to Remember

9/5-14 Spell-A-Thon collect contributions

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)

10/15 Everybody Counts

10/17 Dedication of New Offices & Classrooms after 5pm Mass Reception to follow.

10/19 Report cards issued (Gr 1-2)

Posted on Edline (Gr 3-8)

10/21 Parent-Teacher Conferences

4pm - 8pm

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

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Can you please help us save our children? Do we have your attention now? We really do need everyone to help make the arrival and dismissal process safe for our children. Parents often ask, "How can I help out at school?" The first and most important way that everyone can help is with arrival and dismissal. This is where we need your help right now. Mrs. Desautels and I have been going out to direct traffic each morning and to observe the arrival process. Here are some tips to make this process as efficient as possible:

### Morning Arrival:

- > The biggest traffic jam occurs between 7:45 and 8:00 AM. Because of the influx of cars in that 15minute period, cars back-up onto 71<sup>st</sup> street.
- > The school opens and children are supervised starting at 7:30 AM. If you arrive between 7:30-7:45 there is no long line. If you do not like waiting in lines, plan on coming then.
- > Whenever you arrive, **if you are at the head of the line, please pull up all the way to the orange cone at the south end of the handicapped parking spaces near the building.** This allows about 12 cars to unload at the same time.
- > Try to say your "good-byes" more quickly. Nothing is better than a hug from your child, however long good-byes really slow things down.
- > Have the lunch boxes and backpacks organized prior to stopping the car. If you have to stop, get out of the car, get into the trunk, hand each child the bag, give each a hug.....Well you get the picture, I'm sure!
- > **Don't have your child exit the car on the driver's side. A small (short) child passing between the cars is a huge danger.**
- > Don't park in the front lot and come into the building. Even though you are with your child, it still holds up the movement of the drop-off line as polite drivers must allow you to pass between the cars. Use the back lot if you are coming into the building with your child.
- > If using the north lot, **please keep your pre-school children as well as your school children right with you.** Cars back there are constantly moving, and might not see your small child who has run ahead of you to the door. All children need to be protected and safe!

### Afternoon Dismissal:

- > We will begin using cones to mark the traffic lanes again.
- > Pull up as close to the cone as possible if you are the first in that line. We need to get as many cars as we can into the lot.
- > **Turn off engines.** Motors running when kids come out present two problems; the children are breathing many exhaust fumes as they look for their cars and a car might accidentally jump into gear or be pushed into gear as a child enters the car.
- > Stay in your car or at least get into your car quickly when you see the children exiting the building. It is difficult to see that children are still looking for their cars if you are standing next to your car with the door open.

If it seems like we have been singing this same tune every week, you are right. Everyone is in a hurry to get where they need to be. **However, the safety of our children is our number one concern.**

A slight delay shared by everyone is well worth it if it protects even one accident from happening to our precious children. We thank you for all of your offers to help at school. **This is where we really need it!**

Let's pray for each other always, Bill and Theresa

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOX**

**October Lunch Orders are due  
Tuesday, September 22!**

The School Lunch Team strives to provide lunches that are both "nutritious and delicious" which is why we routinely evaluate their kid appeal. Our Breakfast for Lunch "patrons" gave the Egg Omelet with Cheese a mixed review last week so next month we will be offering scrambled eggs instead of the omelet as our protein source. Thank you in advance for your continued patronage as we "tweak" this popular lunch. Even if you have already placed your October lunch order you may still add this lunch to your order as long as the change is made by the order deadline (Sept. 22).

**LUNCH VOLUNTEERS:** We still need to fill a few spaces on lunch crews. Please consider joining one of these crews:

**2nd Wed=Warm Deli needs 2 volunteers**

**3rd Fri = Chick-Fil-A needs 1 volunteer**

Contact Robin Hensley

([hensley05@comcast.net](mailto:hensley05@comcast.net)) if you can be a lunch volunteer. Thanks!



## **Spell-a-Thon**

Don't forget to return your Spell-A-Thon contributions and return them to school in TOMORROW! Students still have the opportunity 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. The Grand Prize winners and the Class Incentive winners will be announced on Sept. 18th! Remember...every dollar counts! GO SPX!

## **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 your 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!

## **Important Parish Events for your Family Calendar!**

**Sat, Oct 17 at 5 pm** - Solemn Dedication and Blessing of the school addition beginning with Mass continuing in the school building with refreshments to follow.

**Sat, Oct 24 at 4 pm** - Outdoor Mass and Oktoberfest at the Knights of Columbus, co-sponsored by our parish and the K of C. Enjoy German food and kids' games on a fun evening with friends! Beginning at 8 pm, the III Generation Band will perform! (There will be **NO 5pm Mass at St. Pius X Church on this Saturday.**)

**Please join the fun and support this major SPX parish fundraiser!**

## **SPXtras Reminder**

**(For those students already  
registered for these activities)**

### **Crochet**

Gr: 4th-6th

Day: Session I = Mondays 3:15-5:00 pm  
Sept 14 & 21 (2 weeks)

Session II = Tuesdays 3:15-5:00 pm  
Sept 15 & 22 (2 weeks)

Location: Art Room

### **Zumba**

Gr: Kindergarten-3rd

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 pm

Sept 15 - Oct 20 (6 weeks)

(9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, & 10/20)

Location: Ross Hall

### **Drawing & Cartooning by Richard Morris**

Gr: K-2nd

Day: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:45 pm

Sept 15 - Oct 6 (4 weeks)

(9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6)

Location: Ross Hall

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## **SPXtras Reminder (cont'd)**

**(For those students already  
registered for these activities)**

### **Strategy Games**

Gr: K-8th

Day: Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Sept 16 - Nov-18 (10 weeks)

(9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21,  
10/28, 11/4, 11/11, & 11/18)

No Class 10/23 & 11/27

Location: Ross Hall

### **Chess**

Gr: K-8th

Day: Fridays 3:15 - 4:15 pm

Sept 18 - Dec 4 (10 weeks)

(9/18, 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/30,  
11/6, 11/13, 11/20, & 12/4)

No Class 10/23 & 11/27

Location: Ross Hall

### **Drawing and Painting**

Gr: 6th-8th

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-5:00 pm

Sept 29 - Oct 20 (4 weeks)

(9/29, 10/6, 10/13, & 10/20)

Location: Art Room

## **PTO Update**

### **School Directories are here!**

Thank you **Mary Weaver** and **Marilyn Fagan** for putting together the awesome SPX directories. We LOVE them and use them almost daily. Your time spent putting this together is so very worth it!

### **Thursday's PTO Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who attended Thursday's meeting! Your suggestions are very welcome and appreciated. Special thanks to the PTO chairpersons who also gave reports. Hope to see more parents at our next meeting in October!

## **Box Tops for Education**

Don't forget to turn in your Box Tops for Education labels! When you send in the labels, please send them to the school office in an envelope or baggie!

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## **8th Grader Fundraiser**

The cost of the Entertainment Books are \$30.00, not \$20.00 as written in last week's Purple & Gold. Thanks to all of you who have already purchased them. If you have not purchased one, you still can buy one from an 8th grader until Sept 18.

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

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

**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.**

**Could not attend:** If you could not attend the class party for your child(ren)'s grade but would still like to make a contribution, please contact Mary Sims for pick up or send it in to the school office. Please be sure to label the envelope SPX Dinner Dance & Auction/"Blue Jeans & Bling" Thanks so much for your generosity.

## **Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

This year St. Pius X School is continuing our very worthwhile service project of pop tab collecting in conjunction with The Ronald McDonald House of Indianapolis. We will be collecting pop tabs to help raise needed resources to provide housing and everyday essentials to families who are struggling with a child in Riley Hospital. For those families that are new to SPX, here are some important facts:

**THERE IS NO COST IN COLLECTING TABS!**

It is easy and fun to get everyone you know involved in the collecting process.

Approximately 1000 tabs fills a Pringles can. (All aluminum tabs are included!) The Ronald McDonald House recycling program earns about .50 for this amt of tabs. Last year the tab program in Indianapolis alone generated approximately \$82,000 for the house.

We will be having different competitions throughout the year - i.e. hall against hall, grade against grades, etc. The winner of the competitions will be rewarded with prizes - i.e. pizza, ice cream, jeans day, etc. It is a worthwhile project! You can make a difference. Please join your children and help SPX become a member of the "Collect-A-Million Club". At the end of last year, SPX had collected a total of 603,000 tabs toward that goal. We are well on our way!

## **Recycling at Pius! (RAP!)**

### **Printer Cartridges & Cell Phones**

Not only is recycling good for the environment, but it is also good for St. Pius X! All funds raised from recycling supports the SPX parish technology program. Please bring in your used **cell phones and printer cartridges** (laser & ink jet) to our recycling bins located in the church Narthex and school computer lab.

Thanks so much for everyone's support in recycling. SPX is off to a great start for the 2009/2010 school year. We've raised \$513!

**BUSINESS OWNERS & EMPLOYEES:** Free shipping directly from your office. Fed X labels provided. Please contact Julie Dunn for more information ([julied9876@aol.com](mailto:julied9876@aol.com)).

## **"Everybody Counts, that means you and me..."**

Remember that catchy tune? Our all-school assembly that also includes time for each grade to explore a different disability is coming up soon - the date is

**Thursday, October 15, 2009.**

(On the original calendar, it was October 29 but was changed due to a schedule conflict.) Watch for the volunteer sign-up sheet in today's take-home envelope. Fill it out and return in the envelope tomorrow or at the front desk **AS SOON AS YOU CAN.** We need LOTS of volunteers and this is a way to interact with your child's peers in a positive way.

Questions? Terri Brumleve or Jacqueline Morone.

## **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.

For more info, please contact Alexa Sifuentes, Dir of Religious Ed ([asifuentes@spxparish.org](mailto:asifuentes@spxparish.org) or 257-1085).

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## SUPPORT SCRIP



### Nike becomes a Scrip Vendor!

You can now purchase \$25 Nike gift cards at a 12% discount through Scrip! The cards may be redeemed at any Nike-owned retail store, NikeStore.com, NIKEID.com, or nikewomen.com

### 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 (569-0223 or [scripgirl@gmail.com](mailto:scripgirl@gmail.com)) for more information.

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



**RAFFLE:** Place your scrip orders on-line, at Scrip To Go, or at the parish office and get entered in a raffle for a \$25 Best Buy card at the end of September.

## CYO Boys Basketball Registration & Evaluations

Mark your calendars... Boys' Basketball Registration and Evaluations Registration is due on Wednesday, September 23rd

(only those registered will be able to attend evaluations)

<b>Evaluations:</b> Saturday, September 26	7/8 cadet - 1:00-2:15 pm
	5/6 grade - 2:15-3:45 pm
	4th grade - 4:00-5:00 pm
Sunday, September 27	5/6 grade - 5:30-6:45 pm
	7/8 cadet - 6:45-8:00 pm

You can register online for CYO Boys Basketball at [www.spxcatholicsschool.org](http://www.spxcatholicsschool.org) & go to Athletics tab. Please follow the instructions on the Sports webpage for the SPX online registration and the CYO registration and complete it by Wed, September 23rd. Please make sure that your student athlete has a CYO sports physical on file with the Athletic Director. If you are unsure if you have one for this school year, go to Edline at look under CYO Sports/Forms/Sport Physicals.

If you have questions, please contact Brian Treece.

## Youth Ministry!

### 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!

**Jr. High Gatherings** - 7pm-9pm on October 9th at Knights of Columbus. Please contact Angie Hyre, SPX Youth Ministry ([ahyre@spxparish.org](mailto:ahyre@spxparish.org)) if you can volunteer.

**WE NEED ADULT CHAPERONES!**

**Jr. High Rally** - December 5th from 4:00-9:30 pm at SPX. Save this date on your calendar. More information will follow!

**SPX Monthly Youth Mass** - The next SPX Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, October 11 at 5:00 pm. Please contact Angie Hyre ([ahyre@spxparish.org](mailto:ahyre@spxparish.org)) if you would like to participate in Mass.

### Service Opportunities -

1) RCIA Program is looking for volunteers to babysit children of the participants. They meet at church on Tuesdays from 7-9 pm. Please contact Angie Hyre ([ahyre@spxparish.org](mailto:ahyre@spxparish.org)) or Alexa Sifuentes, Dir of Religious Ed ([asifuentes@spxparish.org](mailto:asifuentes@spxparish.org) or 257-1085).

2) Cathedral Soup Kitchen Saturday Lunch Program - October 31 from 10 am-1:30 pm. If you wish to participate, please contact Maureen Allen ([maureen.allen@nexsys.com](mailto:maureen.allen@nexsys.com)).

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

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