



# Purple & Gold Rush

September 21, 2009

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**School Mass Notes:** Join us for school mass on **Wed, September 23 at 8:30 am!** All are welcome!

\* Mrs. Chriss' 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

Last Wednesday Father Jerry talked about good manners when speaking and working with others. He said that we were being flooded with examples of people using bad manners recently.

Why did he say we needed good manners?  
 Talk about ways we can show good manners.

## Dates to Remember

- 9/26 3rd Grade Gift Gathering Party
- 10/1 School Dress Up Day
- 10/1 School Picture Day
- 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
- 10/22 Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:30 am - 12 noon
- 10/23 Fall Break - No School
- 10/25 Oktoberfest at 4:00 pm at Knights of Columbus
- 10/29-30 St. Meinrad Retreat, 8th Grade
- 11/7 PTO Dinner & Auction, K of C

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences  
 Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00-8:00 pm  
 Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 am-12:00 noon
- ❖ Dedication & Blessing of the School Addition  
 Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> Mass 5:00 pm  
 Blessing and Welcome to follow. Students, Families, Religious Ed Representatives and Faculty will participate.
- ❖ If you have not already done so, you may view your child's ISTEP+ Scores online for the testing done last spring. Use the website, username and password that were sent home a few weeks ago.

### A few words about the ISTEP+ results:

As you remember, last year ISTEP was administered twice, once in the fall and again in the spring. These two tests cannot be viewed as "apples to apples". The fall test was measured to standards that were taught in the previous year. The spring test was a benchmark assessment of skills taught in the current year. Besides that, some of the questions on the spring test were determined to be above grade level so the state accounted for this in the scoring. Therefore, the results may be a little skewed. It is expected that the state will have worked out these problems for the Spring 2010 testing.

### 2008 - 2009 ISTEP + OVERVIEW OF ST. PIUS X STUDENTS PASSING

08-09 School Year	% Passing	Pass +	% Passing	Pass +
	Language Arts	Language Arts	Math	Math
Grade 3 - Spring 09	90%	12%	82%	18%
Grade 3 - Fall 08	96%	18%	85%	18%
Grade 4 - Spring 09	95%	15%	88%	12%
Grade 4 - Fall 08	90%	10%	83%	10%
Grade 5 - Spring 09	81%	24%	78%	22%
Grade 5 - Fall 08	89%	6%	82%	19%
Grade 6 - Spring 09	100%	46%	100%	29%
Grade 6 - Fall 08	94%	12%	100%	29%
Grade 7 - Spring 09	91%	13%	96%	33%
Grade 7 - Fall 08	96%	18%	95%	33%
Grade 8 - Spring 09	98%	40%	98%	38%
Grade 8 - Fall 09	96%	17%	96%	66%

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Tony Bennett, made an interesting point in releasing the scores for the public schools. He said that it appeared the longer a student attended a public school in Indiana, the lower the passing rate was. At St. Pius, as well as most Catholic Schools, just the opposite is true. The longer a student attends a Catholic school, the higher the passing rate is. This is certainly true at St. Pius X. We are excited about the great students that we have here at St. Pius, and we look forward to continuing to help them grow and be successful! Thanks to all of the students, parents, teaching staff, and parishioners of St. Pius. It is through your hard work and tireless dedication that St. Pius X School continues to thrive. Let's pray for each other always, Bill and Theresa

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

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

**Please support PTO & Parish Tuition Assistance Fund by purchasing Scrip!**

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOX**

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

### **HELP NEEDED on Lunch Crews:**

Crew members work hard but have fun & laughs making lunch for 300+ smiling faces!

\* 2 volunteers for 2nd Wed Hot Deli Lunch  
contact Krista Broderick  
([kjbroderick@juno.com](mailto:kjbroderick@juno.com))

\* 1 volunteer for 3rd Fri Chick-Fil-A Lunch  
contact Ellie Hawes  
([emh8209@aol.com](mailto:emh8209@aol.com))

\* 2 volunteers for 4th Tue Hamburger Lunch  
contact Ellen Farrell  
([efarrell4311@comcast.net](mailto:efarrell4311@comcast.net))

Time: 10 am to 1 pm.

You can also contact Robin Hensley  
([hensley05@comcast.net](mailto:hensley05@comcast.net)) if you can  
volunteer for a lunch crew! Thanks!

## **SPXtras Reminder**

(For those students already  
registered for these activities)

Contact: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

**NOTE:** You can assume that if your check was cashed and you did not receive a message about a class cancelation or a full class, you are registered for the classes you submitted.

**Unfortunately, the following classes have  
been canceled:** Chess

Strategy Games  
Zumba II (Grade 4th-6th)

### **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  
Sep 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  
Sep 15 - Oct 6 (4 weeks)  
(9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6)

Location: Ross Hall

## **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!**



## **SPX School Pictures**

School pictures will be taken on **Thursday, October 1st**. Uniforms will not be required that day. We do ask that students keep the following guidelines in mind when choosing an outfit: shirts and tops must have sleeves and be long enough to completely cover the waist; skirts and shorts must be of the appropriate length; shoes should have both closed toes and heels for safety. We know that the students will look great for the pictures!

**PICTURE PAYMENTS:** Payment envelopes will be collected by the photographer on October 1st. The school office will not hold them until picture day.

**PICTURE RETAKES:** Picture retakes will be scheduled at a later date if a child is absent or you do not like your pictures.

## **New Schedule for Parent Teacher Conferences**

We have made a change in the schedule for Parent Teacher Conferences this year. Conferences will be scheduled on two days. The first day of conferences will be after school on Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> from 4pm-8pm. Conferences will continue on Thursday morning, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30am-noon.

## **Artistic Coordinator Needed**

We need help creating a display of artifacts before the Dedication Ceremony on October 17th. In the school entryway, we would like to use the new display case to showcase items from earlier days at SPX School and Religious Ed. Can you help? Please email Mr. Herman ([bherman@spxparish.org](mailto:bherman@spxparish.org)) if you can.

## **Volunteers are Needed for SPX Wellness Committee**

Volunteers are needed to review and help implement the St. Pius X Wellness Policy. Our first meeting is scheduled for October 6 at 8:15 am in the school conference room. If you would like to help with this effort, please send an email to Mr. Herman ([bherman@spxparish.org](mailto:bherman@spxparish.org)). If you cannot attend the meeting, please let Mr. Herman know of your interest in serving on this committee.

## **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!**

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## **PTO Update**

### **St. Philip Neri School Supply Donations!**

Thru the SPX school supply orders, parents are given a chance to donate additional funds to St. Philip Neri for their school supplies. This year the cash donations totaled \$460.74. SPX parishioners have also donated school supply items at church assisting St. Philip students with needed supplies. St. Philip Neri school is very grateful for your contributions both cash & items!

### **Exciting news for Students**

Additional playground equipment (a climbing dome, new lower monkey "bars", and a 4-person teeter totter) is on its way to SPX in October. Spread the news about the PTO presents coming soon!

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

Please return the volunteer form for the Everybody Counts Program scheduled for Thursday afternoon, Oct 15, if you are able to help. If you have misplaced your form, please contact Terri Brumleve or Jacqueline Morone if you would like to help and we will assign you a grade to work with.

There will be a general informational/organizational meeting on Tuesday morning, September 29 at 8:15 am in the meeting rooms at church. At that time, we will discuss the philosophy of the program and then the grades will be divided up so that initial planning can occur. If the grade you are assigned will not be meeting that day, your team leader will contact you prior to that meeting to arrange another time to meet. We look forward to working with you on this meaningful program.

**Please note that you should park in the church's front parking lot for this meeting so as not to interfere with drop off. Thank you!**

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

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.**

**Can't 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.

## **Youth Ministry!**

**Jr. High Gatherings** - 7pm-9pm on October 9th at Knights of Columbus. Please contact Angie Hyre, SPX Youth Ministry (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) 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) 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).

## **2nd Grade Girl Scout Brownies**

Troop 2496 Registration Reminder  
Please return any outstanding registration paperwork by September 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Mary Sims (mitsims4@sbcglobal.net) Looking ahead to another wonderful GS year!

## **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 at 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



### Please keep up the support of the Scrip program!

Our support of the Scrip program is critical to the objectives of the PTO! HALF of the profits from Scrip have always and will continue to go directly to the PTO. Those profits are essential for the enormous number of programs and purchases that PTO spearheads each year to continue the SPX tradition of Academic, Social, and Spiritual Excellence!

Remember Scrip is a NO ADDITIONAL COST program. It is just buying gift cards for stores and restaurants you are already going to spend your money!



### Re-load your Kroger card over the phone!

Do you have a college age child that you want to help out with grocery costs? You can re-load your Kroger gift card over the phone! If you have a Kroger Scrip card, just call 317-579-8311. Have your Kroger card number and a credit card ready, and they can load it for you!

### 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)

Evaluations: 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.

## Sweeney Center Season Pass

Fall/Winter sports are upon us...don't miss your chance to order your Sweeney Center Season Pass! The Sweeney Center Season Pass will admit you to all regular season athletic events in the St. Pius X gym. Sports include Girls' and Boys' Basketball, Volleyball and Wrestling as well as St. Pius X High School intramural sports (Volleyball and Basketball) which are also held in the gym. Family Passes and Single Passes are available. Order forms are available in today's take home folder, in the School and Parish offices, or in the Narthex. Please contact Ann Kellison ([eakellison@comcast.net](mailto:eakellison@comcast.net)) with any questions. Go Panthers!

## CYO Sports Physicals

If you are wondering if your SPX Athlete has a Sports Physical on file for the 2009-10 school year, please check the report in CYO Sports section of Edline under "Sports Physicals."

All students participating in CYO Sports at SPX for the school year need a sports physical on file with the Athletic Director. If your child needs one, ask your physician to complete the sports physical form, which can be found at [www.cyoarchindy.org](http://www.cyoarchindy.org) under the "Athletics" button at the bottom of the page. Please be cautious of the drugstore exams because the CYO form requires a physician's signature; most times nurse practitioners staff the drugstore centers.

If you have questions, contact Athletic Director, John Ernst (201-2372).

## Jungle Book

Cathedral High School is performing **Jungle Book** on Sunday, October 4th at 1:00 & 4:00 pm. Tickets will be available soon. Come to see some SPX graduates in this fun, children's play! For questions, please contact Sue Kempf ([poolmomsue@comcast.net](mailto:poolmomsue@comcast.net)).