



# Purple & Gold Rush



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## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOX**

We are still in need of some assistance with school lunches! Only a few more spots to fill!

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

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

\* 1 volunteer for 3rd Fri Chick-Fil-A Lunch  
contact Ellie Hawes

(253-6992 or [emh8209@aol.com](mailto:emh8209@aol.com))

\* 2 volunteers for 4th Tue Hamburger Lunch  
contact Ellen Farrell

(251-4311 or [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 cancellation 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)

### **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

### **Drawing and Painting**

Gr: 6th-8th

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-5:00 pm

Sep 29 - Oct 20 (4 weeks)

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

Location: Art Room

## **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!**

## **Moving to the Future...Remembering the Past**

The dedication and blessing of the new and remodeled facilities at the school will be held on October 17<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 5:00 pm Mass, and after Mass will move to the school building. To remember how far we have come, we would like to display items that are from the past. Do you have yearbooks, photos, a sports uniform or cheerleading sweater, an old school uniform, or old textbook? Did you keep a journal of memories, hair ribbons that were worn at school, or a St. Pius baseball cap from the 60's? Then we would love to display your keepsake. You can bring it to the school M-F from 8:00-3:00. Label it carefully with your name and phone number so that we can return it to you. Thanks for helping us travel down Memory Lane (alias Sarto Drive).

## **SPIRIT DAY is Friday, October 2nd! Wear your purple & gold!**

### **SPX Collection for Coats for Kids**

Each year The Salvation Army collaborates with WTHR Channel 13 and Tuchman Cleaners for the annual Coats for Kids campaign. This will be the fifth year that SPX has participated in this service project. Please bring any new or "gently used" coats from infants to teen and adult sizes to SPX School. We will be collecting them this week only through Friday, October 2nd in Mr. Jennings' Room-Rm 109. In the past, we have collected over 400 coats! Thanks for your participation and generosity for this worthy cause!

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

**REMINDER:** The all-volunteer meeting for Everybody Counts is tomorrow, **Tuesday, September 29 at 8:15 am.**

We will meet in the meeting rooms at the church and shouldn't take much longer than an hour or so. If you are unable to make it, please let either Terri Brumleve or Jacqueline Morone know.

**Please remember to park in the church's front parking lot so as not to interfere with drop off. Thank you!**

## **Playground/Mulch Spreading on October 3rd at SPX**

The school is receiving new playground equipment the beginning of October! On Saturday, October 3rd beginning at 10am, some equipment/edging will need to be installed and mulch will need to be spread in the playground & also in a new area under the two trees where the picnic tables are located. If you are available Saturday to volunteer with this project, please contact Steve Ferguson at [steve@myersconstructionmgmt.com](mailto:steve@myersconstructionmgmt.com). Service hours can be earned for this project as well. Please bring any shovels, pitch forks, wheelbarrows, gloves, and hard work ethic when you help out. Thank you!

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## **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.

## **Scrip - The Giving that Costs You Nothing!**

Everybody buys groceries! We spend hundreds (if not thousands) of dollars a month on feeding our families. Why not make that grocery money do triple duty?

If all 330 SPX school families bought just ONE \$100 Marsh gift card each week until the end of the school year, SPX would make over \$57,000! That is right--\$57,000!

**330 families x 35 weeks of school left x \$100 x 5% profit = \$57,750!**

That would give PTO over **\$28,000** next year to improve the school experience of every single one of our children. It would give our parish over **\$28,000** to help make the difference between being able to give children a Catholic education or not. What other fundraiser lets you make a difference using money you are going to spend anyway?

Come to Friday STG, order on-line, or walk into the parish office to purchase your Scrip cards!

Questions? Contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn.

## **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 Grade Car Wash Thanks**



The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Carwash last Saturday was a huge success! We raised almost \$1,000 in 4 hours. Some of the kids even got as clean as the cars with the help from their friends! Everyone had a great time and left with suds in their hair and a smile on their face...what a fun day!

A special THANK YOU to **Sullivan's Hardware** for allowing the event to be held in their parking lot and supplying the endless flow of water.

Thanks to the parents who volunteered (and got wet): John Chaniga, Alan Darnell, Libby Doyle, Karen Hayes, Heather Douglas, Edie Witchger, Steve and Litsi Plonski, Karen McGoff, Kelli Hoffman, Tom and Kristin Cunningham, Mike and Jill Thierwechter.

## **Youth Ministry!**

**Jr. High Gatherings** - 7-9pm 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!**

**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) Help spread mulch on the school playground on Sunday, October 3rd beginning at 10 am!
- 2) **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).
- 3) **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@nexsysis.com](mailto:maureen.allen@nexsysis.com)).

**Scrip to Go on Friday, October 2nd  
in the morning beginning at 7:30 am and  
at Pick up beginning at 2:00! See you there!**



## **Way To Go Pius!**

**WAY TO GO!** We had another incredible Spell-A-Thon. Our enthusiastic students collected over \$23,000.00 for SPX. Thank you to our parents and students for your resolve, perseverance, and generosity of time and money. The success of this fundraiser is a wonderful indication of how truly blessed we are as a school and parish community!

**PRIZES:** Congratulations to our 2009 Spell-A-Thon Grand Prize Winners. These students were awarded a 19" Flat screen TV - 1<sup>st</sup> place, a digital camera - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and electric drum set- 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Our First Place Winners are: Eli Lyons, Jarrod Stiver, and John Wooldridge. Our Second Place Winners are: Meghan Koers, Zach Melloh, and Heidi Franz. Our Third Place Winners are: Sophie and Amelia Xanders, Zoe Seal, and Monica Dunn. No class had 100% participation; however, Miss Mattingly's class earned a very special Bingo Party because they had the highest participation overall. After a 3 year reign as our DJ/Pizza Party recipients, the 7<sup>th</sup> graders handed over the top prize (gracefully) to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Congratulations 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders! In addition to these wonderful top prizes Spell-A-Thon gave away over 60 daily benchmark prizes, a special set of Colts Tickets, and lots of laughs at the kickoff party! Again, thank you for your continued support of this very worthwhile fundraiser. Way to go Pius...Way to go!

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

Pencil in these **remaining** dates now so you won't miss out on the good time!

**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

**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.

## **Chess Club**

**We are still looking for chess players for the CYO Chess League.**

We are looking for one (1) 8th grade and under person and one (1) 6th grade and under. Please call Melinda Nash if you are interested.

## **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!



## **Volleyball Skills Clinic**

2009 North Central Girls Volleyball Clinics (grades 3-6): Join the NC Panther Volleyball Coaches: Nick Wolfe, Matt Fishman and Janelle Johnson, for "Junior Panthers" to learn basic and advanced volleyball skills! All clinics are held at the NCHS Main Gym (door 28) from 6:30-7:30 pm on 10/7, 10/13, 10/15, 10/19 and 10/21. Cost is \$10 per night (check or cash). Show up for 1 or all 5 clinics - No pre-registration required. Bring your own knee pads and please, no jewelry. Questions? Please email [ncpanthervball@yahoo.com](mailto:ncpanthervball@yahoo.com)

## **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).

## **HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFO**

**See school websites for Shadowing Information**

### **\*Bishop Chatard High School**

**Open House:** Sunday, Nov-8 at 12:30-2:30 pm

**Admissions Tests:** 11/14, 12/5, & 1/9/2010

**Application Deadline:** 1/15/2010

**SPX Info Night for 7th & 8th graders:**

Tue, Oct-13 at 7:00 pm

Hosted by Tom & Kassie Ritman

[www.bishopchatard.org](http://www.bishopchatard.org)

### **\*Brebeuf Jesuit High School**

**Open House:** Sunday, Nov-1 at 11 am-1:30 pm

Mass before at 10:00 am for anyone who would like to attend.

**Admissions Tests:** 10/17, 11/14 & 11/21

**SPX Info Night for 7th & 8th graders:**

Tue, Oct-27 at 7:00 pm

Hosted by Kevin McGoff

[www.brebeuf.org](http://www.brebeuf.org)

### **\*Cathedral High School**

**Open House:** Thursday, Nov-19 at 5:30-8:00 pm

Mass before at 5:00 pm for anyone who would like to attend.

Dinner served in the cafeteria.

**Admission Tests:** 10/24, 11/7, & 12/5

**Application Deadline:** 12/11/2009

**SPX Info Night for 7th & 8th graders:**

Watch for more information.

[www.cathedral-irish.org](http://www.cathedral-irish.org)

### **\*Guerin Catholic High School**

(Don't get confused with Guerin Prep HS which is located in Chicago area.)

**Open House:** Sunday, Nov-15 at 1:00 - 3:30 pm

**Admission Tests:** 10/10, 12/5

**Application Deadline:** Applications are available online and are currently being accepted.

Priority Placement Deadline is 12/15/2009

[www.guerincatholic.org](http://www.guerincatholic.org)

## **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)).