



Purple & Gold Rush



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is impossible to believe, but the first Quarter of the school year will end on Friday, October 9th. Our year has begun with great enthusiasm and energy. We have been blessed this year in so many ways: with great students, great teachers, great parents, and great new facilities. It is truly a joy to be a member of this community!

Eleven of our teachers attended the NECC Conference in Washington, D.C. this year. This conference focuses on ways to use computers and other technological advances in the educational system. Many new ideas come from this conference each year. We asked the teachers to share a comment about the conference with you. More comments will follow next week.

- > The biggest improvement in my classroom since NECC has been the use of a classroom blog. Homework assignments and notes are easily accessed from any computer with internet access.
- Vanessa Prickel
- > After attending NECC I know that St. Pius is on the cutting edge of technology, and I'm so excited that I'm going to have a Smart Board.
- Gwen Kirch
- > The conference opened the doors to possibilities...I came back with many great ideas (publishing books, global projects, posting video book reviews), found new resources (historical primary sources on-line, document camera), and learned new technology skills (exploring more Smartboard capabilities) that will definitely enhance my teaching and engage the kids!
- Mary Chriss
- > St. Pius is on the cutting edge of technology, and I discovered many new programs, websites (Thinkfinity, Professor Garfield, Edublogs, Wordle.) and additional Smartboard ideas from the conference. Julie Cook & I made a presentation entitled "Engage the Primary Child with Smartboards". It went very well, and we reached out to many other classrooms around the nation and the world!
- Jeanie Warrick

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on **FRIDAY, October 9 at 8:30 am!**
NO school mass on Wednesday!
All are welcome!

* Mrs. Taber's class is planning mass with the 8th grade cantors.

October Gospel Value:

RESPECT

Respect is showing honor, adoration, and love for all people you encounter in your life, knowing that Jesus lives in each one.

"Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear god. Honor the King." 1 Peter 2:17



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

Last Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St. Theodora Guerin, our own Hoosier Saint. Because she founded the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana, Father Jerry talked to the students about the meaning of the word "Providence". What does this word mean? What is the story about the birds and the flowers in the field, and how God cares for them? How does God take care of us in His great providence?

Dates to Remember

- 10/7 No School Mass
- 10/8 Teacher Thursday
Dismissal at 1:00/1:15 pm
- 10/9 School Mass at 8:30 am
- 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

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday, October 22nd this year. On Wednesday, students will have school all day and conferences will be held from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Thursday, conferences will run from 7:30 am until 12:00 Noon. There will be no school for students on Thursday or Friday. After your conference is completed, we hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful Fall Break! Please return the conference scheduling form that you received so that we can set up your time when it is most convenient for you. **These forms are due tomorrow, October 6th.**

* NOTE: Because of the conference schedule this year, there will be NO extended care on Wednesday, October 21st.

Children's Collection at School Mass on Friday at 8:30 am!

Teacher Thursday on Thursday, October 8th

Remember that we have Teacher Thursday this week on Thursday, October 8th. Dismissal will be at 1:00 pm and 1:15 pm. Teachers will have a speaker from OCE, Mrs. Kathy Mears, who will share tips on differentiated instruction with us.

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

You will find the November menu in today's take-home folder.

Orders must be placed by October 20th!

Panther Pilot/Pick Lunches:

The three *Panther Pilot/Pick lunches* last week were a huge success! We were pleased with how many students ate the black beans and grilled peppers and onions at the Chicken Fajita lunch! The Turkey Bacon Club sandwiches on whole wheat hoagie rolls were very popular as were the Cheesy Breadsticks. Students consumed 50 lbs of lettuce during these lunches! The Panther Pilot/Pick Lunch crew deserves a standing ovation as these lunches are very labor intensive and require a time commitment of 3-4 hours (or more) per lunch.

Thank you Donna Casper, Char Love, Cindy Franz (2), Mary Sims (2), Sue Kempf, Jill Thierwechter, Michelle Reid, Alicia Russell, Heather Douglas (2), Amy Beausir, Kriste Mossman, Kathleen Prechtel, Robin Hensley and Anne Hurley.

Save a trip...buy Scrip!

St. Pius X Catholic School Marketing Video

Why did you choose St. Pius X Catholic School as the best choice for your child's education? The School Commission has worked hard to create a marketing video to share with prospective students and families about St. Pius X Catholic School. Please visit the school website at www.spxcatholicsschool.org and watch the video and then share the link with your friends and acquaintances who may be interested in our school. Thank you to everyone who participated in its production.

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!

Time Change for PTO Meeting

Due to a schedule conflict the upcoming PTO meeting for all members will be held in church conference rooms next Thursday, October 8th at 10 am instead of 9 am. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

Children are welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Thanks for your understanding. Any questions contact Heather Douglas (See School directory.)

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)

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

SPXtras - continued

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

Abstract Painting on Canvas

Gr: 2nd only

Day: Session I = Monday, Oct 5, 3:15-5:00 pm

Session II = Monday, Oct 12, 3:15-5:30 pm

Location: Art Room

Drawing and Cartooning by Richard Morris

Gr: 3rd-5th

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-4:45 pm

Oct 13 - Nov 3 (4 weeks)

(10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3)

Location: Ross Hall

Ceramics

Gr: 3rd-5th

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-5:00 pm

Oct 27 - Nov 17 (4 weeks)

(10/27, 11/3, 11/10, & 11/17)

Location: Art Room

Recess Monitors

We are still looking for a full time or part time Wednesday supervisor for recess. The hours are from 11:30 am - 1 pm and you can get paid. Please call Melinda Nash if interested. (See School directory.)

Indoor Recess

We are also looking for Twister Boards for indoor recess. If you have a Twister game that you no longer play, please donate it to SPX. You can bring it to the school office.

Thank you to everyone who brought in Coats for Kids! You will help keep someone warm this winter!

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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 17th. 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).

Dad's Day

Middle School dads, please mark your calendars for

Friday, October 16 at 6:30 am - 7:45 am at Ross Hall.

The **FIRST** ever Dad's Day breakfast at St. Pius X

Middle School dads, daughters and sons come and share breakfast and some one on one time. Even though this is an event for Dads and their children, Moms are welcome to attend too!

The speaker will be Bill Bissmeyer, founder of Dad's Day. Since its inception, Dad's Day has grown to over 1000 chapters across the country.

Dad's Day allows dads to spend much needed time with their children. A good time and many laughs are guaranteed!

Coffee, juice and donuts will be served.

For more info call Dave Adams or Mike Hoffmire— (See School directory).

"Blue Jeans & Bling"

Gift Gathering Parties Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who attended the grade level gift gathering socials for the SPX Dinner Dance & Auction. They were a HUGE success thanks to your generosity. These parties would not be possible without the AMAZING hosts and hostesses of each event. You so graciously opened your homes and put forth tremendous effort on behalf of SPX. Thank you so much to the following hosts/hostesses: Brian and Tracy Sanders, Devin and Amy Sanders, The Links, The Leamans, The Myers, The Burnells, The Pratts, The Adams, The Hawes, The Hensleys, The Calverts, The Clarks, The Murrays, The Doebbelings, The McGinleys, The Kellisons, The Hannons, The Lees, The Hip-skinds, The Marsellas, The Fergusons, The Schraders, The Boilinis, The Dunns, The Allens, The Russells, The Godlevskes, and The Theirwechters. You are the best! Thank you!

Blue Jeans & Bling

Auction & Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 7th!

Oktoberfest Poster Contest

One winner from each grade level of K-2, 3-5, & 6-8 will receive a \$10 Dairy Queen gift certificate. Please see the flyer in the take home envelope for more details. Posters are due 10/16 and winners will be announced the weekend of 10/17 at all masses. Questions, call Donna Treece.

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

As you prepare to volunteer for the *Everybody Counts Program* on October 15, consider whether you would like to become even more involved in this wonderful program. We are looking for another person to help in planning next year's program and then become the co-chair with Jacqueline Morone beginning 2011. (Terri Brumleve will graduate her last child in May of 2011.) If this is a program you feel strongly about, please let us know. The time commitment is for a limited period of time and it is fun to watch the kids grow and learn through the activities. Contact Terri Brumleve or Jackie Morone - (See Phone Numbers in School directory.)

Scrip - The Giving that Costs You Nothing!

Scrip Raffle Winner:

Congratulations to **Amy Murray** for winning the August/September Scrip Raffle. She received a \$25 Best Buy gift card.

October Raffle Information:

Buy Scrip in October and you will be entered to win a \$25 Schoolbelles gift certificate! Get an additional entry into the drawing if you buy Scrip from the following vendors this month:

Schoolbelles \$25	La Hacienda \$25	Puccini's \$20
Blockbuster \$10	SuperCuts \$25	Macy's \$25
Sullivan's \$25	Best Buy \$25	

Two Chances for Scrip this Friday!

Come to Scrip to Go on Friday morning AND at pick up Friday afternoon!

Questions? Contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn. (See School directory.)

Youth Ministry!

Jr. High Gatherings - 7-9 pm 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!

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 -

Cathedral Soup Kitchen Saturday Lunch Program - October 31 from 10 am-1:30 pm. If you wish to participate, please contact Maureen Allen— see phone number in directory.

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Spiritwear Orders—Due Tuesday, October 13th

You asked for it, you got it! Look for the spiritwear order form in this week's take home envelope. We are offering a new zipped hoodie (white or grey) and panther sweatpants (white or grey). Both are available in youth and adult sizes. This is a one time order, so be sure to get your form and payment back to school by Tuesday, October 13th. NO EXCEPTIONS! Makes a great Christmas gift! Any questions, please contact Kristie Cheek or Lori McQueary—(See School directory for phone numbers.)

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. Please contact Ann Kellison with any questions. Go Panthers! (See phone number in school directory.)

SPX Information Nights for 7th & 8th Grade Families

***Bishop Chatard High School**

Bishop Chatard will host a Family Information Night on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm at the home of Tom & Kassie Ritman. These casual evenings of conversation with several students, faculty members, and administrators allow parents and 7th & 8th grade students considering Bishop Chatard for high school the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the academic, extra-curricular and faith-based programs the school offers. For questions, please contact Tom & Kassie Ritman— (See phone number in school directory.)

***Brebeuf Jesuit High School**

7th and 8th graders, along with their parents, are invited to attend an information session about Brebeuf Jesuit on Tuesday, October 27th beginning at 7:00 pm. Kevin and Patty McGoff will host in their home at 6625 Tuxedo Lane. Brebeuf Jesuit President Dr. Matt Hayes will join the Admissions Office to make a brief presentation and to answer your questions. Join several families from St. Pius X with Brebeuf Jesuit students to learn what a Jesuit education is all about - being open to growth, intellectually competent, religious, loving, and committed to justice. RSVP to admissions@brebeuf.org or 524.7151 by October 22.

***Cathedral High School**

On Sunday, November 1st at 7:00 pm, Cathedral High School will host an information night in the home of Mike & Ellen Farrell at 3111 E. 71st St. Cathedral and the Farrell family invite all 7th & 8th grade students and families to attend the evening to learn about the high school experience and answer any questions you might have about a Cathedral education. Please RSVP by calling the Admissions Office at 968-7368.



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

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 interested. (See Directory.)

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

***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 Patty & Kevin McGoff

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

***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

Matthew Kelly

"Building Better Families"

Matthew Kelly, an inspiration speaker and Australian author, will speak about "Building Better Families" this evening, Monday, October 5th at 7 pm at St. Joan of Arc Parish