



Purple & Gold Rush



October 12, 2009

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Send newsletter articles to Diane Stenson

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, October 14th
at 8:30 am!

All are welcome!

* Mr. Jennings's class is planning mass.

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

Father Jerry reminded everyone of two important events that are coming up: one on October 17th at 5:00 pm Mass, and the other on October 24th at the Knights of Columbus facility beginning with 4:00 pm Mass. What are these events and why are we having them?

Dates to Remember

- Now-10/17 Oktoberfest Poster Contest
- 10/13 Spiritwear Orders due
- 10/15 Everybody Counts
- 10/16 Dad's Day at 7:45 am in Ross Hall
- 10/16 Scrip to Go before school!
- 10/17 Dedication of New Offices & Classrooms after 5pm Mass Reception to follow.
- 10/18 Last chance to order Scrip online before Fall Break
- 10/19 Report cards issued (Gr 1-2) Posted on Edline (Gr 3-8)
- 10/20 November Lunch Orders due
- 10/21 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4pm - 8pm
- 10/22 Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:30 am - 12 noon
- 10/23 Fall Break - No School
- 10/24 Oktoberfest at 4:00 pm at Knights of Columbus
- 10/29-30 St. Meinrad Retreat, 8th Grade
- 11/5 8th Grade: Yearbook Cover



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

With school now back in full swing, many classes are in need of volunteers for various activities. This is a great opportunity for parents to be active in their child/children's education and school community. Research certainly validates that students are more successful in school when parents are active in their child's school. We in Catholic education support the use of volunteers in our many programs.

Having many volunteers working with our students, it is important that they are protected and safe. It is a requirement that all St. Pius X and Archdiocesan employees and volunteers, who will interact in any way with children, must complete our background check requirements; sign an Archdiocesan policy acknowledgement form; and finally, attend Virtus Training and complete **monthly** Virtus training bulletins. All requirements must be met, or you will not be eligible to volunteer for St. Pius X activities involving children. This applies to all volunteers for any child-related activity, such as SPX-tras, Scouting programs, Athletics, etc.

We know these requirements may be inconvenient, but please remember, they are in place for the protection of the children. We do not like having to tell parents that they are not eligible to volunteer, but this is an Archdiocesan mandate, and our pastor, Fr. Jerry, must sign off that the school volunteers are compliant. Volunteers are truly an important part of what we do at SPX—we need you to be part of this volunteer force. Thank you all for the many, many valued things you do for the parish community. Let's pray for each other. _Bill & Theresa

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!

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, contact Donna Treece.

Math Games

Math Games have started and are in full swing! Parents in each grade provide instruction in Math Pentathlon games every other week for our students in grades K-4. This is a great opportunity for our children to improve their problem solving and critical thinking skills. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Amy Murray - see phone number in school directory. A BIG thank you to those parents who have committed to volunteer!

Spirit Wear Orders due TOMORROW!

Be sure to turn in your Spiritwear order by tomorrow, Tuesday October 13th. No late orders will be accepted! Any questions, please contact Kristie Cheek or Lori McQueary - see phone number in school directory.

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

Don't forget to place your
November School Lunch orders!
Orders must be placed by
October 20th!

Blue Jeans & Bling

Auction & Dinner Dance Saturday, November 7th!

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 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 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

Physical Education Uniforms

SPX PE Uniforms are new this year! By January 1st middle school students will need to purchase PE uniforms consisting of purple mesh shorts and a grey SPX PE t-shirt. Current 8th grade students will not need to wear these new uniforms. You may purchase the purple mesh shorts which are \$15 and the grey t-shirt which is \$10 directly from Mrs. Heisserer. If you have any questions, please her.

"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.

Warm Weather Clothing Needs

We have some new parishioners that we would like to help! The winter months are closing in, and the refugees from Burma need clothing, outerwear and blankets. Please bring in gently used items to either the babysitting room in Shalom, or drop boxes in the school lobby. New items are also appreciated. What a great excuse to clean out your closets! Please note that the greatest need is smaller adult sizes and all kids sizes. Thanks for your generosity.

More Teacher Comments on Summer Conference

Last week we shared a few of the teacher comments on the NECC Conference they attended this summer. Here are a few more comments...

* NECC is a great way to learn and experience the new technology available. NECC also provides ideas on using technology in the classroom to engage and motivate students. The **Livescribe pen** is one technology which I learned about that has been very helpful as a resource teacher. I use it to record students during reading assessments. Over time, I will be able to compare oral reading. Also, I learned about new software and websites that can be used for classroom projects (i.e. fablevision.com; worldproblemsolvers.org, slideroll.com and showbeyond.com).
—Julie Cook

* My NECC experience was comparable to a kid in a candy store: in that, I attended sessions that were thought-provoking, engaging and taught in such a way that I kept learning new things everywhere I went!
—Lynn Ratkey

* The NECC conference gave me great ideas for utilizing technology in the classroom setting. I especially enjoyed sessions related to digital storytelling as this is an area I want to explore.
—Alice Mattingly

* I was fortunate enough to be able to attend NECC this last summer. I came away with so many new and great ways to use technology in the classroom. I was excited to get back to school and put my new knowledge to work. It was also exciting to find that St. Pius is on the cutting edge with technology. We seemed to be far ahead of most of the schools that were represented at the conference..
—Jeanine Ritter

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Yearbook Opportunities for 8th Graders

Eighth Graders - design the cover of the yearbook!

All 8th graders are encouraged to enter your original picture/design to be considered for the cover of this year's yearbook. Please submit your original artwork (pencil drawings need to have dark outlines). You may give your entry to Mrs. Bastnagel by Thursday, November 5th. Any questions, you can ask Mrs. Bastnagel.

Eighth Graders - interested in working on the yearbook?

We are going to select four 8th graders to work on the 8th grade pages of the yearbook this year. This will include gathering and organizing photos as well as creating the pages using a simple-to-use web-based software program. If you are interested, please submit a short paragraph explaining why you are interested in working on this project and return it to Mrs. Dorsey by Thursday, November 5th. Please include your experiences and strengths that would lend success to this project. The time commitment will be several after school sessions beginning in January. There will be a short meeting in November to cover the specifics. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Dorsey — see phone number in school directory.

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 Bismeyer, 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 phone numbers in school directory.

Where are YOU shopping this weekend?

Get Scrip this Friday for all of your shopping needs!

Scrip - The Giving that Costs You Nothing!

Scrip Dates for October:

* Online orders will NOT be process the week of Oct 18th, due to the short week.

* Place online orders by 11:59 pm on Sunday, Oct 25th and receive them on Thursday, Oct 29th.

The last Scrip-to-Go before Fall Break is this Friday, October 16th!



Purchase Halloween supplies through Scrip!

The doorbells will be ringing - are you ready? Pick up your Scrip gift cards for the following stores before stocking up on the Halloween treats, costumes, and decorations:

Michaels (gotta love their decorations!) CVS Wal-Mart/Sam's Club
McDonald's (hand out gift certificates!) Marsh/O'Malia's Many More!

Thank you for supporting St. Pius X SCRIP!

Questions? Contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn .

We are getting ready for the 8th Grade Video!

Start collecting your pictures for the 8th grade video. Group pictures of school functions work best. Please start compiling grades K-5 at this time and send pictures into the office marked 8th grade video. Please remember to mark your name on the back of the pictures so they can be returned. (Don't use a marker as this will ruin the pictures.) Don't forget to make sure you get lots of pictures of your children during all of their 8th grade activities this year!

Flu Shot Clinic



St. Pius X will be having a flu shot clinic on Tuesday, October 20th. While this is set up mainly for our staff, we are allotting the time from 8:15 - 9:15 am of the clinic to be open to parents or school children. Due to the lower supply of the injectable vaccine, all healthy individuals from ages 2-49 will only be able to receive the FluMist at a cost of \$30. Pregnant women, children 6 to 23 months, and those over 50 will receive the injection at \$25. If you would like to come to this clinic, please come to Ross Hall after 8:15 am.

Playground Thanks

Thank you, Steve Ferguson, for planning the day to mulch and update the playground! Thanks also goes out to Hoosier Tools, Steve & Trey Lee, Mike Nash, Mike Behringer, Riley Ferguson, Dave & Jarrod Stiver, Alec Mercer, Bill & Bridget Nash, Morris & Shelby Stevens, Dave Adams, Rob Albright, Jeff McPherson, Jeff and Jeff Jorgenson, the Cadet Football team players, parents & coaches and Mother Nature!

Youth Ministry!

Jr High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher) - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Wed, Oct 21st at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

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 school directory.

Don't forget to turn in your Box Tops for Education! Send them to the school office in an envelope or baggie!

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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, extracurricular 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 10/13, 10/15, 10/19 and 10/21. Cost is \$10 per night (check or cash). Show up for 1 or several clinics - No pre-registration required. Bring your own knee pads and please, no jewelry. Questions? Please email ncpanthervball@yahoo.com

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

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

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