



# Purple & Gold Rush



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## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**School Mass Notes:** Join us for school mass on **Wednesday, October 21st at 8:30 am!** All are welcome!

\* Mrs. O'Brien'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

On Wednesday at Mass, Father Rob asked the children if any of them ever ate too many chips & salsa when they went to a Mexican restaurant, and then could not finish their meal. How did he compare this to material things that we all have and living the Christian life that Jesus offers us?

## Dates to Remember

- 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  
"Blue Jeans & Bling"
- 11/12 Teacher Thursday  
1:00/1:15 pm dismissal
- 11/16 First Reconciliation - 2nd Grade  
7:00 pm in Church
- 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break  
No School
- 11/30 Advent Prayer Service  
2:15 pm in Church
- 12/5 Breakfast with Santa
- 12/7 Advent Prayer Service

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This will be a very important week for all of our families. **Report Cards will be uploaded to Edline today** so that parents can review the accomplishments of all of their children during the first quarter of the year. Please remember that some children start out the school year a little slowly, getting acclimated to their new environment in a new grade, with a new teacher, and a new group of classmates. By now, the start of the second quarter, they should be fully integrated into their classes and working their best.

To give you an opportunity to understand what your children have accomplished so far and what you can do to help them achieve even more, **Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday afternoon and evening from 4:00-8:00 PM, and on Thursday morning from 7:30-Noon.** Letters with your assigned conference time were sent home with your youngest child last week. If you did not receive yours, you can call the office. We look forward to seeing each of you.

We encourage everyone to attend the **Oktoberfest this Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 71<sup>st</sup> & Keystone.** The festival begins with an outdoor Mass at 4:00 PM (no Mass in our church at 5:00 PM that day). Meals and games for both children and adults will be provided. Tickets are available at the parish office: \$1.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. If purchased at the door, the children's tickets will be \$5.00. The children's tickets will allow them to participate in all of the children's activities all evening. (no need to keep running back to the ticket booth when their string of tickets is depleted) Oktoberfest t-shirts are also available at the parish office in both child and adult sizes. (*Children who have Oktoberfest t-shirts may wear them to school with jeans on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. All other children should wear their uniforms that day.*) Food & drinks will be available for purchase at an additional price all evening. For adults there will be music and casino games all evening, and plenty of great conversation with your friends and neighbors. Please invite all of your friends and neighbors, especially friends from neighboring parishes to come with you to this exciting new event. You will have a great time, and it will make your pastor smile!

Finally, it was wonderful to see so many of you at the blessing and dedication of our new facility last Saturday. We are so thankful for all of the work and financial contributions that you put into this project. It has made a huge difference in our school already— more space for classes, more safety at the school entrance, more storage, more work space for teachers, and adult bathrooms for adults using Ross Hall or the Sweeney Center Gym. We are so blessed and thank everyone so much!

## Oktoberfest is this Saturday, October 24th!

**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!**

## 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.

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOX**

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

## **Dad's Day Thanks**

Thank you, Dave Adams & Mike Hoffmire, for coordinating the Dad's Day morning last Friday! Bill Bissmeyer was engaging and shared a wonderful morning with about 120 SPX students and parents. The coffee, orange juice, and six dozen donut holes (yes, 720 donut holes!) were also a big hit! Thanks much!

## **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

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> middle school students will need to purchase PE uniforms consisting of purple mesh shorts and a grey SPX PE t-shirt. Current 8<sup>th</sup> 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 email her at [jheisserer@spxparish.org](mailto:jheisserer@spxparish.org).

## **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.

## **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!

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

### **Fall Break:**

Due to Fall Break, we are not be processing online Scrip orders this week. Place your orders by midnight Sunday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup> in order to receive it next Thursday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for supporting SPX Scrip!



### **Make filling up your gas tank go a little further!**

If all 330 SPX school families bought just ONE \$50 Speedway gift card each week until the end of the school year, SPX would make over \$26,000!

330 families x 32 weeks of school left x \$50 x 5% profit = **\$26,400!**

That would give PTO over **\$13,000** next year to improve the school experience of every single one of our children.

It would give our parish over **\$13,000** to help make the difference between being able to give children a Catholic education or not.

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Questions? Contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn .

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## **SPX Athletic Booster Club is Getting Together Again!**

**What:** The Athletic Booster Club will be re-established at SPX  
**When:** Sunday November 8 at 7:00 pm in Ross Hall  
**Who:** Open to any parishioner (or non-parishioner) who is involved with athletics or has a child involved in SPX athletics  
**Why:** To open athletics to the parish at large  
**Topics:** Vote on updated Bylaws and Constitution  
Volunteers needed for fundraising events  
Fall Athletic Committee positions and 4 Committee Officer positions which will be open to Booster Club Members in May  
Spring Athletic Committee positions now open to Booster Club Members:  
\* 2 At Large Positions                      \* Wrestling Coordinator  
\* Baseball Coordinator                      \* Softball Coordinator  
\* Soccer Coordinator                      \* Track Coordinator  
\* New Sports on the Rise at SPX

## **SPX Information Nights for 7th & 8th Grade Families**

### **\*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. 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](mailto: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. 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.

## **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.

## **El Salvador!**

The Tamarindo Foundation, Inc. cordially invites you to spend an evening with John Guiliano at the Northside Knights of Columbus on Sunday November 1st at 5:30-7:30 pm. Come enjoy authentic Salvadorian fare and intimate conversation with John and his family. They will be sharing the most recent happenings in El Salvador and the Tamarindo Community. Entertainment provided by the Tamarindo Band.

## **Flu Shot Clinic**



St. Pius X will be having a flu shot clinic on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

## **HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFO**

**See school website 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

[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:** 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](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:**

Sun, Nov-1 at 7:00 pm

Hosted by Ellen & Mike Farrell

[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)

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