



# Purple & Gold Rush

January 4, 2010

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### School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on  
**Wednesday, January 6th**  
at 8:30 am.  
All are welcome!

- \* The teachers are planning mass.
- \* A children's collection will be taken at mass.

### January Gospel Value:

#### EFFORT

Being willing to work hard.  
*"I will press always toward the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call to eternal life."*  
—Philippians 3:14

### Teacher Thursday is January 14th

Dismissal times for Teacher Thursday are 1:00 or 1:15 pm.

### PTO Meeting

Thursday, January 14th at 9 am  
SPX Church conference rooms 1&2  
Refreshments available & kids welcome...  
Questions...contact Heather Douglas  
([hadouglas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hadouglas@sbcglobal.net))  
See you there!

### Dates to Remember

- 1/4 Classes resume
- 1/11 Report Cards Issued (Grades 1-2)
- 1/11 Report Cards Posted (Grades 3-8)
- 1/12-14 DIBELS Testing (Grades K-2)
- 1/14 PTO Meeting
- 1/14 Teacher Thursday  
1:00-1:15 pm dismissal
- 1/16 PTO Trivia Night
- 1/18 MLK Day - No School
- 1/19 SPX Open House  
6:30 pm in School
- 1/29 Kindergarten & 1st Gr Mid-Yr Conf  
K-1st—1:00 pm dismissal
- 1/29 Grades 2-8 - 3/3:15 pm dismissal
- 2/1 Catholic School Week
- 2/1 Hobby Show - all day in Ross Hall
- 2/4 Math Mania

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## PRINCIPALS' CORNER



to all of our families! We hope that each of you had a wonderful holiday and that you had an opportunity to experience the joy that always accompanies the birthday of Jesus.

It does not seem possible that 2010 has arrived! Wasn't it only yesterday that we entered the new millennium with all of the fears that accompanied it? Now after the first decade, we enter a new year reinvigorated and renewed. As most people do at this time, we all should make resolutions; promises to ourselves to do things in a better or at least a new way for the coming year. Some ideas might be to rely more on God by trusting in His love and care for us; to refresh ourselves more often by taking time to enjoy our families and the happiness that they bring to us; to renew our minds through a few minutes of prayer and meditation each day; and to rejuvenate our bodies by taking time several days each week for a brisk walk or some other exercise.

Students can rededicate themselves to doing their best work and offering it up as a birthday present to Jesus; they can refocus their minds on what the teacher is asking them to do in the classroom; and they can recommit themselves to learning as much as they can to prepare themselves for the future.

We hope that everyone in our St. Pius X family will have a wonderful 2010, and that God will continue to bless us with His grace and peace. Let's continue to pray for each other.  
—Bill and Theresa

### Children's Collection Envelopes

We will be collecting children's envelopes during school mass this **Wednesday, January 6th**.

Students are invited to participate by placing a small donation inside the envelope. We also ask each class to write a class prayer and individual students to list a "good deed" on the outside of the envelope. The prayers and good deeds are shared as part of our morning announcements. These children's envelopes are designed to give students an opportunity to support the parish.

### School Tuition Reminder

Soon, we will send home the 2010/2011 school registration information which includes a request for a \$200 per child deposit.

Because of this deposit request, we will not make FACTS tuition withdrawals in the month of January. However, if a family had NSF status in December, the reattempts for NSF withdrawals will take place on, January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 20<sup>th</sup> as necessary. We want to be sure you have this information for your January expense planning. FACTS tuition withdrawals will resume in February.

**REMINDER:** Please remember that in order to register for the next school year at St. Pius X and Bishop Chatard and receive the "active parishioner" tuition rate, each family **MUST** have a stewardship card on file in the parish office. Please return your stewardship pledge card as soon as possible.

### Panther Yearbook

If you are a SPX student interested in entering your original picture/design for this year's yearbook, please submit your original artwork (pencil drawings need to have dark outlines) to Mrs. Bastnagel before Tuesday, January 12th.

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## **SCHOOL LUNCH BOX**

You will find the February lunch menus in the take home folder today! Don't brown bag it all month—Lunch Orders are due by Wed, January 20th!

**CHILI COOKOFF!** - Do you have a chili recipe your family raves about that you would like to share with SPX students? If so, enter the SPX Chili Cook Off! Here's how it will work: Enter your Chili Recipe in the contest by January 12 and make a batch to taste on January 19. Our panel of judges will be the Student Community Council. The winning chili recipe will be used for the Panther Pilot lunch "Your Way Chili" on January 29. Good luck! *Note: You will not be making the chili for the pilot lunch, just your recipe will be used. Submissions may be returned to "School Lunch Team".*

## **Middle School Party - Date Change**

The Middle School Party that was originally scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> has been changed to **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Have you checked your  
Virtus Training Bulletins?  
Are they all completed?

## **SPXtras for 2nd Semester**

Contact: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

Thanks to all the students who participated in our 1st Semester SPXtras. We have some fun, new classes to offer this semester, such as Scrabble, yoga, drawing and art classes using different mediums such as watercolor, pastels, and clay - and more! Look for your registration form and class descriptions in your January 11 Monday folder.

Registrations will be due:  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.**

Any questions, contact Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella.

## **Living Nativity & Baby Shower Thanks**

Thank you to our First Graders who shared the story of Christmas with students, parents, family and friends. You showed us the true blessings of the Christmas spirit! Thank you also for the Baby Shower gifts that were shared with Birthline. They appreciate your generosity!

## **USED UNIFORM SALE - Tuesday, January 12, 2010**

We will have our annual winter sale for parents looking to stock up on *gently worn* uniforms at rock bottom prices. Pants & sweatshirts galore! We stack 'em deep and sell 'em cheap...most items \$3-\$5. Now's the time to rummage through your kids' closets for outgrown uniforms to donate. Bag 'em and bring 'em in to the main office anytime. We take spirit wear as well. Sale times are 7:30-9:30 am and 2:30-4:30 pm in Ross Hall. Also, join me in welcoming my 2 new co-chairs for the Used Uniform Sale Ministry: Laurie McCormick and Wendy Britton. Come shop - all proceeds go directly towards the teachers' professional development. Want to help? Uniform divas can email Aileen Adams ([adams.aileen@gmail.com](mailto:adams.aileen@gmail.com)). Tiaras provided!

## **Physical Ed Uniforms**

Starting today, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders need to wear the PE t-shirt and either the PE purple shorts or purple CYO shorts. 8<sup>th</sup> graders need to wear any color mesh gym shorts, down to their knees and any loose gray t-shirt. PE t-shirts and shorts can be purchased from Mrs. Heisserer. Shirts=\$10 and shorts=\$15.

## **5th Grade Snack Sale**

The fifth graders will be selling Healthy Snacks on **Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**. All snacks will be \$.50 and can be bought from 7:30-8:00 am in the front lobby. The 5th graders decided to offer this sale after Mr. Herman challenged them with an Alms Box. They will be using the money to feed the hungry in Indianapolis.

## **Save the Date - Friday, February 5th, 2010**

K - 5<sup>th</sup> grades (and preschoolers too!) - the annual **Winter Carnival**  
6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades - the **Middle School Party**

All will be held "Under the Big Top" at SPX!

A fun night is being planned for all families to celebrate the ending of Catholic Schools Week! Look for more details next week!

## **SPX Hobby Show**

The St. Pius X Hobby Show is scheduled for **Monday, February 1st**. If you have a favorite hobby, consider entering into the show! There are several categories including Baking, Kit Crafts, Fine Arts, Skilled Crafts, Collections & Media. Each category will be judged by age group: K - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. We know there are many hidden talents among students and it is time to amaze your classmates & teachers! All entries will be on display for the entire school on February 1st. Ribbons will be awarded for First, Second, Third place and more. Students and faculty will even vote of best of show! Look for forms in the take home folder with registrations due Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel to contact any of the individuals below.

Some examples of the categories are as follows:

- > Baking (cakes, cookies, breads, etc.)
- > Fine Arts (painting, drawing, photography, stories, poetry, etc.)
- > Skilled Crafts (sewing, needlework, scrap booking, etc.)
- > Kit Crafts (Legos, models, bionicles, K'nex, etc.)
- > Collections (rocks, coins, dolls, shells, etc.)
- > Media (student slide show, computer animation, website, etc. - less than 1 minute - Supply and set-up own computer.)

For questions please contact Shelly Lindley or Kelley Faler.

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## Open Enrollment at SPX Catholic School

We are now accepting applications for new students interested in enrolling at St. Pius X Catholic School. Parents of new students who will be entering grades 1-8 in Fall 2010 or Kindergarten in Fall 2010 are encouraged to apply. While there is a separate registration process for students already enrolled at the school (school families will be sent a registration packet later in the semester in which we ask them to indicate their interest in reenrolling their child at the school), we do require that current SPX families with a child entering kindergarten submit an application. We are projecting a full Kindergarten class in Fall 2010, however families seeking placement for their child in this class are encouraged to submit an application. Parents of students placed on the waitlist will be contacted in the spring to discuss availability. Notification letters for students accepted into the Fall 2011 class will be sent to families in June 2010.

Applications can be picked up in the school office or found online at [spxparish.org](http://spxparish.org) (click on "SPX School"). Completed applications should be sent to the school office (Attn: School Enrollment) and include the \$100 application fee (per child). Receipt of the application fee ensures that the application will be processed, however we cannot guarantee that every child will be accepted to the school. Determinations about availability will be made only after current school families have enrolled. Among new families applying, first priority will be given to parishioners attending St. Pius X Catholic Church and to those with siblings already attending the school.

## Scrip Information

**December raffle winner!**: Congratulations to Heidi Leaman! She won a \$25 gift certificate to SchoolBelles for buying Scrip in December!

**January Raffle!**: Be sure to buy Scrip in January. You will be entered into a raffle for a SuperCuts gift card.

**Use Kohl's Scrip to pay off your credit card!**: Did you know that you could pay off your Kohl's credit card with our Kohl's kid care scrip cards? **SPX gets \$4 for every \$100 purchased.** When you get your bill, talk to Matthew Walton in the parish office or contact Gretchen Capo (625-0215 or [ccapo11@yahoo.com](mailto:ccapo11@yahoo.com)) and we can get you what you need. You can always order online too.

**Get your American Express gift cards!**: You can buy American Express gift cards in \$100 and \$200 denominations through Great Lakes!

**Thanks to all who have bought Scrip and volunteered for this program during the Holidays!**

## SPX Catholic School Open House on January 19th from 6:30-8:00 pm

Parents interested in SPX School for their children's education are invited to meet teachers, hear a presentation by Principal Bill Herman, learn about our school's K-8 curriculum and receive a personal tour from school parents and students. RSVP to the school office - 466-3361. Do you know anyone who might be interested in our school? Please forward their name and address to the school office so we can send them an invitation. For more information, contact Bill Herman (466-3361 or [bherman@spxparish.org](mailto:bherman@spxparish.org)).

## 2010 Boys Volleyball - Brand New Sport at SPX

What to do with your middle school boy(s) after the basketball season is over and before the Spring sports start? Look no further! For the first time ever we are running a middle schools boys volleyball league for Catholic schools. St. Pius X is the main organizer of this league and we look forward to getting a few teams representing our school.

- Boys in 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades can participate (based on participation a Cadet and 56 team will be created) with the season running from Sun, March 7th, until Sat, April 10th, at a cost of \$60/player (includes uniform shirt players keep)
- Rules will be similar to CYO volleyball
- All boys will be responsible for providing their own black shorts and kneepads
- Register your child at [www.spxcatholicsschool.org](http://www.spxcatholicsschool.org) & go to the Athletics tab. Please follow the instructions on the Sports webpage for the SPX online registration. There is also a league registration form to be filled out. Please email [ccapo@parallels.com](mailto:ccapo@parallels.com) to have the form sent to you.
- **Registrations are due by January 22, 2010**
- Please make sure that your student athlete has a sports physical on file with the Athletic Director. If you are unsure if you have one for this school year, go to Edline and look under CYO Sports/Forms/Sport Physicals
- **Evaluations=Mon, January 25 6:30p-8:30p for all levels in the SPX gym**

We need your help to ensure this new league gets off to a great start. Even if your boy has never played volleyball before, please encourage him to try it out!

If you have any questions please contact Carlos Capo ([ccapo@parallels.com](mailto:ccapo@parallels.com)) or Ted/Pam Zavakos ([ted@zavfamily.com](mailto:ted@zavfamily.com)).

## Youth Ministry!

**SPX Youth Mass** - The next SPX Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, January 10th at 5:00 pm. Please contact Angie Hyre ([ahyre@spxparish.org](mailto:ahyre@spxparish.org)) if you would like to participate in Mass.

## Adult Confirmation

Are you, or someone you know, a baptized Catholic who has never been confirmed? Now's your chance! Archbishop Buechlein is Confirming adult Catholics this May at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.

Did you know: If you're Confirmed, you can serve as a godparent for your nieces and nephews? Confirmation qualifies you to sponsor a high school student seeking Confirmation? Confirmation is an important step in becoming active in your parish? Contact Alexa Sifuentes ([asifuentes@spxparish.org](mailto:asifuentes@spxparish.org) or 257-1085) for more information.