



Purple & Gold Rush

January 11, 2010

CONTACT INFORMATION:

SPX School Office: 466-3361
Web: www.spxcatholicsschool.org
Email newsletter articles to stenson@lei.org

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Friday, January 17th
at 8:30 am.
All are welcome!

* Mrs. Kavanaugh's class is planning 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



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

Last Wednesday we celebrated the Epiphany, the coming of the Magi to honor the newborn baby Jesus. Where did the Magi come from? How did they look? Why was their appearance significant to all of us, even today?

PTO Meeting

Thursday, January 14th at 9 am
SPX Church conference rooms 1&2
Refreshments available & kids welcome...
Questions...contact Heather Douglas
(849-6287 or hadouglas@sbcglobal.net)
See you there!

Dates to Remember

- 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
- 1/18 MLK Day - No School
- 1/19 SPX Open House
6:30 pm in School
- 1/25 Parent & Student Meeting
6:30 pm in church
- 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

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PRINCIPALS' CORNER

We are excited to tell you about an informative evening that we have planned for 5th-8th Grade parents and students on January 25, 2010! Mr. Steven Kelly, one of our own parents who is an FBI agent on the Cyber Crime Task Force, will speak to us about how to be safe in the ever changing world of Cyberspace. Parents and students will learn about the do's and don'ts of internet usage, sending text messages, and posting photos on sites such as Facebook.

The evening will also include a presentation by another of our distinguished parishioners, Diana Ruschhaupt, who is director of Programs at the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center. She will be talking about how to encourage our children to develop healthy relationships and how to spot problems and solve them before they become insurmountable.

More detailed information about the evening will be forthcoming, but we want you to put this evening on your calendar now. The education of our students emotionally, as well as academically, is the reason that St. Pius School is in operation. The safety of our children is paramount. We invite all 5th-8th Grade students and parents, and any parents of younger students who wish to attend, to join us for this important and informative evening. Let's continue to pray for each other,

—Bill and Theresa

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 2011 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 (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.

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. 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.

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

The February lunch orders are due by Wed, January 20th!

February Menu: The February menu mistakenly includes lunch on February 12 which is a free day. The on-line order system has been corrected. If you already placed your order and ordered this lunch, we are working on crediting your lunch account.

Chili Cookoff! - Don't forget to submit your family's chili recipe by January 12 for the Chili-Cook-Off. On January 19, our Student Community Council will taste-test the chili's and select a recipe to be used for the Your Way Chili Lunch on January 26.

Lunch Substitutes: We are in need of lunch substitutes. If you find you have time to help on an as-needed basis please contact Robin Hensley. The winter months bring sick kids yet we still need to operate the lunch program with full crews! Any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed for Hamburger Lunch: The Hamburger Lunch Crew is looking for help. Three hours once a month on the 4th Tuesday is all that's needed. If you can help, please contact Ellen Farrell (efarrell4311@comcast.net)

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 in one of the several categories including Baking, Kit Crafts, Fine Arts, Skilled Crafts, Collections & Media. Registration forms were sent home in last week's take home folder and are due at the end of this week on Friday, January 15th. If you have any questions, please feel to contact Shelly Lindley or Kelley Faler.

SPXtras for 2nd Semester Registration is now OPEN!

Contact: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

In today's take home folder, you will find your SPXtra Class Descriptions and Registration Form. Registration forms along with payment are due on **FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**. SPXtras start the first week of February so we'll have to abide by this deadline. Any questions, contact Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella.

SPX Panther Yearbook

Artwork: 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.

Team/School Club Photos: If you have a photo of your child's sport team or school club, please forward it to Erin Dorsey for the yearbook. We hope to get most of the sport team photos with the kids in their sport uniforms. Please identify the students in the photo that you send. You may email a jpeg to Erindorsey@comcast.net or send a hard copy through mail.

Order forms: Last week each student received a yearbook order form. If you would like to order a yearbook, please return the order form with payment to the office by Tuesday, January 26. The yearbooks are \$16 each. Remember: If you have an 8th grader, you don't need to order a yearbook, one is included with your 8th grade fee.

Any questions, contact Erin Dorsey (Erindorsey@comcast.net).

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). Tiaras provided!

SPX Winter Carnival

Mark your calendars for this fun event that will bring a perfect end to Catholic Schools Week!

Friday, February 5 from 6 - 9pm at the school

PreSchool to 5th Graders get ready for a circus themed night under the SPX Big Top! Grab some food at the Snack Shack, play lots of games, play Bingo, take a turn around the Cake Walk, win lots of prizes and much, much more. We've got a whole new set up and lots of surprises in store so don't miss this year's Greatest Show on Earth!

SPX FAMILY DONATIONS: We will need all SPX families with K - 5th graders to donate a 2 liter bottle of soda and a \$5 prize (for Bingo games and pre-event activities.) A box will be in the lobby to start collecting your donations. We will also need cakes, cookies, and goodies for the cake walk which need to be brought in the last few days before the carnival. **If you plan to donate an item for the cakewalk, please email Erin Dorsey (erindorsey@comscast.net) ahead of time to let her know.** Thanks for your help in making this a great night for the kids and for your generosity!

For questions or if you would like to help with this event, please contact Marcella Burnell (marcellaburnell@sbcglobal.net), Amy Clark (clarkspark6@mac.com), or Dawn Koers (dawnkoers@att.net).

Don't forget to support Scrip this week! Scrip to Go on Friday mornings!

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SPX 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).

Bingo Madness—Save the Date

You won't want to miss Bingo Madness on **Saturday, March 6th** at the Knights of Columbus!

Doors open at 6:00 pm - games begin at 6:30 pm.

A delicious pasta dinner will be catered by Jug's Catering.

Tickets are \$30 - stay tuned for details! It promises to be a night of fun, games and overall madness to benefit SPX Athletics!

Scrip Update

THANK YOU FOR A FABULOUS HOLIDAY SEASON FROM SCRIP!!

A HUGE "Thank you" to everyone who supported Scrip through purchases and volunteering during the busy holiday Season! We had a **10% INCREASE** in sales from December last year! That is quite an accomplishment, and all of our children will benefit from those profits. Let's keep it up in 2010!

If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn.

Watch for a New Date for Trivia Night!

PTO Games of the IV Triviad will be rescheduled soon. If your team has submitted a form and check, your place will be held for the event. Alternately, you can request a refund. Watch the Purple and Gold for updates and updated registration information. The existing team forms may also be used to register for the new date. For questions, contact Amy Beausir (akbeausir@comcast.net).

2010 Boys Volleyball - Brand New Sport at SPX

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 .

- Boys in 5th to 8th 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
- Register your child at 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 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=Wed, January 27 7:15p-8:30p in the SPX gym for all levels**
Please note that this is a recent change!

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

5th Grade Snack Day

Please help the 5th graders raise funds to help feed the hungry in Indianapolis. On **Tuesday, January 12th**, they will be selling Healthy Snacks for \$.50 from 7:30-8:00 am in the front lobby.

Resource Fees are now due!

If you received a letter and have not yet submitted payment, please return your check tomorrow!

Box Tops for Education

We just received a check from Box Tops for Education in the amount of \$1,029. These are the Box tops that were collected from last April thru this October. Keep up the good work! It is worth it!



Wellness Corner

Ensuring a good night's rest is just as important for the kids as it is for the parents!

- **Decreased Performance and Alertness:** Sleep deprivation induces significant reductions in performance and alertness. Reducing your nighttime sleep by as little as one and a half hours for just one night could result in a reduction of daytime alertness by as much as 32%.
- **Memory and Cognitive Impairment:** Decreased alertness and excessive daytime sleepiness impair your memory and your cognitive ability -- your ability to think and process information.

Dad's Day at St. Pius X

Middle School dads, mark your calendars!
Friday, January 22
6:30 - 7:45 am at Ross Hall

For the **THIRD** ever Dad's Day breakfast at St. Pius X (We gave you a break in December...)

Middle School dads, daughters and sons come and share breakfast and some one-on-one time.

We will have a **surprise** guest speaker. You will want to be in attendance...

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 .

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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 or 257-1085) for more information.

Youth Ministry!

Jr High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher) - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Wed, Jan 20 at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

Good Deeds

My good deed was...

- ..I helped my mom make cupcakes to deliver to the homeless shelter.
- ..mopping the kitchen floor.
- ..I lerned to tie my shoes
- ..I held my little sisters hand in the parking lot!
- ..showing the new student, Will, where the principal's office is located.
- ..I fed my guinea pig and helped clean her cage.
- ..I took my dog out to potty.
- ..I was goo to my family.
- ..helped Reece pick up the game of Sorry.
- ..helped my family get ready for Christmas.
- ..helping my mom with dinner every night.
- ..stay quiet in class!
- ..being nice to my little brother.
- ..I bought my brother a Christmas present with my own money.
- ..donating my birthday presents to the children at Riley Hospital.
- ..in my free time I cleaned all my stuff up without being asked.
- ..picking up blocks when nobody else was.
- ..helping granny when she got engered.
- ..I helped my mom when she was sick.
- ..helping my mom move things for goodwill.

Teacher Thursday is January 14th

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