



Purple & Gold Rush

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PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Many important things are taking place in the next 10 days at SPX. Tonight is the School Open House. It is not too late to invite friends or neighbors to come by the school to learn about what we believe to be a great program. We begin at 6:30 PM with registration. Guests will be given a tour of the school to meet our teachers and enjoy our facility. Father Jerry and Mr. Herman will have a short presentation to welcome our visitors and tell them about our school. Representatives from extracurricular groups such as PTO, Athletics, Scouts, etc will also have tables to communicate their mission and answer questions that our guests might have.

On January 25th at 6:30 PM in the Church, Mr. Steve Kelly, an FBI agent on the Cyber Crime Task Force, will talk to 5th-8th Graders and their parents about digital safety. Also Diana Ruschhaupt, Director of Programs for the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center, will give tips on how teens can develop healthy relationships in a digital world. We are so fortunate that each of these speakers is associated with our parish, and SSA Kelly has children in our lower grades. We believe that this presentation is vitally important for the education and safety of our students and our parents. We ask that parents attend and sit with their students. Interested parents whose children are not yet in 5th grade are certainly encouraged to attend. It is never too early to become informed!

We are sorry about the unexpected day off last week. It does appear that the "One Call" system worked well. Only about three or four cars showed up at school, and we did not have the proper phone number for them. This is a good time to remind you to inform the office of any changes in your contact information so that we can always reach you in an emergency situation. Because we had a couple of extra days built into the school calendar, we will not have to make up this day. So Monday, February 15th we will still celebrate President's Day.

Finally, we will take up a collection at Mass on Wednesday, January 20th from the children to send to Haiti through Catholic Relief Services. This is a Free Will offering if you and your family would like to participate.

Let's continue to pray for each other, —Bill and Theresa

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on **Wednesday, January 20th** at 8:30 am.
All are welcome!

* Mrs. O'Brien'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 heard the story of Samuel being called by Eli. Samuel thought he heard Eli call him several times. Eli told him to be open to God calling him whenever it might be. What did Father Rob tell us about his own call from God? How did he first hear it? How did he finally know what God was calling him to do? How does he feel about it now?

Dates to Remember

Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010

- 1/19 SPX Open House
6:30 pm in School
- 1/20 February Lunch Orders due
- 1/22 Dad's Day
6:30-7:35 am in Ross Hall
- 1/22 Hobby Show registrations due
- 1/22 SPXtras registrations due
- 1/22 Boys Volleyball registrations due
- 1/25 Parent & Student Meeting
6:30 pm in church
- 1/26 Yearbook Orders due
- 1/27 Boys Volleyball Evaluations
7:15-8:30 pm in SPX gym
- 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
- 2/5 Winter Carnival/Middle Schl Dance

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School Tuition Form in Today's Folder

In today's take-home folder, you will find 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. We still have about 110 families who have not returned stewardship cards. Please return them ASAP!

Hobby Show Entries due Friday, January 22nd!

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 a previous take home folder. If you have lost your form you can download a form from Edline. Go to the PTO folder on the right side of the page and then click on Hobby Show Entry Form 2010. If you have problems getting a form we can email you one. Please try to submit entries by January 22nd. All items will be on display for the entire school! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shelly Lindley or Kelley Faler.

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

The February lunch orders are due **TOMORROW, 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.

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)

2010/2011 New Student Enrollment

If you have a child who will be in Kindergarten beginning the Fall of 2011, please contact the school office for registration information if you have not already done so. New families interested in applying in SPX for the 2010/2011 school year should contact the school office for additional information.

SPXtras for 2nd Semester

Registrations due THIS FRIDAY!

Contact: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

Last week, you received the SPXtra Class Descriptions and Registration Form. Registration forms along with payment are due **THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 22**. SPXtras start the first week of February so we need to abide by this deadline. If you misplaced your forms, they are available on Edline. Scroll down the contents for SPXtras and click. You will find the forms on the SPXtras section. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella.

CORRECTION NOTE: Portraiture Class - The Portraiture Class is \$10 per class not \$40 as stated. If you were to register for all 4 classes, it would be \$40.

Parent & Tween Night Out

Sup?

UR INVTD 2 ATND A MDL SCHL EVNT @ SPX 1.25.10 @ 6:30 PM
HOW TO PRCT UR DD & DS W/INTRNT SFTY & ENCRGE
G8 RLNSHPS/FRNDS
CWYL H2CU THR
BH & TD

For all of the "digital immigrants" reading this, ask your "tween" to translate.

You are invited to a program covering safety in cyberspace including Texting, IM'ing, and Sexting. You will also hear tips on how to build positive relationships with Friends, Parents, and Other Adults. This evening is for 5th-8th Graders and their parents. (Please **attend and sit** with your child) on Monday January 25 at 6:30 pm. Presentation will be held in the Church. Refreshments will be served and Door Prizes awarded.

Perks and Perils of Adolescence in the Digital Age: The digital age has brought with it immense benefits to humankind in the way of knowledge sharing, mobile real-time connectivity, and online commerce. Today's adolescents were born after the advent of the World Wide Web, thus, their embrace of technology is innate. Ever evolving devices and services that offer connectivity and collaboration are embraced by this generation in real-time, connecting them to a veritable fire hose of digital content and communications. For all the benefits of this technology, it has ushered in numerous perils, such as

- connecting our children to dangerous predators;
- subjecting them to obscene language, ideas, and images;
- facilitating bullying and ridicule that elude the limitations of geography and time; and
- allowing an indiscretion recorded digitally to live on indefinitely.

SSA Kelly will explore these perils and provide students and parents with practical suggestions for surviving and thriving in our digital world.

Building Healthy Teen Relationships: Staff members from Clarian Health and the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center will be presenting information about a new initiative in Indianapolis called Start Strong Indianapolis: Building Healthy Teen Relationships. They will be covering topics including strategies to encourage healthy relationships and effective ways to talk with your pre-teen. They will also be introducing a new healthy relationship program that will be offered to 7th grade students during the spring semester.

SPX Panther Yearbook

Team/School Club Photos: If you have a photo of your child's sport team or school club for the yearbook, please forward it by **Friday, February 5th** to Erin Dorsey (Erindorsey@comcast.net)! 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 as a jpeg or send a hard copy through mail.

Order forms: 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).

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SPX Winter Carnival

Preschool - 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, try your luck at 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!

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

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 can 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@comcast.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!

We can't forget all our Junior High 6th-8th graders who will celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week with the Middle School Party! Details are coming!

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).

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!

New Date for Trivia Night!

Save **Saturday April 10** for the PTO event of Olympic Proportions, Games of the IV Triviad. It will begin with team registration at 6:00 pm and games beginning at 6:30 pm in the school gym. We apologize for the rescheduling confusion; this is the final date, please mark your calendars and call your babysitters early! If you have never attended a Trivia Night, try this one out or join the volunteer team. If your form is already turned in with payment, we will reserve your spot and team name. More team forms will be out in late February and in the bulletin. If you require a refund, please request one. Please contact Amy Beausir (akbeausir@comcast.net).

Scrip Information



Check off your Valentine's Day list at Scrip! Have some items to get for Valentine's Day? Purchase **CVS** or **Wal-Mart** gift cards through Scrip to get all your candy and card supplies! Also purchase **Fannie Mae Candies**, **Macy's**, **Kay's Jewelers**, and many other specialty store gift cards for that perfect gift!

Pay your Kohl's Credit Card with Scrip! Remember you can buy Scrip to pay your Kohl's credit card bill. SPX gets \$4.00 for every \$100 in Scrip cards that you buy!



Does your car need washed?! Now's the time to stock up on **Mike's Car Wash** through Scrip to keep the salt and grime from the winter months off your car! If you like "The Works," the "Express wash" gift cards you buy through Scrip can be upgraded at Mike's. Simply tell the attendant that you would like the Works and pay the difference at that time.

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)
- Register your child at www.spxcatholicsschool.org.
- Please make sure that your student athlete has a sports physical on file with the Athletic Director.
- **Registrations are due by THIS Friday, January 22!**
- **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).



Wellness Corner

Are you surprised by the info below?

One should not take food label calorie counts literally. Federal law allows most products a 20 percent variation, so a cookie that supposedly contains 300 calories may actually contain 360 calories!

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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8th Grade Video NEEDS Pictures!

We NEED pictures for the 8th grade video! Group pictures from Kindergarten through 8th grade at school events and activities make the best pictures to use! Don't forget to pull out those cute baby pictures of your 8th grader!

Please send all 8th grade video photos to the school office in a sealed envelope marked "8th grade video". If you would like the pictures returned, please mark your name on the back. (Suggestion: Don't use permanent marker or other marker that will "run" on the picture placed behind it!) Pictures without names on the back may not be returned.

If you would like to email your pictures, please watch the P&G for more details on where to send them.

Keep taking lots of pictures of your children during their 8th grade activities this year!
Lots of things happen this Spring!

Scrip...the gift that costs you nothing!

Recycling at Pius (RAP)

SPX NOW EARNS \$\$ FOR USED DIGITAL CAMERAS!

Hopefully Santa brought you a new digital camera and cell phone for Christmas! What to do with the old ones? Please recycle them with the SPX recycling program.

Not only is recycling good for the environment, but it is also good for St. Pius X! All funds raised from recycling supports the SPX parish technology program.

Please bring in your used **cell phones**, **printer cartridges** (laser & ink jet) **AND now digital cameras** to our recycling bins located in the church Narthex and school computer lab.

Thanks so much for everyone's support in recycling. SPX has earned \$832 this year. Last year SPX earned \$1,100!

BUSINESS OWNERS & EMPLOYEES: Free shipping directly from your office. Fed X labels provided.

Please contact Julie Dunn (julied9876@aol.com) for more information.

Allisonville Youth Baseball & Softball (AYBS)

Allisonville Youth Baseball and Softball (AYBS) registration for the 2010 season is now open. The AYBS fields are located behind Wyandotte School (3575 East 79th Street). AYBS offers Softball and Baseball Divisions for kids ages 7 - 13.

Also, registration is open for Allisonville Christian Church Pee Wee League (ACC), 7701 Allisonville Road, for boys and girls ages 5-6.

Please Register online at www.aybs.us.

Player Evaluations for baseball **ONLY for players moving up from Minor League and players new to the AYBS league.** Evaluations will be held at Eastwood Middle School Gyms, 4401 East 62nd Street from noon-2 pm on Saturday, February 20, 2010.

Registrations for both AYBS and ACC Pee Wee are limited, so please register early.

Additional league information is also available at the website, www.aybs.us.

Friendly Competition to Help Raise Funds

Both Chick-Fil-A restaurants (Keystone at the Crossing and Castleton Square) in partnership with the Bishop Chatard HS and the Cathedral HS Cheerleaders - invite ALL students, teachers, families and alumni to the CHICK-FIL-A Challenge from Jan 23rd through Feb 2nd!

Simply put your receipt in either the Bishop Chatard box or the Cathedral box when you purchase your food. Then, plan to attend the game (at Cathedral) on February 2nd to see the winner announced before the varsity game!

Thank you! —The Bishop Chatard and Cathedral Cheer Squads

Free Throw Competition

All boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Join us on Saturday, January 23rd at 4:00 pm at Bishop Chatard High School.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually with winners advancing through local, district, and state competitions. All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 will compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 223,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,200 local competitions. All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event.

Parents are required to furnish proof of age (please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate) and written consent before their child can participate.

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.

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