



Purple & Gold Rush

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****Articles are due on Thursdays at noon****



PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Parent-Student Meeting Tonight: Remember that this evening at 6:30 pm in the Church there will be a presentation on *Cyber Safety* and *Building Healthy Relationships*. These two topics are very important for our young people today. It is up to us to learn the obstacles and dangers that face our children so that we can provide them the guidance they need in the use of the technology that is available to them. All 5th-8th Grade students and parents are invited to attend, as well as parents of any of our younger students. Parents, we ask that your children sit with you during the presentation.

Catholic Schools Week: Next week is our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week; a time to celebrate the great things that we have in our Catholic Schools. We have an planned a full agenda of activities for the students (and parents, too).

- February 1st Hobby Show, Pajama Day, Student Appreciation, Bingo
- February 2nd Underground Railroad Storytelling
- February 3rd Parent Appreciation Day
- February 4th Staff Appreciation Day, Math Mania, Spell Bowl
- February 5th Spirit Day, Pep Rally/Volleyball Game
Winter Carnival and Middle School Dance

Winter Carnival will have a new format. We invite everyone to come and enjoy the fun! Middle School students will have a dance and party in the gym while the carnival is taking place. They will have food and music and fun! This will be a nice perk for them instead of their working the games for the younger students.

Younger students and families will have plenty of games, and food will be available "Under the Big Top" in Ross Hall. What a great way to put the finishing touches on our week-long celebration!

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

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, January 27th
at 8:30 am.
All are welcome!

* Mrs. Tierney'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

On Wednesday Father Jerry talked about the rescue of a woman in Haiti. This lady had been trapped in rubble from the earthquake for nearly a week before they finally heard her cries. When they pulled her out, what was the first thing that she did? Why did she do this? Would you remember to praise God when rescued from a bad situation?

Dates to Remember

- Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010
- 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
- 2/1-5 Catholic School Week
- 2/1 Hobby Show - all day in Ross Hall
- 2/4 Math Mania
- 2/5 Winter Carnival/Middle Schl Dance
- 2/5 PTO Middle School Party
6:00 pm in Ross Hall
- 2/11 PTO Meeting
- 2/11 Teacher Thursday
1:00/1:15 pm dismissal
- 2/12 Presidents' Day Break - No School
- 2/12 PTO Bowling Party
- 2/15 Presidents' Day Break - No School

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Please Return the School Tuition Form and Deposit

In last week's take-home folder, you should have received the 2010/2011 school registration information which includes a request for a \$200 per child deposit. Please return the form noting your payment preference along with your total deposit by **Monday, February 1st**. Remember, we will not make FACTS tuition withdrawals in January because of the deposit payment; 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 over 100 families who have not returned stewardship cards. Please return them ASAP!

You Can Still Participate in the Hobby Show

You still have time to fill out an entry for The St. Pius X Hobby Show which 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. You can download a registration form from Edline if you can't find the original. 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 tomorrow, January 26th. All items will be on display all day on Monday for all students and families to view! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Shelly Lindley or Kelley Faler.

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

Make-up Date for Breakfast

Lunch: The make up date for the Pancake Breakfast Lunch is Thursday, January 28. If you ordered this lunch for January, you will not need to prepare a brown bag lunch for your student this Thursday.

Chili Cook-off Recipe: Thank you to those who submitted chili recipes for the chili cook-off. The Student Community Council selected the VanHorn family's recipe for the Your Way Chili Lunch on Friday. After learning how we use our senses to determine food preferences they evaluated the chili using their eyes, ears, and sense of smell (and taste) and touch (texture). Thank you students for your input! If you are able to be on a sub list for lunch please, contact Robin Hensley.

Volunteers Needed for Hamburger Lunch:

The Hamburger Lunch Crew is still 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)

2010/11 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

Contact: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

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.

DATE CORRECTION: Scrabble Class - There will be no class on Wed, Mar-17 Ash Wednesday. The make up class will be held on Wed, Mar-10.

DATE CORRECTION: Zumba Class - There will be no class on Tue, Feb-9 which is the day of the Science Fair. The make up class will be held on Tue, Mar-16.

Getting to School on Time & Dismissal

Getting to school on Time: We understand that the closing of both the Westfield Blvd. And the River Road bridges for new bridge construction has played havoc with travel from the north. Keystone Avenue from 96th to 71st has become clogged with traffic. These detours will be in place until June according to the DOT. This means that we are stuck with them until next school year.

Hopefully as people settle into their new routes, arrival will improve, but at this point we highly suggest that those families who must follow the detours leave about 10-15 minutes earlier each morning. It is important for your children to see that getting to school on time is important to you. Punctuality is a virtue that our children need to develop. It is very upsetting to them when they have to rush in late and start the day without the time to begin their morning seat work. We thank you for helping to correct this situation!

Dismissal: Also, please turn off the car engines while you wait for your children at dismissal. The exhaust fumes from so many cars in one place are harmful to the children when they are walking between the rows to find their cars. When everyone is safely in the cars, the signal will be given to begin pulling away. That is when you should start your engine. Thanks for your understanding in this, also!

Second Dose of H1N1

There will be someone here to give the 2nd dose of H1N1 on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 8:30 am. The 2nd dose is for only those children up to and including age 9. Consent forms, which went home on Friday, must be filled out again.

If you did not get the flu shot or mist for some reason (sick, absent, etc) and wish to do so, please fill out a consent form and your child can get it on Feb. 2nd. If this is your child's first of 2 doses needed, they will have to go elsewhere for the 2nd dose. Please call the school office if you have questions.

Consent forms must be in the office by Thursday, Jan. 28th so we can let them know how much we need.

Please include your child's room number at the top of the consent form so we can get it to them on Feb. 2nd. If you have the information card that was provided to you on the first dose, you might want your child to bring it when they receive the 2nd dose so they can include it on the card.

SPX Panther Yearbook

Order forms are due TOMORROW: If you can't find your original order form, one is available on Edline. Go to More Contents and scroll to the bottom where you will see the Yearbook Order form. Please submit the form and return it with payment to the office **Tomorrow, Tuesday, January 26**. 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.

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.

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

Scrip online orders are due Sundays by Midnight

Checks due on Tuesdays!

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

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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

PreSale Tickets: A presale ticket order form is coming home today in the take home folders. Please get these returned this week so we can fill your orders. Please note that all tickets will be available at will call the night of the carnival—None will be sent home. This means no forgetting them on the way out the door or leaving them in a backpack! Just show up for a night of fun and they will be there waiting for you!

Item 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.) There is a box in the lobby to collect 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@comscast.net) ahead of time to let her know. Thanks for making this a great night for the kids and for your generosity!

Volunteers: Haven't signed up yet to volunteer? There is still time! Please contact Marcella Burnell (578-5046 marcellaburnell@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to help! We are also looking for high school volunteers. If you have a high schooler at home that would like to come back and help out their alma mater have them contact Marcella Burnell as well. All shifts will be 1 hour.

Winter Carnival Family Checklist:

- ___ Bring in a 2 Liter bottle of soda and place in donation box in lobby
- ___ Bring in a \$5 bingo prize and place in donation box in lobby
- ___ Contact Erin Dorsey if you are able to donate an item for the cake walk
- ___ Send in ticket order form and payment
- ___ Contact Marcella Burnell if you or your high schooler are able to volunteer

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!

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!



Getting ready for First Communion in May?: Did you know that **School Belles** carries any clothing item that you may need for this special day? Stock up on their gift certificates through Scrip to purchase veils, shoes, or dresses! You can also purchase **Hallmark** gift cards through Scrip for cards, jewelry, and other gift items.

Scrip—the Giving that Costs you Nothing!

Middle School Dance

Good Friends—Good Music—Good Fun
Hey, all 6th-8th grades... Join your friends and come to the Jr. High Dance on Friday, February 5th from 6:00-9:00 pm in the SPX gym! The \$5 ticket includes 2 pizza slices, drinks, dessert, games, and music! Pre-sale tickets will be sold during lunch on Fri, Jan-29 and Tue, Feb-2nd!

Bowling Party on February 12th

Join your friends at Woodland Bowl on Friday, February 12th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Your \$6.00 fee includes shoes and bowling as many games as you like in 2 hours. Complete the sign-up sheet and return it to the school office by February 9th. Please call or email Chrissy Didat if you have questions.

Recycling at Pius (RAP)

Pius has gone GREENER! Please take notice of the new blue recycling containers located in the gym, Ross Hall and the kitchen! All are encouraged to dispose of all recyclable materials including: cans, plastic bottles/containers, glass and cardboard! There is also a large dumpster outside the kitchen where larger items can be recycled- like the boxes from hot lunch. Help Pius GO GREEN and protect our environment!

Good Deeds from Children's Collection

My good deed was:

- ..give this money to Haiti. I hope they get a lot better.
 - ..to pray for the people that got hurt or killed.
 - ..I gave this money.
 - ..helping classmate with homework.
 - ..helping give tours to people thinking about coming to SPX.
 - ..I helped my mom cook dinner.
 - ..I helped put away my Christmas stuff.
 - ..visited Grandpa at nursing home!
- Most of the rest of the envelopes commented on the money being for Haiti and praying for the people there.

Christmas Thank You

Many, Many, **Thanks** to the parents who contributed to the staff cash Christmas gift. It was much appreciated by all.

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8th Grade Video

Attention SPX Teachers & 8th Grade Families:
HELP! HELP! HELP! We need your help gathering photos for the 8th grade graduation video. Please collect photos of our current 8th graders through their years at St. Pius X. Please dig way back to kindergarten so we can have photos from their younger years.

Please submit actual photos to Melanie Hoffmire in the school office. Electronic photos may be submitted to Alice Hannon (alicehannon1@aol.com). Please write your name on the back of your photos so they can be returned!

Photos are due by March 2010. For questions, please call Alice Hannon.

It's up to all of us as parents to make this a special keepsake for our soon-to-be graduates! Your children will appreciate your efforts when they view the video. Thanks for your help!

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

2010 Boys Volleyball

Evaluations will be held for all levels
on Wed, January 27th from 7:15p-8:30p
in the SPX gym!

Please note that this is a change from the original date!

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

Youth Ministry!

Jr. High Gathering - 7pm-9pm on February 5th at Immaculate Heart of Mary.

SPX Youth Mass - The next SPX Youth Mass is scheduled for Sunday, February 14 at 5:00 p. Please contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) if you would like to participate in Mass.

Valentine's Gift Bags - This is a service project from 1:30-5:00 pm on Sunday, February 14.

Jr High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher) - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Wed, Feb 10 at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

Girl Scouts Are Going Ice Skating

Join us on Sunday, Jan 31 (this is a date change from Feb 7) at the Pepsi Coliseum for a public skate session from 2:30-4:30 pm for a group discount of \$2 per skater. Doors open at 2 pm. Skate rental is \$2 for figure skates and \$3 for hockey skates. Please contact Cathy Nickerson or your troop leader with any questions.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 7-11 but the planning begins now! Co-directors and other volunteers are needed for this fun and exciting children's ministry. Call the Shalom office at 257-1085 to volunteer.

Canned Food Drive Thank You

Dear Students and Staff of St. Pius X School,

I delivered your cans to the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and the Lord's Pantry at Anna's House. Both groups were thrilled by your generosity. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Gratefully, —Mrs. Marten

NOTE: We received the Thank You was from Canned Food Drive during the holidays!

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

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!

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.