



Purple & Gold Rush



February 22, 2010

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

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, February 24th
at 8:30 am.
All are welcome!

* The Resource Teachers are planning mass.

February Gospel Value:

PATIENCE

The ability to accept and remain calm in difficult situations.

*"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart."
—Ps 27:14*



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

With our Ash Wednesday liturgy, we began the season of Lent. Lent is a time of penance, prayer, and doing things for others (almsgiving). Father Jerry gave the students some examples of how they could carry out these three activities in a quiet way. Why did he tell them they should do their activities quietly? What suggestions did he give them?

Dates to Remember

Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010

2/26 Stations of the Cross

2:15 pm in Church

3/1-5 ISTEP+ Testing (Part I)

3/5 Winter Carnival at SPX 6-9 pm

4/5 Middle School Dance

SPX gym at 6-9 pm

3/6 SPX Athletic Committee Bingo Night

6 pm at K of C

3/7-12 Book Fair

3/11 PTO Meeting

3/12 Exchange City (Grades 5 & 6)

3/12 End of 3rd Quarter (47 days)

3/12 Stations of the Cross

2:15 pm in Church

3/22-26 Spring Break - No School

3/29 Classes Resume

3/29 Living Way of the Cross

7:00 pm in Church

3/30 Living Way of the Cross

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PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Is it spring yet? This has certainly been an unusual period for schools, hasn't it? When the calendar is set, we schedule a long weekend in February built around President's day. This is intentional because everyone needs a little break during these long, gray, winter days. However, having a day mandated by the Archbishop, as well as snow days and late arrivals due to weather conditions all at the same time was not in the plan. We appreciate your understanding!

Speaking of understanding, the administration has tried to be understanding about those families who are continually tardy in the morning. Unfortunately, that understanding is running very thin at this time. We realize that on days of bad weather students are likely to be late. That is why we do not mark them tardy on those days. We also take into account those times when an automobile accident snarls traffic. We do not mark students tardy on those days either. Unfortunately, we have some students (families) who are tardy constantly, some as many as 30 times since the beginning of the year. Now, since our students do not drive themselves to school, who is truly at fault here? It would seem to be the adult who is driving.

Some jobs allow for a window of arrival. If you get there between 8:00 and 8:30, you are on time. Schools do not operate that way. Required activities begin when that bell rings at 8:00. If a student arrives at 8:05 or 8:15, they have already missed something important, whether it is math class or prayer. Besides that, their tardy arrival disrupts all of the other students in their classroom as they hang coats and put away books and papers.

If your child is indeed the cause for the late arrivals, then the principal is ready and willing to have a firm discussion with them. You just need to let him know that you would like this to happen. Punctuality and dependability are Gospel values that we teach and enforce at St. Pius X. We hope, because you have enrolled your children at St. Pius X, that you believe in these values, also. Families who continue to abuse this should expect a call from Mr. Herman to discuss the problem.

Remember to continue to pray for each other, —Bill and Theresa

Carnival and Dance Rescheduled!

The Winter Carnival and Middle School Dance have been rescheduled for Friday, March 5 from 6 - 9 pm. For more Carnival information see the flyer in today's take-home folder.

School Tuition Form and Deposit are now Past Due!

We still have some families who have not yet returned the tuition payment form along with the \$200 deposit per child. Please help the parish office staff by returning your payment and form tomorrow. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Sharon Wagner immediately.

Used Uniform Donation Request

Dreaming of fun in the sun? Although the air is still cold and the snow will still fall, you can bring the feeling of Spring closer by rummaging through your children's closets and sorting through all those clothes that run too short or too tight!

The Divas are hard at work planning a couple of springtime sale events but we need your help in replenishing our wares! We will have a box outside the school office (inside the front entry doors) for collecting gently used uniforms and spirit wear.

Not only will you be helping minimize clothing costs for your fellow Panthers but you will also have lovely organized closets ready for Spring.

Bring your bags of clothes in today!

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

Lunch Crew Subs Needed

Lunch Anyone? We have a tremendous need for people to be on a lunch "sub" list as there have been more "regulars" looking for subs lately. For lunches to run smoothly we need full crews. Subbing is a great way to try out a lunch, meet new Moms, have lunch on us and see your children in the lunch line. Please email Robin Hensley if you are able to add your name to our list. Our crew chiefs would love to see you!

Volunteers Needed for Hamburger Lunch:

The Hamburger Lunch Crew is still looking for help on the 4th Tuesday. If you can help, please contact Ellen Farrell (efarrell4311@comcast.net).

SPXtras for 2nd Semester

Contacts: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

Etiquette

Gr: 4th-6th

Day: Thursdays 3:15-4:30 pm
Jan 28 - Mar 4 (5 weeks)
(1/28, 2/4, 2/18, 2/25 & 3/4
No class 2/11)

Location: Ross Hall

Zumba

Gr: K-3rd

Day: Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 pm
Feb 2 - Mar 16 (6 weeks)
(2/2, 2/16, 2/23, 3/4, 3/9 & 3/16
No Class 2/9 - Science Fair)
Location: Ross Hall

Yoga: Session I

Gr: 4th-8th

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:30 pm
Feb 3 - Mar 3 (4 weeks)
(2/3, 2/10, 2/24 & 3/3
No class on 2/17 Ash Wednesday)

Location: Ross Hall

Scrabble

Gr: 2nd and up

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:15 pm
Feb 3 - Mar 10 (5 weeks)
(2/3, 2/10, 2/24, 3/3 & 3/10
No class - Feb 17 Ash Wednesday)

Location: Ross Hall

8th Grade Science Fair Results

Congratulations to all the 8th grade students who have worked so hard over the last several months preparing for the Science Fair! You all did a fantastic job on your projects! Congratulations to the following:

Physical Science:

1st Place: Sarah Scheffer & Catherine Witchger - "Which Stain Remover Works Best on Coffee Stains?"

2nd Place: Meredith Hurley & Maggie Eickhoff - "What Removes Ink Stains Best?"

Biological Science:

1st Place: Dean Collier - "Visual vs Auditory Memory"

2nd Place: Olivia Hawes - "Which Whitening Toothpaste is Most Effective in Whitening Coffee Stained Eggs"

3rd Place: Kyle Doyle - "Do Different Genres of Music Affect a Person's Memory?"

Health, Fitness & Nutrition Fair

Thursday, February 25 from 9am - 2pm

Join us for the Health, Fitness and Nutrition Fair on Thursday 2/25 from 9 am-2 pm in Ross Hall and the Gym. Fun, interactive exhibits for students and adults. NIFS, Dental Health, Skin Care, Heart and Lung Health, Sleep and Stress Centers are just a few of the exhibitors. Get your blood pressure checked and try out some Yoga or strength training while you are here. As parents we are powerful role models of healthy behaviors for our children, come check it out! Raffle prizes for adults include Dental Spa gift certificate, Five Seasons 2-month Gold membership, Personal Training Gift Certificate and more! Questions or to volunteer call Christine Marsella or Kathleen Prechtel. Fun and EASY Volunteer Opportunity!

Book Fair

It's time for a reading spectacular of Olympic proportions! From the dusty ancient roads of Athens to the glittering slopes of Vancouver . . . okay, not really . . . from the Kid's Ink warehouse to the SPX library, it's Book Fair time again! Opening ceremonies will commence Sunday, March 7 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. The Fair will run Monday thru Wednesday 7:45am - 3:30 pm and close Thursday 7:45am-12:00 noon. Judge for yourselves as our wide assortment of books compete for your attention. Favorite authors will be returning along with plenty of new contenders. Please plan to join us for this gold medal event!

Book Fair Volunteers Needed! Volunteers are needed to help set-up on Friday, March 5th, work the book fair March 7th - 11th and assist with tear down in the afternoon on March 11th. This is a great opportunity to interact with the students and peruse hundreds of children's books. To volunteer, please contact Kriste Mossman (kristemossman@comcast.net.)

Portraiture: Session I

Gr: 4th-6th

Day: Monday, Feb 22 at 3:15-4:45 pm
Location: Ross Hall

Portraiture: Session II

Gr: 4th-6th

Day: Monday, Mar 1 at 3:15-4:45 pm
Location: Ross Hall

Cooking and Beyond: Session II

Gr: 7th-8th

Day: Monday, Feb 22 at 3:15-4:30 pm
(Date rescheduled from Feb-8-No School)
Location: Ross Hall

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2nd Annual Girl Scout Winter "Picnic"

All Girl Scouts and their families are invited to a pitch-in dinner in Ross Hall after 5 pm Scout Mass Saturday, Feb. 27. Please bring a side dish (last names L-Z) or a dessert (last names A-K). Fried chicken and drinks will be provided for \$3/person or \$10 max/family. Pay at door.

If you know you're coming, PLEASE RSVP so we can order food. If you're a "last minute Larry," and decide Saturday to join us, please feel welcome!

Hey Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and families, let's have fun! To RSVP or to ask questions, please contact Cathy Nickerson (canickerson@sbcglobal.net).

Paper & Envelopes

If you know a business that may have recently changed its address and is trashing its old envelopes or letterhead for new, PLEASE send them in to the school office. Many times we need to send notes home with students and using someone's outdated paper and envelopes saves on office supply costs. Please send in the unused paper or envelopes that you can no longer use. If you have questions, please contact the school office.

Bowling Party Thanks

Thank you to Chrissy Didat for scheduling and organizing another successful bowling party on a day off. Over 100 SPX bowlers participated in this year's event! Special thanks for Debbie Kinghorn who was a big help to Chrissy! Thanks to both of you!

Box Tops for Education

You must have a whole baggie full of Box Tops that you need to return to school! Go to the drawer right now and pull them out to send back to school in the take-home folder! When you send in the labels, please send them to the school office in an envelope or baggie!

Tyson A+ 123 labels - Please participate in an easy fundraiser—check your favorite Tyson products for the Tyson A+ 123 label and cut it out and send it to school! SPX school receives cash for these labels!

Chess Classes

Did you know that chess classes are fun and help with math and decision making skills? Classes will be offered at SPX during lunch and recess likely just one day a week beginning the week of March 1st through the end of the year. "Learning Through Games" will teach the classes in a child friendly way for beginners to advanced players.

If interested, please send your child's name, grade, parent contact information, phone numbers, and email address along with a check for \$72 for 12 sessions to Aaron Dean, 6273 Delaware Street, Indianapolis 46220. If you have questions, please contact Aaron Dean directly (adean@learningthroughgames.com)

SPX Girls Lacrosse

Get ready to have some fun
in the Inaugural Season!

SPX Girls Lacrosse
Grades 6, 7, and 8

Please join by signing up on Edline for this new
Spring sport

Contact: Barb Moriarity or Lynn Donnelly
Watch the newsletter for further details!

Dads' Day

Middle School dads, mark your calendars!

Friday, February 26 from 6:30 - 7:45 am at Ross Hall

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

Our speaker will be former Indianapolis Colt and Alabama Crimson Tide football
great **BARRY KRAUSS!** You won't want to miss this.

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.

Spring Sports outside SPX School

Spring Soccer registration is now open. The first games of the season will be April 11th and will conclude on May 30th. To register, go to www.freewebs.com/glendalesoccerindy.

Baseball Programs:

* Allisonville Youth Baseball League

Go to www.aybs.us for online registration and more information on leagues and evaluations.

* Skiles Test Baseball League

Go to www.skilestest.com for online registration and more information on leagues and evaluations.

Scrip Information



Spring projects are right around the corner! Believe it or not, it will soon be time to dig out the rakes, spades, lawn mowers, and paint brushes. Stock up through Scrip with **Sullivan's Hardware, Lowe's, or Home Depot** gift cards for all of your spring projects - inside or out! You can also get your air conditioner ready for those hot days ahead by purchasing an annual service with **Thiele Heating/Air Conditioning**.

PLEASE NOTE: Pizzeria Uno will no longer be available through Scrip.

Please contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn if you have any questions about the Scrip program.