



Purple & Gold Rush

March 1, 2010

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

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
FRIDAY, MARCH 5th
at 1:30 pm.
All are welcome!

* Mr. Jennings' class is planning mass.

March Gospel Value:

FOCUS

Concentrating on things with a goal in mind.

"And whatever you do, do it with gladness as if you were doing it for the Lord!"
—Colossians 3:23



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION

Father Rob spoke about Lenten actions at Mass on Wednesday. He said that simply giving things up is not the only thing we should take on during Lent. We need to be proactive in some way. Why is this important? What suggestions did he make for this?

Dates to Remember

- Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010
- 3/1-5 ISTEP+ Testing (Part I)
- 3/3 No school mass
- 3/5 School mass at 1:30 pm
- 3/5 Winter Carnival at SPX 6-9 pm
- 3/5 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
9:30 am in Church
- 4/2 Good Friday

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PRINCIPALS' CORNER

It is ISTEP time again! 3rd-8th Grade students will begin testing tomorrow (Tuesday), March 2nd in the morning. Tests will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the morning hours. As a result, we will not have Mass on Wednesday morning, but on Friday afternoon at 1:30 pm instead. Thanks to Father Jerry for accommodating us to allow for morning testing all week.

Here are a few reminders for the week:

1. Get to bed on time—Students can think much better when they are not tired.
2. Eat a good breakfast—Keeping the blood sugar level steady helps kids focus. Some suggestions include scrambled eggs for protein, warm oatmeal for protein, fiber, and carbohydrates, low sugar cereals like Cheerios, Crispix, or shredded wheat, whole wheat bagel and cream cheese, yogurt with granola for calcium.
3. Get to school on time—kids will be calm and steady, ready to think when they arrive on time and their morning begins smoothly
4. Have healthy snacks—apples slathered with peanut butter, cheese cubes and wheat crackers, mixed berries stirred into plain or vanilla yogurt, carrots with ranch dip, trail mix with cashews, peanuts, bagel chips & pretzel sticks, raisins
5. Get some exercise and fresh air—playing outside, even when cold, (you can bundle up), helps to ease the tension of the day, increases oxygen levels, and keeps the blood flowing through the brain.
6. Have family dinners—healthy meals together with lots of conversation and laughter about the events of the day will help students unwind and relax.

Encourage your children to do their best, but don't put too much pressure on them. These tests are one snapshot of their progress; we have many other ways to indicate student achievement. Thanks for all that you do to help our children succeed!

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

2010/2011 PTO Executive Committee Positions

The Parent-Teacher Organization is in the process of planning for next school year. **We need your help in submitting names of individuals you feel would be good leaders for our PTO.** Open positions are President-elect, Vice President and Recording Secretary. Please contact Nominating Committee Chair, Kriste Mossman (kristemossman@comcast.net), to submit nominations or if you have any questions. The nomination form can be found on the PTO page of Edline. Thanks!

SPX Book Fair

The drama . . . the excitement . . . the quest for author excellence . . . make plans now to attend the Kids Ink Book Fair, truly an event of Olympic proportions! The Fair will start March 7 and run through March 11 and will take place in the SPX library. Hours are Sunday 9:00am-12:30pm, Monday-Wednesday 7:45am-3:30pm, and Thursday 7:45am-12:00pm. Purchases will need to be either cash or check. Teacher wish lists will be posted if you would like to add to classroom libraries. Join us to peruse authors and subject matter from across the globe! Ohno? Oh yes!

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.)

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

The April menu is in today's folder. We have 2 Panther Pick lunches this month. Orders and payment are due Tuesday, March 16th.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the fabulous Chick Fil A Crew who went Chinese in February: Ellie Hawes, Marcia Molenda, Amy Murray, and Nancy Cotton. It was a huge hit especially with the older kids who were lining up for seconds on everything! Most all kids chose the shrimp fried rice which was a pleasant surprise to the lunch chairmen. Our vendor was Super China Buffet on Keystone near Walmart if you would like to try their cuisine in the future. Another Lenten favorite in February was Penne Pasta with Marinara and Cheesy Breadsticks. Thank you Peggy Rossetter, Mary Sims, Kelly Faler, Donna Casper, Anne Hurley, Kathleen Prechtel and Robin and Harrison Hensley who prepared and served this lunch.

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

SPX Winter Carnival is THIS Friday!

The wait is over! PreSchool - 5th Graders - the SPX Big Top has arrived and this time.... no snow! Join us for a night of circus fun. 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!

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

We need cakes, cookies and goodies for the cake walk which can be brought in anytime this week. Thank you so much for your generosity (again!) We still have the 2 liters and \$5 Bingo prizes you sent in before, but if you didn't get a chance to send yours in yet, there is a box in the lobby to collect your donations.

We do need more volunteers! Due to the rescheduling, some previously filled shifts are now vacant. Please contact Marcella Burnell (marcellaburnell@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to help with the event. If you have a high school student at home that would like to come back and help out their alma mater, have them contact Marcella Burnell as well. Tell them to bring a friend! All shifts will be 1 hour.
See you Friday at the circus!

Yearbook Photos are Now Due!

Please send in your team photo if you have not already done so. We need several volleyball and girl scout photos still. Send them to Erin Dorsey (Erindorsey@comcast.net). Please include the names and coach/scout leader names' as well.

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!

SPXtras Change

For the Cooking and Beyond: Session III for the 3rd & 4th graders, the cooking instructor has a family issue to which she must attend the week of March 8th. We have rescheduled this cooking class to Monday, March 1 and Wednesday, March 3rd from the originally scheduled time of Monday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 10. Please let Erin Dorsey know if you cannot attend.

Portraiture: Session II

Gr: 4th-6th

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

Location: Ross Hall

Portraiture: Session III

Gr: 4th-6th

Day: Monday, Mar 8 at 3:15-4:45 pm

Location: Ross Hall

Cooking and Beyond: Session III

Gr: 3rd-4th **NEW DATES**

Day: Monday, Mar 1 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Wednesday, Mar 3 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Location: Ross Hall

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SPX Bingo Night

Last Chance to get Pre-Sale Tickets for Bingo Madness!

Please join for the 3rd Annual Athletic Bingo Madness on Saturday, March 6th at the Northside Knights of Columbus 6pm. Giving over \$1100 in cash as well as Big Ten Conference tickets, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, pull-tabs and other fun prizes. Help support the SPX Athletics!!

Scrip Information



Important Date Reminders for Scrip:

- > March 14th - Last on-line order deadline before Spring Break
(order by 11:59PM 3/14 to receive your order on 3/18)
- > March 28th - First on-line deadline after Spring Break
(day before kids are back at school)
- > No April 4th order period due to Great Lakes Spring Break



Spring projects are right around the corner! Believe it or not, it will soon be time to dig out the rakes, shovels, 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 contact Gretchen Capo or Stephanie Van Horn if you have any questions about the Scrip program.

Youth Ministry!

H.I.K.E. Night - Join us for H.I.K.E. Night on Friday, March 12th at Christ the King from 6-9 pm! Contact Angie Hyre (ahyre@spxparish.org) for more information.

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

Jr High JOLT (Jesus, Our Loving Teacher) - Meet at Panera Bread on Keystone at Glendale Mall on Wed, March 17th at 4-5 pm to chill with friends and have a snack while sharing our faith together. All 7th & 8th graders are welcome!

Vacation Bible School: "High Seas Expedition"

Get on board to help with Vacation Bible School's "High Seas Expedition"! Don't be afraid to get your feet wet; look over the volunteer flyer and sign up for the area that is calling you. Return completed forms to school, parish office or RE office in Shalom. For questions or more information call the Religious Education office (257-1085).

CYO Summer Camp

CYO summer camp brochures are now available online. Camp Rancho Framasa is open to children in grades 1-12. For more information or to register, visit www.campranchoframasa.org.

Scrip online orders are due Sundays by Midnight

Checks due on Tuesdays!

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

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!

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).

Spring Sports outside SPX School

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.

Soccer Program:

* **Glendale Soccer League**

Go to www.freewebs.com/glendalesoccerindy for online registration and more information.

PTO Meeting

Thursday, March 11th at 9am

SPX Church conference rooms 1&2

Refreshments available & kids welcome...

Questions...contact Heather Douglas

(hadouglas@sbcglobal.net)

See you there!