



Purple & Gold Rush

March 8, 2010

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



School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, March 10th
at 8:30 am.
All are welcome!

* Mrs. Farrell's 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

PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Last week was a busy one for SPX. We concluded the first round of ISTEP Testing. This round covered Applied Skills or open-ended questions in Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. Multiple Choice questions will be covered in the April Testing Session. The week ended with the school carnival "Under the Big Top" and the Middle School Dance; a great way to reward the kids for their week of hard work! The Athletic Committee also held their Bingo fundraiser on March 6th. It was a very enjoyable evening, and all the proceeds go to helping our kids have what they need in their sports programs.

The Book Fair is taking place in the Library this week. Students will have the opportunity to purchase great literature to have at home for their own libraries. They really enjoy reading books that they have selected themselves. Teachers also will have wish lists of books that they would love to have in their classroom libraries, also.

The 5th and 6th Graders will attend Exchange City on Friday. This educational opportunity takes place at the Junior Achievement Center right over on Keystone. It is a great program to help students understand civic responsibilities and managing a budget. They have been preparing for this day for several weeks and have even chosen elected representatives to run the government for the day.

The 3rd Quarter ends on Friday, March 12th. Report Cards will be distributed to K-2 and uploaded for 3-8 on the 18th. It is hard to believe that we are about to move into the 4th Quarter! Where has the year gone?

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

Dates to Remember

- Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010
- 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
- 3/18 Reports cards
- 3/19 Spring Break Starts - No School
- 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
1:00/1:15 pm dismissal
- 4/4 Easter Sunday
- 4/8 PTO Meeting
- 4/8 Teacher Thursday
1:00/1:15 pm dismissal
- 4/10 SPX Trivia Night
6:00 pm in school gym
- 4/17 PTO 7th Grade Dads' Dinner
Following 5 pm Mass, Ross Hall
- 4/23 Grandparents' Day - 1st Grade
- 4/23 SPX Annual Art Show
7:00 pm in School
- 4/26-30 ISTEP+ Testing (Part II)
- 5/2 First Eucharist - 2nd Grade

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Waiver Approved

We have received our waiver from the Department of Education for the day we needed to make up from the water main break. So, **there will be no school on Friday, March 19th**. The last day of school will be May 28, 2010. This will make 180 days of classes.

The 2010-2011 school calendar is now on Edline.

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!

Religious Awards for Scouts

Congratulations to the individuals who have received their religious awards for Scouts:

Light of Christ - Grayson Cates, Owen Dixon, Jack Faler, Tyler Knapp, Parker Smith, Aiden Sullivan, Timothy Sullivan

Parvuli Dei - Kevin Ashburn, Drake Mossman, William Nash

I Live My Faith - Molly Beatty and Bridget Nash

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SCHOOL LUNCH BOX

The April Menu is in today's home folder. By popular request we are serving Chicken Fajitas and the S3 Lunch with a Turkey Club Wrap as our two Panther Picks! **Orders are due BEFORE spring break on March 17.**

Sub Volunteers: Please email Robin Hensley if you are able to add your name to our Sub list. 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. Our crew chiefs would love to see you!

Gordon Food Service

You will find a flyer enclosed in the take home folder today explaining a fundraising offer from Gordon Food Service. There is no cost to join.

SPXtras for 2nd Semester

Contacts: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

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

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

Portraiture: Session III

Gr: 4th-6th

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

Location: Ross Hall

Portraiture: Session IV

Gr: 4th-6th

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

Location: Ross Hall

Drawing & Cartooning by Richard Morris

Gr: All Grades

Day: Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:45 pm

Mar 16 - Apr 20 (5 weeks)

(3/16, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 & 4/20

-No class 3/23-Spring Break)

Location: Ross Hall

SPX Book Fair

Make plans to attend the Kids Ink Book Fair, truly an event of Olympic proportions! The Fair will run through Thursday, March 11 and will take place in the SPX library. Hours are Monday-Wednesday 7:45am-3:30pm and Thursday 7:45am-12:00pm. Purchases 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!

5th Grade Snack Day

Please help the 5th graders raise funds to help feed the hungry in Indianapolis. On **Tuesday, March 9th**, they will be selling Healthy Snacks for \$.50 from 7:30-8:00 am in the front lobby.

Eat Smart + Play Hard = Learn More + Be Healthy!

Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors for the *Health, Nutrition and Fitness Fair* last week. We could not have hosted this event without all of you! The students enjoyed the 22 exhibits and learned a lot about ways to stay healthy in the process. At the "What's Your Sugar IQ?" booth, the kids visualized the amount of sugar in 30 regular sodas, the amount they would consume by drinking just one can a day for a month. They then calculated the number of teaspoons this would be by reading the nutrition facts label. The answer is a whopping 300-330 tsp! (30 cans X 10-11 tsp of sugar per can). We hope they shared with you all they learned. Co-Chairs: *Christine Marsella and Kathleen Prechtel*

Thanks to Health Fair Volunteers

Thank-you to all our volunteers who helped make the Health Fair a huge success! Without our volunteers, we never would be able to have such a fun, interactive event for our kids and parents. Also, the food and beverage donations for the health fair were greatly appreciated, we had donations from over 50 families! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Many thanks to—Kathleen Prechtel, Cindy Franz, Tracy Murphy, Heather McGinley, Tracy Nondorf, Heather Douglas, Ann Kellison, Ellie Hawes, Cindy Franz, Dawn Koers, Debbie Wooldridge, Mary Sims, Chris Steigerwald, Tracy Sanders, Michelle Hipskind, Krista Broderick, Erin Dorsey, Amy Clark, Alicia Taylor, Jacqueline Monroe, Jill Starliper, Mindy Blaiklock, Brenda Asburn, Kristi Mossman, Jen Heisserer.



Watch for information on the PTO Spring Flower Sale!

Recycle Mania! Contest 2010

Between now and April 26th, recycle your used printer cartridges, old cell phones, and used digital cameras by bringing them to the Recycle box by the computer lab! So far, we have earned \$832 with your recycled items on our way to a goal of \$1,300. If we reach this goal, students will earn an out-of-uniform day!

Used Uniform Donation Request

The Divas are 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.

Bring your bags of clothes in today!

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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



Purchase Easter supplies through Scrip! Pick up your Scrip gift cards for the following stores before stocking upon the Easter treats and decorations:

- * CVS
- * Wal-mart/Sam's Club
- * Marsh/O'Malia's
- * Pottery Barn/Williams-Sonoma
- * Michaels (gotta love their decorations!)
- * Many More!



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, dresses, or other gift items!

Monthly Raffle: Congratulations to Edie Witchger for winning the February Scrip raffle! Purchase Scrip in March and be entered into the raffle to win a \$20 Puccini's gift certificate!

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

SPX Wrestlers Win!

CADET WRESTLERS WIN! The St. Pius X Wrestling Cadets had a great showing and brought home a second place team finish at the Maria Goretti Tournament on Sat, Feb 27th. Our grapplers placed as follows: 1st Place Winners were Noah Schrader, Evan Behringer, and Peter Nickelsberg. 2nd Place Winners were Michael Troy, Nick LaFrance, and Brian Hannon. 3rd Place Winners were Isaac Mervis, Alec Eckert, Jake Ney, and Josef Eisgruber. Our 4th Place Winners were Charlie Haimbaugh, Max Magid, Patrick Troy, Ross Boyd, and Eddie Barks.

LITTLE GRAPPLERS WIN! St. Pius X Little Guys Wrestling Team sent twenty-five wrestlers in grades K through 4th to the McClellan Tournament on Sun, Feb 28th. All 25 kids wrestled wonderfully and gave 100% for their school! St. Pius X ended the day placing 15 kids as follows:

Tournament Champions were Dillon Glass, Aidan Broderick, Wyatt Schrader, and Zach Melloh. Runners Up were Colin Broderick, Brendan McCormick, and Anthony Cates. Third Place Winners were Joe Calvert, Jack Calvert, Hunter Quinn and Lucas Murray, and Fourth Place were Will Taylor, Liam Murphy, Tommy Hannon, and Kiernan McCormick.

Additionally, from a separate tournament, Reagan Behringer is the new Girls 40lb -46lb State Champ!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRAPPLERS!

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).

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)

Information on Summer Camps

• Bishop Chatard HS - Go to www.bishopchatard.org, choose "Athletics" then "Summer Sports" for the dates, deadlines, and costs for the sports camps available this summer. Camp forms are available online.

• Cathedral HS - Go to www.cathedral-irish.org, choose "On Campus" then choose "Camp Cathedral". Cathedral offers Sports Camps and Enrichment Camps (service, theatre, art, science, math, language, & history). Click on the menu of camps to get more information. Registration is online.

El Salvador Trip

For several years the parishioners of St. Pius X have been involved with our sister community of Portillo, El Salvador. They are a community rich in history, strong on faith and generous in spirit. If you are interested in going with a small group from St. Pius X to spend a week in El Salvador this summer, please contact Tracy Murphy (tracymurphy@sbcglobal.net).

Youth Ministry!

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!