



Purple & Gold Rush



March 29, 2010

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

School Mass Notes:

Join us for school mass on
Wednesday, March 31st
at 8:30 am

**to celebrate Holy Week and
Washing of the Hands! All are welcome!**

* Mrs. Chriss' & Mrs. Kavanaugh's classes are planning the special Washing of the Hands 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



Easter Blessings to you and your family!

Dates to Remember

Now Open Enrollment for Fall 2010

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

3/31 PTO Flower Sale order form due

4/2 Good Friday

1:00/1:15 pm dismissal

4/4 Easter Sunday

4/8 Full day of school

4/8 Bishop Chatard HS Service Day

4/8 PTO Meeting

4/9 Teacher Friday

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

Send articles to stenson@lei.org

PRINCIPALS' CORNER

Welcome back to everyone. We hope that your Spring Break was relaxing and rejuvenating, and that everyone is ready to finish up the year with great enthusiasm and success. This year has flown by! It seems like we just got started, and here we are at Easter already.

This is Holy week, a time to remember the greatest gift that Jesus gave us; His life for our sins. We invite everyone to join us this evening at 7:00 pm in the Church for the Living Stations of the Cross presented by the 8th Grade Class with the support of the 7th Grade class as the Living Curtain. This will be repeated tomorrow morning at 9:30 am for the children of the school. Remember that we have dismissal at 1:00 and 1:15 pm on Good Friday.

We have a report from the School Uniform Task Force. This group, consisting of student, teacher, School Commission, and parent representatives and the principal, met to discuss the St. Pius X uniform. They conducted two surveys, one for parents on-line through Survey Monkey.com and one for students from 2-8 grades. These efforts indicated overall satisfaction with the uniform as it is. A few changes will be instituted for next year as a result of these discussions.

- Socks may be either athletic length or crew length. They must be plain, solid white, black, gray, or navy blue.
- Belts must be worn at the Middle School level
- Clear nail polish only will be permitted at school.
- New uniform sweatshirts will be available next year; one for elementary levels and one for Middle School. Design has not yet been chosen but will be available in the fall
- The number of spirit days will be considered and possibly increased.

Some families have expressed several concerns about Schoolbelles. In particular they are unhappy with the hours of operation and with the length of time it takes to receive things that must be ordered. As a result, we are looking into using Land's End as a vendor. All uniform clothing that you have already purchased will still be worn.

We would like to thank all of those on the Uniform Task Force. Special thanks to Mike Knapp, the chairman who is also a member of the School Commission Executive Board, for organizing and collating all of the survey information.

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

SPX Financial Aid Applications

For families who may need to apply for financial aid, please call or e-mail Sharon Wagner soon to set your appointment and get your packet. Applications need to be completed by Thursday, April 1st, so it would be good to get the process started. It only takes 15 - 30 minutes and is pretty painless! Please contact Sharon Wagner, Business Manager (swagner@spxparish.org or 255-4534) if you have questions.

Registration Packets

Registration Packets were sent home with the youngest child on March 17th before Spring Break. Please check backpacks for the forms before calling the school office.

Don't forget to return these forms before Tuesday, April 20th!

Full Day of School on Thursday, April 8th

Teacher FRIDAY on April 9th with 1:00/1:15 pm dismissal

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RAP - Recycling at Pius

Please bring in your printer cartridges, old cell phones, and used digital cameras to the Recycle box by the computer lab for the Recycle Mania Contest. We still have until April 26th to participate in the contest to win \$750 for our computer lab if we turn in the most cell phones AND an Out-of-Uniform Day if we raise \$1,300! Let's get busy these last few weeks!

Congrats to SPX Wrestling Team

Our program has come a long way and we won CITY by 3 points this year! Thank you to our coaches Scott Schrader and Max Eckert. GREAT JOB! Individual top winners in their weight class are Evan Behringer, Jake Ney, Peter Nickelsberg, and Noah Schrader. WAY TO GO!

Scrip Information

No April 4th order period due
to
Great Lakes Spring Break.



Don't forget to purchase Easter supplies and First Communion items using Scrip!

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

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

SPXtras for 2nd Semester

Contacts: Erin Dorsey or Christine Marsella

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

Cooking and Beyond: Session IV

Gr: 5th-6th

Day: Monday, Apr 5 at 3:15-4:30 pm
Wednesday, Apr 7 at 3:15-4:30 pm

Location: Ross Hall

Yoga: Session II

Gr: K-3rd

Day: Wednesdays 3:15-4:30 pm
Apr 7 - Apr 28 (4 weeks)
(4/7, 4/14, 4/21 & 4/28)

Location: Ross Hall

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, March 29th - 7:00 pm Living Stations of the Cross performed by 8th Grade with the 7th grade Living Curtain

Tuesday, March 30th Holy Tuesday - 9:30 am Living Stations for the Cross
7:00 pm Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Thursday, April 1st Holy Thursday - 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Church will be open until 10:00 pm for private adoration

Friday, April 2nd Good Friday - 5:00 pm The Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3rd Holy Saturday - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil & Anticipation Mass

Sunday, April 4th EASTER SUNDAY - Easter Sunday Masses
8:00 am 9:30 am 11:30 am (Please note the time)

Don't forget to support Scrip this week! !



PTO Spring Flower Sale - Orders are due Wednesday!

It's not too late, but hurry! The last day to order flowers for the St. Pius X PTO Flower Sale is in TWO DAYS - why not get it in TOMORROW! They are gorgeous...you won't be disappointed. Orders will be delivered before Mother's Day - what a perfect gift! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Calvert or Ann Kellison.

Remember...pre-paid orders are due by Wednesday, March 31st.
Pick-up is on Tuesday, May 4th.

How to Become a PTO Chairperson

Many of you wonder how someone gets to be the chairperson of a PTO event. It happens in two ways:

- A. Someone expresses interest to the current chairperson or PTO President (and usually volunteers for the event).
- B. If no one volunteers to be the chairperson for an event, the PTO President asks someone.

Chairpersons needed for 2010-11:

- ❖ Everybody Counts co-chairperson
- ❖ Winter Carnival co-chairpersons
- ❖ Hobby Show chairpersons
- ❖ Staff Appreciation Lunch co-chairperson
- ❖ SCRIP-TO-GO chairpersons
- ❖ School Lunch Crew Chiefs
- ❖ School Lunch co-chairperson (specifically, for ordering food from GFS)
- ❖ PTO Executive Committee (always positions rotating)

Other events will need chairpersons in 2011-12. For instance, SCRIP, SPX-tras, New Family Mentor co-chair, Room Parent coordinator, School Lunch Crew Chiefs.

Volunteering as a helper or chairperson of a PTO event is a great way to meet people, contribute to SPX School, and make friends. Many positions have CO-chairs, and all have a list of volunteers ready to help.

If you're interested in being a chairperson for a PTO event, or serving in a position on the PTO Executive Committee (even in a year or two), please contact Cathy Nickerson, 2010-11 PTO President (canickerson@sbcglobal.net).

Because chairpersons "turn over" frequently, **please contact Cathy regarding ANY interest!** We all work best when we're using our strengths and enjoying what we do!

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PTO Thank You

In an effort to keep our PTO programs "fresh for the students", Mr. Herman encourages the PTO provide opportunities for teachers and students to help and make suggestions for our many events. The Carnival & Middle School Party and Book Fair involved big changes this year while others had few changes. Thank you to our families for attending and supporting SPX in these events/programs. Huge thanks goes to our chairpersons who work with the ideas and make the events happen for all to enjoy. Your time and thoughtful planning are what make these events very special for all.

- Thank you to the parent volunteers and especially the chairs (**Amy Clark, Dawn Koers, & Marcella Burnell**) of the **SPX Carnival!** Unfortunately, the weather required double the decorating work, but your positive attitude made this event a "win" for SPX families.
- Thank you **Michelle Hipkind, Middle School Party** chair, for your flexibility in the planning this event for our students, working with the Carnival chairs, and meeting with the students to generate ideas and sell tickets. It was a great party filled with awesome games & prizes.
- Special thanks to the **SPX staff** for volunteering Friday, March 5th, to run the Carnival and Middle School Party games! The families noted the community atmosphere and truly appreciated you taking the time to be a part of this fun night.
- Thank you to **Mrs. Stocker** and **Mrs. Taber, PTO Teacher Liaisons**, for taking the time each month to attend and participate in the monthly PTO Meetings. We appreciate your feedback and suggestions.
- Thanks to **Nancy Cotten, Kriste Mossman, & Mrs. Ratkey** and the many parent volunteers for organizing and running our new **Kid's Ink - SPX Book Fair**. The selection of books was fantastic and your ability to order additional books was awesome.
- Thanks for making the **SPX Health Fair** a huge hit for the students, teachers, and parents. The visual aids, interactive booths, exercise stations, and health screening areas were amazing. Thanks to **Christine Marsella** and **Kathleen Prechtel** and their many volunteers for putting it all together.

Register Now for the Olympic Trivia!

Saturday, April 10, at 6 pm in the gym, St. Pius X presents "Games of the IV Triviad". Don't miss out on this favorite social and PTO fundraiser. \$20 includes one pizza per table, adult beverages, soft drinks and your chance to BRING HOME THE GOLD, along with many other fun prizes and team recognition. New speed categories, categories for "non-trivia" people, guest MCs and Olympic spirit throughout.

Many teams have begun their training, planned uniforms and team spirit items, not to mention snacks and appetizers that may not be considered standard athletic fare. The committee welcomes some of the teams already registered: Ireland, Chile, El Salvador, Ceylon, Canadian Club with 2 White Russians, and the newly formed country of veteran players Kingdridgeprattwolfistan!?

If you have any questions, please contact Amy or Kevin Beausir (akbeausir@comcast.net).

Don't forget to send in used uniform donations!

CYO Track & Field

All boys and girls in grades 4 - 8, are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Kirby Kinghorn (kkinghorn@muesingmgmt.com).

Gospel of Luke-Adult Bible Study

On three Wednesdays in April (7th, 14th, and 28th) the Bible Timeline group will be studying the book of Luke. We'll begin each evening at 7pm with a 50-minute DVD lecture on Luke by Jeff Cavins, renowned Catholic Bible scholar, followed by a group discussion of the Luke readings and DVD. All adults are welcome to join us in the church conference rooms and experience the Bible Timeline Study Program. Show up at 7pm with your Bible! (We recommend skimming the first nine chapters of Luke). For questions, contact the SPX Religious Education office.

SPX Dinner Club

Join us for the final 2009-2010 Dinner Club and Help Kick Off the 2010 -2011 Group...

When: Saturday April 17th at 7:00 pm

Where: Hurley Home

(10849 Wilmington Drive, Carmel, IN 46033)

Details: Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. BYOB for alcoholic drinks.

RSVP: Call or email Deanna Murphy (deanna@deannaandpat.com) or Anne Hurley (thehurley6@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested in attending!

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

Join "Team Lux" on Saturday, April 17th!

10. Sat, April 17 is a "girls only" (18 yrs & up) day!
9. Riding the fun bus downtown (departing from Broad Ripple Tavern) and not dealing with the downtown parking hassles! Did I say it was FREE?
8. Invitation to our "celebration luncheon" after the race with FREE food, drinks, and chair massages & a chance to win prizes!

7. Run or walk at your own pace...with others or by yourself.

6. Exclusive, limited edition Team Lux t-shirt!

5. Prizes, Prizes and more PRIZES!

4. For a mere \$100 in donations collected - YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT and be a part of history!

3. The EXPERIENCE - of an incredible day!

2. Earn more chances to win by registering early!

And the #1 reason to join Team Lux ...

1. IT'S SO EASY TO JOIN! Go to

http://race.komenindy.org/site/TR?pg=team&fr_id=1070&team_id=34460 Be sure

to have your debit/credit card ready to pay for the \$28 registration fee; you can obtain your (\$100 minimum) donations later. If you would like to learn more, please contact Donna Treece (thetreecefamil@aol.com) or Anne Godlevske (adgodlevske@comcast.net).