

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

A weekly newsletter for the school community

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Kim Vangel

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

Welcome to the beginning of Catholic Schools Week at St. Raphael the Archangel! We are so blessed to have a fun-filled week ahead where we learn, laugh, and grow our faith together. Many thanks are due to our Student Council, Service Club, Faculty, PTA, School Board, Ladies Club, and Men's Club for their generous support of the activities during this special week. St. Raphael is a special place because the entire community works to make it that way!

Here's a glimpse of some of the fun things happening...

First, our 8th Graders are in Washington DC to take part in the annual March For Life. They traveled by bus with other groups from the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, and will stand up for life with hundreds of thousands of other citizens in our nation's capitol - this truly is an amazing experience for these young men and women.

Our school's annual Open House is Sunday, January 29th from 11am to 3pm, and EVERYONE is invited to come over to see the great things happening in our school. Not only that, but we hope you will stay for some of Mrs. Ruggieri's famous chili and nachos in the Cafeteria. It's a great time, and we are excited to see everyone there!

On Monday we celebrate Parent Appreciation Day by handing out coffee and donuts to all of our parents at drop-off in the morning. Then we have Faith Formation activities planned for Early Childhood students and for Upper School students, all fun learning opportunities.

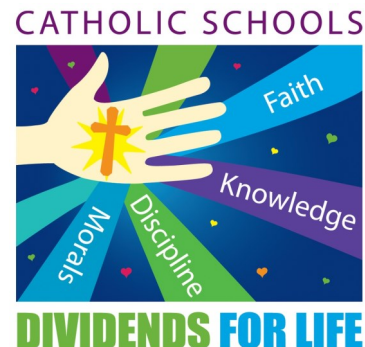
Tuesday is Teacher Appreciation Day with a Faculty Feud game in the morning, a delicious lunch provided by the PTA for the teachers, and our annual Spelling Bee at 2pm in the Gym.

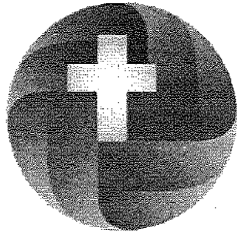
Wednesday is Student Appreciation Day and we will take an all-school field trip to Keller Movie Theater where we will all enjoy going to the movies together - Super Fun! We spend the afternoon playing trivia in our Family Groups.

Thursday is our Service Day, and this year our Service Club has planned a number of service projects that will be going on all morning. We will be making lunches for the homeless, care packages for soldiers, and Valentine cards for shut-ins. And finally, Friday, Feb. 3rd is our SRA Grandparents Day, one of our favorite traditions at St. Raphael. Grandparents and Grand-Friends are invited to join us for 8am Mass; then we will move over to school where we will have Donuts & Coffee, Bingo, a Photo Booth, Classroom Visits, and the Scholastic Book Fair. We dismiss at noon that day because by that time, we are all ready to go home and take a nap!

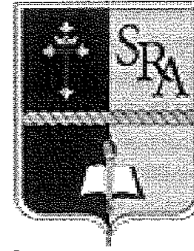
Catholic Schools Week is the time to celebrate all that is good about Catholic Education. Thanks so much to the Parish of St. Raphael for supporting St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic School!

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal





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2017 Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 29th:

Mass 10:00

Open House 11:00-3:00

Monday, January 30th:

Parent Appreciation Day

Faith Formation Day

5th- 8th 8:45-11:45

PK - 5th 8:45-11:15

Tuesday, January 31st:

Teacher Appreciation Day

Faculty Feud 9:00

Faculty Lunch 11:30-12:30

Spelling Bee 2:00

Wednesday, February 1st:

Student Appreciation Day

Out of Uniform (follow guidelines)

Field Trip 8:00-11:00

Family Group Trivia 1:30

Thursday, February 2nd:

Service Day

Service Rotations 8:50-10:50

Friday, February 3rd:

Grandparent's Day

Mass 8:00

Noon Dismissal

New! * Again! * New! * Again! * New! * Again!

Gifted Resource Council's Saturday Learning Labs

Enrolling Now for the Winter 2017 Session:

February 4, 11, 18, 25 March 4, 11 9:30-11:00 & 11:10-12:40

Currently Offered at Wydown Middle School 6500 Wydown Blvd. in Clayton

There is Something for Everyone, Preschool through 8th Grade!

Sample Class Titles Include:

*Who Says Science Fair Projects Are Only for the Big Kids?! *Science Experiments for Fun and Feeding!
*How Is It Made? *Create Your Own Picture Book! *Bodysmart Anatomy *Engineering & Problem Solving
*Cooking: Merriment with Math *Codes & Ciphers for Colonial Spies *Checkmate! *Harry Potter *Experiment
in the Biomedical Sciences *Courts and Trials *Put Yourself in the (Statistics) Game! *Robotics Technology
Using LEGO® MINDSTORMS® EV3 Kits *I Survived! Fatal Flaws & Disasters *Revolutions through History
...and MORE!...

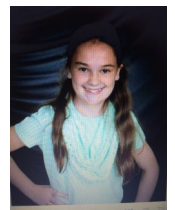
Parenting Classes Offered at 11:10-12:40 – Note the time!

Call GRC for a Complete Brochure: 314-962-5920 or visit www.giftedresourceco

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the School Geography Bee on January 18, 2017: Lydia Bick, Henry Cyr, Tommy Finan, Andrew Kellar, Katie Cyr, Luke Will, Ardian Hoxhaj, Grace Goeddel, Andrew Borowiak, and Joe Cyr. They all did a very good job with some very difficult questions. Our third place winner was Katie Cyr, and the second place winner was Andrew Borowiak. Adrian Hoxhaj won the School Geography Bee and has already taken the qualification test for the State Geography Bee. We'll find out if he qualifies in early March. Good luck to Ardian.



Hello! My name is Grace and I am in Seventh Grade. For my Service Project this year, I am collecting aluminum tab tops which are the aluminum tops found on the tops of aluminum soda cans. These are for the Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis. The Ronald McDonald house helps those in faraway cities who are in need health care in St. Louis. It is also a place for families who need a place to stay near the hospital. The Ronald McDonald house takes the tabs to a recycling company and the recycling company gives back 100% of the money. I have set up some containers by the main office for you to drop off any donations you have. I will be doing this project from September 19th 2016 to March 19th 2017. Thank you for your generosity and remember to bring in your tab tops.



Daily Mass Time:
8:00am Grades K - 8
Monday - Thursday

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month

All School Mass
8:00am
February 3, 1017
Grandparents Mass
Weekday Mass
3rd Grade Planning



Jan. 26 – 7:00-8:30pm Confirmation Parent & Student Meeting - Rectory

Jan. 29 – 10:00 Family Mass & 11:00-3:00



Open House – Catholic Schools Week
Registration for 2017 - 2018

Scholastic Book Fair all week

Jan. 30 - Parent Appreciation Day & Faith Formation Day

Jan. 30 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club K-3

Jan. 31 - Teacher Appreciation Day

Jan. 31 - 2:00pm Spelling Bee in gym

Jan. 31 – 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club 4-8

February

Feb. 1 - Student Appreciation Day & Family Group Trivia

Feb. 1 – 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal

Feb. 2 - Service Day

Feb. 3 - Grandparent's Day - dismissal at 12:00pm

Preschool is open

Feb. 4 – 6:30pm doors open PTA Marcia Matreci Trivia
7:00pm start

Feb. 6-10 – STUCO Canned Food Drive

Feb. 6 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club K-3

Feb. 7 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club 4-8

Feb. 8 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal

Feb. 9 – 8:30-2:30 Focus 11 Retreat for 6-7-8 grades

Feb. 11 – 8:00-11:00pm Father/Daughter Snowflake
Dance-Gym

Feb. 14 - 2:00pm Valentine Parties

Feb. 15 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal



January Birthdays

Michael Menendez-27

Hannah Trachsel-28

Joey Sweitzer-31

Mrs. Berns-31

July ½ Birthdays

Hazel Dougherty-28

Miss Diane-28

Carter Teeter-30

Hanley Erdtmann-30

Mrs. Martin-31

Seventh Graders are in charge of safety patrol at the corner of Bishops Place and Highfield. Students should arrive by 7:30 in the morning and again in the afternoon at 3:10.

Thank you! **3rd quarter patrol schedule:**

Week of January 30

Ellie & Will K.
Ardian & Anna



RECESS/LUNCH DUTY

Want to spend an hour during the day helping out at recess or lunch duty at St. Raphael? We would love your assistance! The times of lunch and recess are as follows: 11:10am Preschool goes to lunch—11:15-11:40am (K-3) - 11:45-12:05pm Lunch (4-8). All volunteers must have completed their Protecting God's Children requirements. If you can help, please email Lori Stawizynski at loristaw76@yahoo.com

Monday, January 30 Bridget D.

Tuesday, January 31 Ashley L. & Stephanie K.

Wednesday, February 1 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, February 2 Linda K.

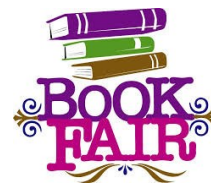
Friday, February 3 Noon Dismissal for K-8



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READING ROCKS!

Get ready for the St. Raphael the Archangel School's Book Fair. Scholastic books will be available in our cafeteria. Opening Day is Open House, Sunday, January 29 from 11:00am – 3:00pm. Mrs. Franz will be selling books during lunch hours January 30 thru February 2. The LAST DAY is Friday, February 3 on Grandparent's Day from 9:00-12:00. Thank you for supporting our school.



Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching! On Thursday, February 2nd, the Service Club will be facilitating a "Day of Service" for students PreK-8th. The Service Club is asking for each student to contribute \$3 by **Wednesday, January 25th** to help fund supplies. During our Day of Service, students will be creating First Responder "Survival Kits", lunch bags for the homeless, and more! Please send your \$3 per student in an envelope marked **CSW Service Club**. We greatly appreciate your support in making this Day of Service and living out the mission of Christ a success!



Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

The Visual Learner

Over the next few weeks I will explain three different ways that children learn. You may already be familiar with the three terms used: visual, auditory and kinesthetic/tactile learner.

This week I will begin with the VISUAL LEARNER.

What the learner requires:

Clear visual cues, to see the big picture, to see action on the board, opportunity to jot or write notes, as well as visual praise.

What the teacher can offer:

Drawings, worksheets, charts, graphic organizers, mapping, webbing, a seat near the activity, visual cues on the board for ease of copying, color codes, notes home to parents, stickers for praise.

ADDITIONAL TOOLS TO HELP THE VISUAL LEARNER:

Have the student use the computer for written expression, use graphs and charts, handouts, maps, posters, lists. Have them close their eyes to recall visual pictures, they benefit from actually making the visuals themselves that accompany the work.

Parents can look for these other characteristic of VISUAL LEARNERS:

They tend to follow you around the room with their eyes, they notice what people are wearing or what their facial expressions are, they are quick to "judge a book by its cover" as they rely on visual input, they may read better silently rather than orally, use pictures for story starters, use colored flash cards for rehearsal of facts, students often times appear to be "daydreaming" when directions are being given, so getting them involved will engage their attention.

Mrs. Peggy Martin: Physical Education & Art Grades Pk-3

This week in PE we are continuing in hockey. Preschool and Kindergarten are experiencing shuffling/dribbling, shooting and moving with the sticks and pucks. This week I will replace the pucks with balls. It is faster moving and requires more practice of the skill. It is also great practice for special relationships. First, Second and Third Grades will be studying the floor hockey positions and line changing (substitution). We will play in a game situation that they really seem to enjoy. Have a great week.

Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education—Grades 3-8

We will be winding down basketball skills this week. Over the last few weeks the students learned good basketball drills, games and conditioning activities that will help enhance their own individual skills while playing in CYC or other basketball leagues. This week I introduced a game that the students really seemed to enjoy. It was a two on two basketball game with each game lasting only thirty seconds. Every student was focused, engaged and really had lots of fun.

I look forward to introducing my students to the next activity.

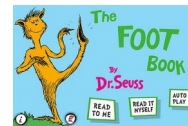
Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

: In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, St. Raphael will be participating in the Archdiocesan Student Art Exhibit from January 29- February 4, 2017 at South County Mall. The following students will have their artwork on display for this exhibit: Ava C. (K), Emma S. (1), Morgan K. (2), Ava S. (3), Will H. (4), Flora B. (5), Katie C. (6), Ellie G. (7), Lucy S. (7) and Abby S. (8). Congratulations!

Miss Molly Preschool Room A

In Preschool 'A' we are glad to be on a regular schedule and having fun doing our work. This week we are working on opposites. We have learned a new song and march around the room looking for opposites. The children have done projects about day and night, clean and dirty and happy and sad. We are having so much fun with this unit. Their favorite book was Dr. Seuss book *The Foot Book*. The Animals parents will have their first conference with me this Friday, January 27th and I can't wait to talk and meet all the parents.

Please don't forget Catholic School Week and Grandparents Day. Can't wait to see everyone.



Miss Chris Preschool Room B

We are working on the letter P this week. We had so much fun over the last two weeks with our Ocean theme and we wanted to extend it this week as well. We are learning about Penguins this week and have been excited about the fact that we can create projects that can be added into our ocean environment. We are also learning about Prayer in our Jesus Club. We are learning all the different ways in which we can pray as well as the fact that we can pray any time we want.



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

We celebrated the 100th day of school today! We counted out 100 pieces of food, counted to 100 and finger painted 100 dots! Our class is very excited for Catholic Schools Week.



First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

Our 100th day of school was on **Wednesday, January 25**. We had so much fun celebrating being 100 days smarter! We:

- Brainstormed a list of EVERYTHING we have learned over 100 days. We listed 50 different things and have learned so much more!
- Dressed as a 100-year-olds!
- Students each created a bag filled with 100 of something at home and made 3 clues about the content. We visited classrooms throughout the school and shared our clues.
- Students answered the question: If I had \$100... in writing.
- We raced, counted and added to 100 in math.
- We took a 100 Days Smarter Photo and participated in several 100 Second Challenges!

It was a great day filled with fun, learning and celebration of our accomplishments so far!



Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade students are working with collective nouns. We know that collective nouns are used to talk about a group of things. For example, a group of geese is called a gaggle. We have had fun trying to find collective nouns in books we are reading. We continue to read non-fiction text about similar topics so that we can compare and contrast them. Reading these non-fiction texts will help us with our informative writing.

In Math we continue to work with three-digit numbers. We have now begun subtracting them using base ten blocks.

We were pleasantly surprised when our indoor plant arrived as an indoor garden! We are growing many different kinds of leafy greens: Rainbow Chard, Sweet Basil, Arugula, Bok Choy and Bibb Lettuce. We have begun charting the growth of each of these plants and can't wait to share with everyone! Hopefully we will grow enough to use as a salad one day for lunch.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade read a couple of great short fiction stories, *Granddaddy's Place* and Suzy Kline's *The Ghost of Annabelle*. We did some writing assignments after reading and discussing. They especially loved writing "Get Well" poems and sharing those aloud. We are continuing with our Multiplication Facts and finding the missing factor in problems. Story problems can be challenging, but we are working hard. Our class is gearing up for Grandparents Mass on February 3rd. We also take charge of the Angelus Prayer over the loudspeaker in the office during February. Ms Polson is emphasizing clarity of voice, public speaking skills and word enunciation. This will help us when we present our President Reports (written copy due Monday, February 13th) to the class.

Miss Patti Woods: Social Studies, Science, English (4-5)

In both Fourth and Fifth Grades we are preparing to take unit tests. Fourth Grade will be studying for Unit 4, Adjectives. Fifth Grade will be studying for Unit 5, Capitalization and Punctuation.

In Fourth Grade Science we have been learning about force and motion. In Social Studies we have been learning about the Louisiana Purchase and the impact it had on the United States. The Louisiana Purchase test will be Friday, January 27th.

In Grade Five Science we are also learning about force and motion. In Social Studies our topic of discussion has been on the Branches of the Government. The first branch we have been studying is the Executive Branch.

Miss Amanda Imo: Reading, Math (4-5)

Fifth Grade: This week in Religion the students are reviewing all of the Parts of the Mass that they learned about during Unit 2. During Math the students are beginning a unit on fractions and they are working on discovering ways to make equivalent fractions and finding simplest form. In Reading the students are working on determining theme.

Fourth Grade: The students are getting more proficient with dividing large numbers. During Reading we read a story about a class doing Book Reports. Our focus was on character description and connecting lessons from the story to our own lives.

Mrs. Christy Connor: Social Studies & Religion (6-7-8)**English:**

Students in Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade have completed the unit about sentences. They are all now working with the different kinds of nouns, including common, proper, concrete, abstract, compound and collective nouns.

Social Studies:

Grade Six students are discovering facts about some of the kingdoms and empires found in Africa.

Grade Seven students are learning how and why the United States Articles of Confederation was replaced by the Constitution.

Students in Grade Eight have completed the section about World War II and are beginning to learn about the period of history known as the Cold War.

Mrs. Laura Berns: Science (6-7-8) Standard Math (6-7-8)
Miss Ashley Schaaf: Science (6-7-8) Challenge Math (6&7) Algebra 8

6th - 8th Grade Math

Sixth Grade SMath

We are continuing with our geometry unit - reviewing complementary and supplementary. We will begin finding perimeter of regular and irregular figures at the end of the week.

Sixth Grade Challenge

This week we are starting a new chapter on ratios and rates.

Seventh Grade SMath

We are identifying similar figures and finding missing side lengths.

Seventh Grade Challenge

This week we are starting a new chapter over proportions and percents.

Eighth Grade SMath

We just took a quiz over solving systems of equations using substitution and elimination. Our next lessons will require students to solve systems of equations by graphing.

Eighth Grade Challenge

Monday we took a test over systems of equations and inequalities. We are moving on and introducing the new chapter over exponents and exponential functions.

6th - 8th Grade Science

In Sixth Grade we are creating a diagram to review all vertebrate animals.

In Seventh Grade we just finished building our filtration systems. We will have a test at the end of this week.

Eighth Grade is working on Chapter 4 that covers polymers and composites, as well as metals and alloys. We are working on science fair projects on Wednesday.

Save the Date!

Father-Daughter Snowflake Dance

February 11, 2017

All girls K-8 at SRA are invited.

Invitations coming soon.

Sponsored by the Girl Scouts.



St. Raphael the Archangel PTA Seventh Annual Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night

WHEN

Saturday, February 4, 2017

• Doors open at 6:30 PM

• Trivia starts at 7:00 PM

WHERE

St. Raphael the Archangel Gym

6000 Jamieson Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63109

An incredibly fun PTA fundraiser - reserve your table now!

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING

\$180/table (up to 8 people)

Includes 3 mulligans & 2 table games

Includes soda & snacks

Beer available for purchase or BYOB!

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