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,

This is a very big week for St. Raphael with lots of great things going on! First, we have the annual Black & Gold Dinner Auction, the most important fundraiser of the year for St. Raphael the Archangel School. So many, many thanks go to Jaime Richards and her friends and family - she has worked tirelessly to make this the best auction ever, and I know she could not have done it without the support of all those who love her. There are too many parents, teachers, and parishioners to name who have helped prepare for the auction, and who will be working this weekend to make the event a success. Thanks to all of you!

In the midst of all the auction preparation, our school community stepped up to help other students in need and we did it in typical SRA Fabulous Style! Through the efforts of Mrs. Runiewicz, Ms. Wood, Miss Amsler, Mrs. Berns, and Miss Imo, our school raised over \$800 in less than a week to donate to the schools in Louisiana that have been destroyed by the flooding there. We also donated extra desks, chairs, books and cabinets to help these schools get back on their feet. This entire effort is being supported by Channel 2 and their Saturday morning show, ThreadUp STL. We welcomed their TV crew on Wednesday morning when they picked up all of the donated items and funds - what a great way to show our SRA Spirit!

And finally, we are all watching carefully as the Archdiocese is making decisions about the future of some of our neighboring parish schools. At the time of this writing, I have only minimal information and I have a LOT of questions. I will be attending a meeting for all the Catholic school principals in the City of St. Louis later in the week, and I promise to share with you everything that I learn at this meeting. In the meantime, let's all pray for the success of our Auction, Angel Appeal, and Beyond Sunday/Beyond 50 campaign. The best way to ensure the future of St. Raphael the Archangel School is through financial stability. Let's stay **#SRASTRONG!**

Peace, Kim Vangel Principal







Calendar Announcements

All School Mass 8:00am Mass

Friday, November 11th Veteran's Day 5th Grade Planning

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

Benediction 2:00pm First Friday of the month



November Birthdays

Flora Borowiak-3 Hannah Kratky-3 Jude Wulf-4 Joseph Raymo-6 Edward Adams-6 Ava Christlieb-11 Thad Berta-12

Miss Abby -15 Rosalia Hogrebe-15 Ms. Polson-17

Grace Goeddel-17 Chase Lashley-18 Joshua Abbott-20 Owen Hejlek-21

Miss Bussmann-22

Caroline Hahn-23 Emilia Hahn-23 Patrick Meier-27 Thomas Finan-29

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Nov. 4 - Black & Gold Accessory Day

Nov. 4 - 2:00pm Benediction

Nov. 4 - Black & Gold Dinner Auction Preview Night

Nov. 5 - Black & Gold Dinner Auction

Nov. 7-16- STUCO Food collection for Thanksgiving Baskets

Nov. 7 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM After-School Club K-3

Nov. 7 - 4:000-10:00pm 8th Grade Fundraiser Cane's Chicken Fingers 4320 Hampton

Nov. 8 - 3:15 - 5:00pm STEAM After-School Club 4-8

Nov. 9 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal in Church

Nov. 9 – 7:00pm 1st Reconciliation

Nov. 9 - 2:30-3:30pm Merb's Bionic Apples 8th Gr. Sale

Nov. 10 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room

Nov. 11 – 8:00am Veterans' Day Prayer Service & Reception

Nov. 14 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM After-School Club K-3

Nov. 15 – Uniform Picture Retake Day

Nov. 15 - 3:15 - 5:00pm STEAM After-School Club 4-8

Nov. 16 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal in Church

Nov. 16 - 2:30-3:30pm Merb's Bionic Apples sale

Nov. 17 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room

Nov. 18 - Teacher PD Day No School K-8 Preschool is open

Nov. 20 - 10:00am Family Mass/Donut Sunday

Nov. 23 - 8:00am Thanksgiving Mass Noon Dismissal Preschool open all day

Nov. 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving Break No School Preschool-8

Nov. 26 - 5:00-9:00pm Advent Wreath Making - School

Nov. 30 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal in Church

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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! **2nd quarter patrol schedule:**

November 7th:Gillian and Ellie

Jack and Ardian



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 (PreK-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, November 7 Donna V. & Pam A.

Tuesday, November 8 Mary Anne P. & Danielle C.

Wednesday, November 9 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, November 10 Kristina C. & Linda K.

Friday, November 11 Terri B. & Stacy S.



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Veteran's Day Prayer Service

All veterans are invited to join the school community for a Veteran's Day Prayer Service in church on Friday, November 11th at 8 am. The Prayer Service will be followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. Veterans interested in celebrating with us and attending the reception should contact the school office at <u>314-352-9474</u> and should leave their name and number of people coming. Please RSVP by Friday, November 4th.



Participants are to gather in the back of church for a procession. We will also be remembering the veterans we have lost. Please send in a name and possibly a picture of any loved veterans who have passed away so we can honor them during our service. You can send that information to **imo@straphaelarchangel.org**. We are looking forward to seeing you on November 11th.

Rosati-Kain Fall Musical

Rosati-Kain High School invites you to enjoy our fall musical, Children of Eden, starring one of your parishioners/alumni, **Olivia Brinkmann**

Children of Eden is a two-act musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz and a book by John Caird. The musical is based on the *Book of Genesis*. Act I tells the story of Adam and Eve, Cain, and Abel, and Act II deals with Noah and the Flood.

The musical opens November 10th, 11th and 12th with a 7pm Curtain. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information, please visit our website at www.rosati-kain.org.

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> 2016 STUDENT RAFFLES ~

Show your support for SKA and buy your chances for the 2016 Black & Gold Student Raffles - tickets are just \$1 each! Raffle tickets will be in The Guide each week and will be available for purchase during Lunch! Winners will be announced on Friday afternoon, at School dismissal, November 4th.

Tickets will be available at Donot Sunday, October 16th - Friday, November 4th. Tickets can be sent to or dropped off to the school office, Rectory or in the Sunday collection basket. Where does not need to be present to win. Make checks payable to St Raptael the Archangel.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FRIENDS WHO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS SUPPORTING OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER!

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JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE'S!

Mention the fundraiser at the register and Cane's will donate 15% of sales to:

St. Raphael the Archangel School

8th Grade Mystery Trip and Graduation Expenses

DATE & TIME:

November 7th, 2016 from 4:00pm - 10:00pm

LOCATION:

4320 Hampton Ave. St. Louis, MO 63109 314-353-1056



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Merb's Bionic Apples

The SRA 8th Grade Class is selling Merb's Bionic Apples!
All money raised will help fund the 8th grade Pro Life Trip and 8th grade
Graduation and Mystery Trip.

Sale Dates: November 9 and 16

Times: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: SRA Parking Lot Near the Cafeteria Door

Price: \$6 each

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ADVENT WREATH-MAKING PARTY

Saturday, November 26
After 4:30 pm Mass in the cafeteria
Join us again this year for wreath-making and a pot-luck dinner. All the supplies are provided for the wreaths.
Family Name:
Phone Number:
Number of family members attending:
This will be a pot-luck style dinner. Mrs. Amy Ruggeri is preparing the main dish for the meal. We are asking each family to bring a side dish or dessert to complete our meal. Please indicate below what you would like to bring.
Vegetable side dish:
Other side dish:
Salad:
Dessert:
Please drop off this registration form in the collection basket, at the rectory or send to the school office no later

than Monday, November 21.



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Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

STUDY TIPS FOR STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC STRUGGLES

Children with academic struggles related to ADHD, learning disabilities or processing disorders, experience problems with focus and staying on track. This tendency towards inattention means that it may take several hours for them to complete an assignment that may only take their peers a few short minutes.

Create a study zone, a designated study area. This area should be located in a quiet area of the home where there are no distractions. Children with learning struggles and attention issues often respond well to structured activities and routine. If possible this area should only be used for studying and completing school work to be most effective.

Use simple organizational methods such as, math work goes into a red folder, while English work goes into a blue folder. This is to help children keep tract of important papers and ensure that they are not overwhelmed with unrelated papers when working on one subject.

Set a timer for studying and completing assignments. Using a timer and setting it for a particular amount of time is an excellent way to keep children on track. In the event that they have gotten off tract, the timer will redirect them back to the task. This can also be beneficial for building in breaks when completing lengthy assignments.

Switch subjects or assignments when your child with academic struggles has been working on an assignment for a lengthy period of time. A change in the pace offers the child a break while still completing the work that needs to be completed.

The following information is taken from an article on the web site from Brain Balance. http://www.brainbalancecenters.com

Mrs. Caroline Zarinelli: Music

Music and Drama

Behind the Scenes: Putting a Show Together

So what goes into putting a Christmas Show together when the story of the birth of Jesus is known to mankind? A bit of imagination in weaving in an additional story; a heap of hours listening to hundreds of songs and lyrics that will support that story and storyline dynamic; a few weeks of songwriting/tweaking/changing/changing back to original idea; and 170 focused and enthusiastic Kindergarten through Eighth Grade students. Forty-nine days until Showtime!



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High School Open House

Sunday, November 6, 2016

12 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Barat Academy

Cardinal Ritter College Prep

Cor Jesu Academy

Kennedy Catholic High School

Nerinx Hall High School

Rosati-Kain High School

St. John Vianney High School

St. Joseph's Academy

St. Mary's High School

Trinity Catholic High School

Ursuline Academy

Villa Duchesne and Oak Hill School

Visitation Academy

11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Louis University High School

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Chaminade College Preparatory School

De Smet Jesuit High School

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bishop BuBourg High School

Incarnate Word Academy

Christian Brothers College High School

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Notre Dame High School

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Duchesne High School

Those High Schools offering presentations on other days are:

Sunday, October 9, 2016

10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

St. Pius X High School

Sunday, October 23, 2016

12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

St. Francis Borgia Regional High School

Sunday, October 30, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. Dominic High School

Sunday, November 13, 2016

12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

St. Louis Priory School



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Miss Chris Preschool Room B

We would like to thank all of our parent volunteers for creating such a great Halloween party that we all enjoyed on Monday. We had a great time dressing up in our costumes and parading around the school for the big kids to see us prior to our party.

We have been exploring the Interesting world of Insects during our letter I week. We are learning how to tell what makes a bug an Insect. We have read books and learned facts about Insects as well as used our Imaginations to create Insects. The Bears hope you have an Incredible weekend!



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Kindergarten has been excited about supporting our Penny War and raising money for schools in Louisiana. We had a fabulous Halloween party full of snacks, games and of course candy. We visited the Fifth Graders to learn about the Saints they have studied.



First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

"Penny Wars was awesome" in the words of our kids. In First Grade we discussed how Jesus called us "To love one another as I have loved you." We demonstrated this by giving to students hundreds of miles away. We put ourselves in their shoes and talked about what it would be like if this happened to our school. The fundraising event was culminated by a visit from Virginia Kerr and Tim Ezell, hosts of a Saturday Morning program on Fox 2. We learned about their "ThredUp STL" mission from Tim Ezell, "to shine a light on the people who are 'threading up' their community, paying it forward, and highlighting the good things about St. Louis." What a special opportunity for our First Graders and the entire Saint Raphael School community to evangelize our faith publicly with our city as well as the students affected by flooding in the South. We are proud to be SRA strong and we are amazed that our small, but mighty school raised \$852!

Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade is learning about adjectives. We know that these are words that describe nouns. We are working on identifying adjectives within sentences and in isolation.

In Math we are working with money. We can count money and represent different amounts using different combinations of coins. How many ways can you make 32 cents?

We have a very exciting announcement! Three of our Second Graders are going to receive their Baptisms on Sunday after 10am mass. On Wednesday we are all going to make our First Reconciliation. We have a very blessed week ahead of us. Keep us in your prayers.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade is excited about the Penny Wars and Family Competition to raise money for the schools in Louisiana. Ms Polson is reading *The Hundred Penny Box* by Sharon Bell Mathis. We are learning about consonant blends and digraphs in phonics and spelling. In English we can identify common and proper nouns and are working on singular and plural possessive nouns. For Math we now know the Carrot Method of adding multiple addends. We also can find a missing addend given one large number and one small number. We very much enjoyed our day to be Saints and learned lots from our Fifth Graders at Miss Imo's Living Museum on All Saints Day.

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

This week has been a flurry of activities. We enjoyed our Halloween Parties on Monday and were ready to get back to work on Tuesday.

In Fourth Grade English we have continued working on nouns, concentrating on singular and plural possessive nouns. Our Unit test will be on November 8th. In Fifth Grade English we have continued working on verbs. This Unit will take us through next week and the unit test will be on November 15.

Both classes have also been working on improving proper paragraph formation with a topic sentence, supporting details and a concluding sentence.

Social Studies both Fourth and Fifth Grades have been looking at Colonial Jails and Punishments, as well as continued talks about the voting process.

In Science both classes have been discussing the process of photosynthesis as it applies to the changing colors of leaves.

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

Fifth Grade: The Fifth Graders did a fabulous job during our "Living Museum." Thank you to all the parents who came and learned about the Saints. We are now switching our focus to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In Math the students are working on writing and solving equations and solving functions. In Reading the students read a story entitled "Count on Fiona." The students are taking this story and learning how to complete the various jobs that will be used during Book Club. Each student will be assigned a group and a book. They are expected to read a portion of the book and complete a job that they will share with the rest of the group. The jobs will help the students with asking questions, connecting text, summarizing, finding and learning the meaning of interesting words, and visualizing.

Fourth Grade: The Fourth Graders are learning about how to solve expressions and equations that include multiplication and division. During Reading the students will work on point of view.

Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

Sixth Grade students spent some time brainstorming ways to take their ideas and turn them into visual art. We will discuss strategies for clearly communicating their ideas visually without assistance from writing, words or labels.

Seventh Grade students are focusing on persevering through mistakes and problems. We talked about different ways artists can overcome creative blocks and frustrations in art-making.

DONATIONS ALWAYS ACCEPTED: Please consider collecting and donating cardboard, magazines, newspaper, decorative paper, tissue paper, fabric scraps or anything really. If you think we could use it in the art room, send it my way! Thank you in advance!!

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

The Auction is Saturday and I hope to see you there. We will be outside this week and I hope this wonderful weather continues. We have been working on chasing, fleeing, using good manners and playing kindly.

Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education—Grades 4-8

We continued with frisbees this past week and will continue one more week before moving onto soccer activities. The frisbee activities were popular and I believe all the students had fun. We will begin working on soccer activities that most students will find easy and enjoyable. As always, I will continue to stress to the students that the main objective is getting everyone participating and feeling like a part of the class. I hope everyone had a safe and Happy Halloween.

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

Religion:

Students in Sixth Grade are learning about Jacob's name being changed to Israel and that from his twelve sons came the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

Students in Seventh Grade have learned how Jesus's mission began with his baptism in the Jordan River and the forty days that he spent in the desert. They are also continuing with their Confirmation program.

Students in Eighth Grade have completed the section about the first of the four marks of the Catholic Church.

Social Studies:

Sixth Grade students are beginning the unit concerning the indigenous people of the United States and Canada.

Seventh Grade students have completed their research of some of the early American colonies and have created posters or pamphlets to demonstrate their findings.

Eighth Grade students have begun the unit about the causes and effects of World War I.

Mrs. Laura Berns: Science (6-7-8) Standard Math (6-7-8)

Sixth Grade SMATH:

Students will have a test over Unit 2 next week. We will review by correcting our previous assessments as well as using online resources.

Seventh Grade SMATH:

Students just completed a quiz over simplifying expressions and will begin solving equations next week.

Eighth Grade SMATH:

Students completed a quiz over functions this week and will begin linear equations next week.

Mrs. Jennifer Runiewicz: Literature (6-7-8)

<u>Literature:</u> Some questions to ponder with your students as they read this quarter's novel: Eighth Grade: How does the story of Narcissus relate to the broader message of *The Alchemist?*; Seventh Grade: What role does the poem, "The Ten Little Soldier Boys" play in the novel?; Sixth Grade: What if you had agoraphobia? How would your life be different?

<u>Vocabulary Workshop</u> schedule should be taped/stapled to their vocabulary book cover or in their assignments books. I have also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Unit 6 test is Wednesday, November 16th.



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Annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Collection

We are all so blessed to have pantries full of food for Thanksgiving and throughout the year. However, as we are aware, there are many families throughout the St. Louis community who are not quite as fortunate. We have been asked, again this year, to collect 20 boxes of food. If everyone pitches in, there will be 20 families with nourishing food in their pantries throughout the holidays. We ask that you donate at least one of each item requested of your grade level, but would certainly appreciate more if you are able to do so.

STUCO thanks you, in advance, for your support and donations to help feed the hungry through the St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Raphael Parish.

Pre K Last Names A-F	Box of Cereal
Pre K Last Names G-M	Oatmeal
Pre K Last Names N-Z	Pancake Mix
Kindergarten	Bag of rice and a package of cookies
First Grade	Box of Mac and Cheese and a Jar of
	Applesauce
Second Grade	Canned Chicken or Tuna
Third Grade	A Large Bottle of Apple juice
Fourth Grade	2 Cans of Soup
Fifth Grade	A Can of Chili and a Can of Beans
Sixth Grade	A Package of Pasta and a Jar of Sauce
Seventh Grade	2 Cans of Vegetables and 2 Cans of Fruit
Eighth Grade	Large Jar of Peanut Butter

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Miss Elise Bussmann: Writer's Workshop (6-7-8) Spanish (4-8)

Spanish:

Fourth and Fifth Grade are working on having conversations in class and discussing Dia de los Muertos. Sixth Grade is working on pronouns and beginning verb conjugation.

Seventh and Eighth Grade are finishing up verbs of being.

Writer's Workshop:

Sixth and Seventh Grade are beginning to discuss writing a research paper. We are choosing academic topics and then going through the process of writing a research paper.

Eighth Grade is working on group debates which will culminate in persuasive essays. The first round of debates are light topics of the students choosing like whether or not students should have homework and then move on to deeper issues like self expression at school.

Miss Ashley Schaaf: Science (6-7-8) Challenge Math (6&7) Algebra 8

In Math this week...

Sixth Grade is starting Chapter 3, applying rational numbers. They will be exploring adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing decimals.

Seventh Grade is starting Chapter 4 over exponents. They will be practicing how to simplify with exponents and how to look for a pattern in integer exponents.

Eighth Grade is starting Chapter 5, which covers graphs and functions. They will explore the meaning of relations and functions and will practice making graphs and tables for them.

In Science this week...

Sixth Grade is finishing up Chapter 3, reviewing and testing over chapter 3 on Wednesday.

Seventh Grade is finishing up their Chapter 3 posters and presenting them. Then they are reviewing and testing over Chapter 3 on Thursday.

Eighth Grade is finishing up their Periodic Table project with their researched elements. Then they are continuing with Chapter 3 reading and exploring metals and different element classifications.

All Science classes will be working on their Science Fair projects Friday.

STUCO

Thank you for your support of the Penny Wars to help the flood victims of Louisiana. In total we raised \$852.12 in only 5 days! That is fantastic and such a great help to those in need. Please watch ThreadUp STL at 8:30 AM on Saturday, November 12th on Fox 2 to see our visit from Tim Ezell and Virginia Kerr.

November 7-16 Thanksgiving Food Drive - Please gave all donations in no later that Wednesday, November 16th

December 9 - St. Nick's Trivia for grades 5th - 8th



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