

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,

We have finished the First Quarter of the 2016-2017 school year successfully, report cards are prepared, standardized test results are in, and we are getting ready for our 2016 Parent-Teacher Conferences. As we have for every year I've been at St. Raphael, the faculty and I take learning very seriously, work tirelessly to improve learning of all kinds, and are anxious to share with you the good news about what our students are accomplishing at St. Raphael the Archangel School.

First Quarter Report Cards for Grades 1-8 will be available for viewing on our online grading system, ALMA, by the end of the school day on Friday, October 21st. If you have not yet activated your ALMA account, please refer to the yellow ALMA Information card that came in your August Welcome Packet. We will NOT be sending home paper copies of the Report Cards this school year - it sort of defeats the purpose of having the Report Cards online! If you require a paper copy, please contact Mrs. Mechler in the school office, and she will be happy to provide it. It is very important that you take some time and sit down with your student to go over his or her Report Card - this is an account of what each student has worked hard to accomplish during these first months of school, and it is critical that he or she knows that you are supportive of these accomplishments.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held this year on Thursday, October 27th from 1pm to 8pm. Teachers take a dinner break from 5pm to 5:45pm, so there will be a break in the conferences during that time. Conferences for Preschool B through 5th Grade are scheduled, and last 15 minutes each. You will receive your conference schedule in the Friday Packet on Friday, October 21st. Conferences for Preschool A will be scheduled in January. Conferences for Grades 6-8 are NOT scheduled in an effort to give parents the opportunity to visit as many teachers as possible. Parents simply come to the 2nd Floor, and wait to speak to whichever teachers they wish on a first come/first served basis. Please keep in mind that there will be a break in conferences from 5pm to 5:45pm. Parents of all students will receive a great deal of information at the Parent-Teacher Conference; if there are additional issues or points for discussion, a separate conference on a different date may need to be scheduled.

Our students' performance on the 2016 IOWA Assessments was very impressive once again, and we are so proud of them! Their average scores went up overall in 8 out of 10 categories, sometimes by just one or two percentage points and others by up to five percentage points. Our Core Composite and Complete Composite Averages for all students who were tested in Grades 2-8 is 76 for this testing period; again this is an increase from 2015 of about two percentage points. What does all of this mean? The short answer is that our students are learning more and performing better against national standards each school year. They are increasing their ability to read, analyze, calculate and comprehend. And they are becoming more competitive academically with students from schools in our neighborhood and beyond.

We are very excited about the things going on in our classrooms and school, and we are so grateful for all of your support!

Peace,
Kim Vangel



All School Mass

8:00am Mass

October 27

Weekday Mass

8th Grade Planning

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

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month



- Oct.20 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room
- Oct.21 - Pink Shirt Day – Donate \$1.00 to American Cancer Association
- Oct.21 – Reports Cards Open
- Oct.21 – 6:00-8:00pm Trunk or Treat
- Oct.23 – 10:00am Mass 50th Anniversary Cornerstone SRA 11:00am Anniversary Brunch in Gym
- Oct.24-27 – Red Ribbon Week
- Oct.24 – 3:15-5:00pm STEAM After-School Club K-3 in classrooms
- Oct.25-3:15-5:00pm STEAM After-School Club 4-8 in classrooms
- Oct.26 – 3:15-4:15pm SRA Schola Rehearsal in church
- Oct.27 – Noon Dismissal for Preschool – 8
1:00-8:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Oct.28 – No School Preschool – 8
- Oct.31 – 2:00pm Halloween Parties



October Birthdays

- Lillian Weber-20
- Jack Zinselmeyer-21
- Rory Barnawell-22
- Rachel Schaefer-25
- Samantha Koziacki-25
- Joseph Cyr-26
- Clara Thompson-26
- Brendan Cierpiot-27
- Miss Morris-29**
- Elena Davis-30
- Henry Dirnbeck-30



- Nov. 1-8:45-10:00am 5th Grade Living Saint Museum
- Nov. 2-3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal in church
- Nov. 4-Black & Gold Accessory Day
- Nov. 4-2:00pm Benediction
- Nov. 4-Black & Gold Auction Preview Night
- Nov. 5-Black & Gold Auction

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:**

Week of...October 24th:

Jenna and Annie
Hannah and 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 (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, October 24 Jenn D. & Melissa S.

Tuesday, October 25 Mary Anne P. & Nicole R.

Wednesday, October 26 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, October 27 NOON DISMISSAL Preschool—8

Friday, October 28 NO SCHOOL Preschool—8



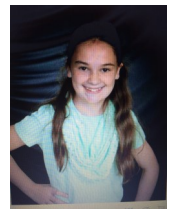
Veteran's Day Prayer Service

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 **314-352-9474** 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.



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.



Recess Update – Angela Cierpiot

New ideas for improving recess are popping up all over the place. We will be writing grant applications in the coming months to help us apply for equipment rewards. These applications will include some of the thoughts the Upper School shared in their essays. I will be meeting with the Upper School to have some discussion and input from our kids. The recess fence line has begun to be installed. Thanks to Mr. Bob and Josh for their work. We decided to start small and test the function of the new barrier for our needs and evolve and change it as needed. I am also going to start teaching the K-3 kickball players how to use "Rock, Paper, Scissors" to resolve their disagreements and move on with the game. At this stage, their young ages really call for a simple, quick resolution and teaching them to play their game for the sake of fun vs. heated competition. See you at recess!

Black & Gold Dinner Auction

Mark your calendars for the Black & Gold Dinner Auction!

We are just weeks away from our biggest fundraiser of the year! In addition to attending the Auction & Preview Night, there are plenty of ways to get involved:

- **DONATE:** At the heart of the auction's success are the many awesome donations up for bidding. If you have an item or service you would like to donate, let us know! Some past donations have included event tickets, gift certificates, time shares... you name it!
- **VOLUNTEER:** There will be lots of opportunities for volunteering before, during, and after the event. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please let us know!
- **SPONSOR:** Know of a business or organization that would like to sponsor the auction? Sponsorships support the event, brings name recognition to 200+ attendees, and allows for ad placement in the auction catalog at different levels. More information on pricing and options are available!
- **50/50 TICKETS:** Show your support for SRA by purchasing or selling Black & Gold Dinner Auction 50/50 tickets. Tickets are \$20 each, drawing will be held on November 5, 2016. Additional tickets are available at the Parish Office. Tickets can be sent to or dropped off at the Parish Office, School Office or in the Sunday collection basket.

For more information please contact the Parish Office 314-352-8100 or auction@straphaelarchangel.org

Please Join Us

PREVIEW NIGHT

Friday, November 4, 2016
at 7:00pm
\$20 per person



AUCTION NIGHT

Saturday, November 5, 2016
at 5:30pm
\$50 per person

Visit www.straphaelarchangel.org to purchase auction tickets. Preview Night Tickets can only be purchased with cash or check. Donation or Auction/Preview Night payments can be sent to the rectory: 6047 Bishops Place, St. Louis, MO 63109.

For more information, call the rectory at 314-352-8100.

Checks made payable to St. Raphael.



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The students of SRA are thankful for your continued support and generosity!

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Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

How do I get the educational evaluation process started?

First, contact your child's teacher and the learning consultant with your specific concerns. The teacher and the learning consultant will discuss your concerns. They will then gather data and do some classroom observations. You will be included in the process and the observations will be shared with you. This part of the process may take some time, depending on the concern and what the classroom data shows.

If there is a real need for further testing, you will be given a list of agencies that provide the educational evaluation service. You will decide what fits your financial needs best and contact the agency of your choice. Following your contact with the agency, they will send you some information to fill out, as well as the teacher portion of information. This part you will forward to the school via the teacher or the learning consultant. The school takes care of making a copy of the information and mailing it off to the agency you have chosen. When the agency has received all the information from the school and parents an appointment date is set for your child to go through the testing process. Following the testing, results are sent to you or discussed with you at the agency. Some agencies send the school a copy of the results while others do not. The parents share a copy with the school. When a diagnosis of a special need is given it is recommended to re-evaluate your child every three years to make note of any changes that may have occurred. If the educational evaluation results reveal that there is no diagnosis of a special need, it is a way to find out your child's strengths and learning styles.

When the teacher and learning consultant have had time to go over the results of the evaluation, a meeting with the parents is made to go over the results. At this time a Student Action Plan is made with classroom accommodations to assist the student in school success. Once a plan is in place all the teachers involved with teaching the child are given a copy to follow in their classrooms. This Action Plan is reviewed yearly with the parents and quarterly with the teachers, updating when necessary.

14 Tips for Making the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences By Reading Rockets, Understanding Founding Partner

Whether your child is having positive or negative experience in school, It's important to make the most of your parent-teacher conference. Here are tips to help you and the teacher work together toward success for your child at parent-teacher conferences.

1. Talk with your child before the conference.

Ask your child what his strongest and weakest subjects are. Which subjects does he like most and least? Ask him if he'd like you to speak about anything particular with the teacher. Make sure he understands that you and the teacher are meeting to help him, so that he doesn't worry about the conference.

2. Prepare notes.

Make a list of topics you want to discuss with the teacher and that you think the teacher should know. This includes your concerns about the school, any major changes in your family, your child's habits, hobbies, part-time jobs, religious holidays and anything that's worrying your child. Be sure to ask for input from your spouse or partner as well as from other adults who are caring for your child.

3. Prepare questions.

Preparing a list of questions will help you make the most of your time with the teacher. Prioritize the questions in case you run out of time with the teacher during the conference. Download a [printable list](#) you can bring with you.

4. Be on time.

Start off right – get to the conference on time. Remember that other parents may also have conferences scheduled for that day. If you arrive elate, you may have missed your conference altogether. And plan on ending the conference at the scheduled time so that other parents can start *their* conference on time.

5. Be yourself.

Relax and be yourself. Remember that you and the teacher both want the same thing: to help your child.

6. Stay calm.

Stay calm during the conference. Respectful communications will be the most effective way to work together with your child's teacher. Getting angry or upset during the conference will make it difficult to have a productive conversation.

7. Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand.

Listen carefully to what the teacher says. If you don't understand something the teacher talks about (like an educational term or an explanation of a school policy) don't be afraid to ask for clarification. It's important to understand what your child's teacher is telling you.

8. Ask important questions first.

Ask the most important questions early in the conference. Otherwise, you may run out of time, especially other parents are waiting to have their conference after yours. You can always schedule another meeting with the teacher to talk about any points you didn't get to cover.

9. Respectfully discuss differences of opinion.

If you disagree with the teacher, respectfully explain why you disagree. If you don't let the teacher know about your differences of opinion, she may think you agree and will move on to the next topic. Discussing your differences may help both of you find a more effective way to help your child.

10. Create an action plan.

Work together to create an action plan that involves you, the teacher, your child and other key people like tutors or therapists. The plan should include specific suggestions of ways you can help at home.

11. Thank the teacher for meeting with you.

Thank the teacher for her time and support of your child, as well as for anything specific she's done to help your child.

12. Talk with your child after the conference.

In general, it's best not to bring your child to the meeting. Talking about sensitive behavioral issues could embarrass him, and technical or complicated topics might confuse him. The teacher will be able to speak more freely if he's not in the room. After the meeting, tell him what you discussed. Emphasize the positive points, but be direct about problems. If you and the teacher created an action plan, explain it to your child. Make sure your child understands that you and the teacher created this plan to help him.

13. Start working on the action plan.

Set the action plan in motion. To ensure that it's working, regularly check progress reports on your child's behavior and schoolwork. Many teachers use an online grading program so parents can see up-to-the-minute information on academic progress. The action plan should also include a way for you to get updates on your child's behavior. After a few weeks, review the plan with the teacher. Asking your child to also key. If something isn't working, he may be able to provide some insights to you and the teacher.

14. Keep in touch with the teacher.

Stay in touch with your child's teacher. This will help you strengthen the parent-teacher partnership and will be an important part of your child's success in school. When he sees his parents and teachers are working together, he'll understand that his well-being is a top priority at school and at home.



Join us at the Black & Gold Dinner Auction November 5th
and raise your paddle high for our school!

The goal of the Black & Gold Dinner Auction is twofold. We raise money for our school AND build community. The St. Raphael community is strengthened as a whole when working together towards a common goal, making the best school for our kids, our future. Our Parish & School families play the starring role in making the Auction a success.

Please Join Us

Limited Seating! Register & Purchase your tickets today!

PREVIEW NIGHT Friday, November 4, 2016 at 7:00pm \$20 per person		AUCTION NIGHT Saturday, November 5, 2016 at 5:30pm \$50 per person
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2016 Student Raffles

Show your support for SRA and buy your chances for the 2016 Student Raffles!

CRAZY FOR CANDY RAFFLE

GIFT CARDS GALORE RAFFLE

Tickets are \$1 each and will be available for purchase during lunch October 17th – November 4th. Tickets can be sent to or dropped off to the school office, Rectory or in the Sunday collection basket.

For more information call the Rectory 314-325-8100
or email auktion@straphaelarchangel.org

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2016 STUDENT RAFFLES

Show your support for SRA 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 Donut Sunday, October 16th - Friday, November 4th. Tickets can be sent to or dropped off to the school office, Factory or in the Sunday collection basket. Winner does not need to be present to win. Make checks payable to St Raphael the Archangel.

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

CRAZY FOR CANDY
ALL YOUR GUNDROP WISHES & CHOCOLATE COVERED DREAMS CAN COME TRUE!
WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY DVD, \$25 AMC GIFT CARD, \$25 TOYS R US GIFT CARD AND A SWEET STACK OF CANDY!

GIFT CARDS GALORE
TRUE NORTH INSULATED SRA CUP OVERFLOWING WITH OVER \$125 WORTH OF GIFT CARDS
AMAZON, AEROPOSTALE, ITUNES, VINEYARD VINES & MORE... THERE'S SOMETHING HERE FOR EVERYONE!

Miss Chris Preschool Room B

Our theme for this week and next week is Halloween. How convenient is it that we are on the letter H as well? We are having a great time creating fun Halloween projects and listening to fun Halloween stories, but our Highlight of our week this week was our field trip. We visited Stuckmeyers Farm to see a working farm and get pumpkins. We also had a blast playing in their "Fort Spooky", where we went through a corn maze, played on their playground and went through a "Fun House." We also loved taking the wagon ride around the farm!



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Kindergarten has been busy. We continue to learn how to identify, write and build the tricky teen numbers. We began to learn about the life cycle of pumpkins and have finished our Phonics Dance. In Religion we read "The Pumpkin Parable" by Liz Curtis Higgs. This parable shows how our hearts are filled with the light of God's love as we "let ourselves glow," just like the jack-o-lantern rubbings that the students created.



First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

So much learning has occurred during the First Quarter. We have been very focused on:

- * Understanding that mistakes are part of the learning process; we examine them, understand them and correct them
 - * Being a classroom family
 - * Improving our reading speed, accuracy and understanding
 - * Transitioning from reading texts to understanding the meaning through comprehension strategies
 - * Develop writing skills and learning how to write great sentences
 - * Learning through independent and cooperative group activities
 - * Building a strong foundation for math concepts students will use for life
 - * Developing problem-solving skills and actively practice strategies
 - * Learning an awareness and understanding about the world around us through our map unit
 - * Growing in our faith with a greater understanding of the Gospel, Jesus as our friend and Mass practices
- We have so much more in store for Second Quarter.



Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade is learning about adding -ing to verbs. There are rules we have to follow when doing so; if the word has a short vowel sound we double the final consonant before adding -ing; or if the word has a long vowel sound because of a "bossy e" we drop the 'e' before adding -ing.



We are continuing our stories that we are writing with partners. Most of us will be ready this week to start learning how to edit our own writing.

In Math, we continue working with two-digit numbers. We are learning different strategies to help us add these numbers using regrouping.

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade is busy this warm Fall. Mrs. Gewinner came and spoke to us about Safe Touch on Tuesday. Our class is divided into four garden groups and with help from Mrs. Reck we are thinning out our autumn crop of radishes and lettuce plants so all can grow better. Mrs. Martin is helping us to be healthier and fit for life. Mrs. Zaranelli had some wonderfully fun lessons about geometric shapes which included music and drama. Mrs. Westrich continues to allow us to pursue our unique interests and explore in fine arts. Father Bob is instructing us in Religion this Thursday; he always entertains our questions as well. We feel very fortunate to have so many people in our community that care about us.



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

**Take a Hike
By Will**

Get ready for nature as you know it.
The squirrels are gathering acorns,
preparing for winter.
The leaves are being raked,
waiting to be picked up by trucks.
Flags are flapping in the crisp Autumn air.
Decorations are being put up,
Waiting to scare someone.
Flowers being picked,
Put in a vase. Sprinklers are watering.
Rabbits burrowing deep into the ground.
Winter is coming,
Nature is preparing.



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

Fifth Grade: During Religion this week the Fifth Graders are sharing their Saint reports. They used their creativity to share the stories of a Saint of their choice. They should also be looking for a costume to wear during our "Living Museum" on November 1st. In Math the students have been working on the order of operations. Our story in Reading is about four cats that can fly. They will be working on finding the differences in the setting. The students are also starting to prepare for the Veteran's Day Prayer Service.

Fourth Grade: The Fourth Graders are continuing to work on multiplication facts. They are also learning about the difference between prime and composite numbers and how to factor numbers. Our focus in reading this week is personification.

Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

Fifth Grade students looked at and discussed various found object artworks. Then, students walked the parking lot to look for found nature objects to incorporate into a sculpture. Students have the option to make a sculpture in the round or a relief. Students will explore using repetition to make ordinary nature objects more interesting to the viewer.

Donations needed: Please consider collecting and donating-magazines, cardboard of any kind, designed papers, wrapping paper scraps, tissue paper, ribbon and fabric.



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

The primary students will be continuing their frisbee unit. This week goals include throwing for accuracy and distance. We are playing Frisbee Golf and the Third Grade will try their hand at Ultimate Frisbee.

Art
We are continuing our unit on Painting. We are learning to mix color, parts of a painting and different painting techniques. Have a great Week!



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

The students this past week took some time off from frisbee activities. The St. Louis Blues began their regular season on Wednesday evening against the Chicago Blackhawks and had their home opener Thursday evening against the Minnesota Wild. I decided to get hockey season off on the right foot, so the students played floor hockey and scooter hockey in the gym. They really enjoyed it. This coming week we will continue with frisbee activities.

Let's keep up the good work. St. Raphael school is a fun, faith filled environment for both teachers and students.



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

Religion:

Sixth Grade students have completed their study of Abraham, the first of the Patriarchs. They will begin to learn about Jacob and Esau, the sons of Isaac, this week.

Seventh Grade students continue to work on the Confirmation program by beginning research of their Confirmation saint.

Eighth Grade students are beginning a unit about the four marks of the Catholic Church.

Social Studies:

Students in Grade Six have begun to look at different parts of the U. S. government and what it means to us as citizens.

Grade Seven students are continuing their study of early colonial history in the United States.

Grade Eight students have completed studying about the Progressive Era and will begin looking at the causes of the Spanish-American War.

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

Sixth Grade SMath and Science:

In Math students are working on identifying the properties of addition and multiplication. We are completing a flipbook with the definitions and examples and will then play some games.

In Science students are constructing a model of a cell using common household objects.

Seventh Grade SMath and Science:

In Math students are simplifying expressions using the distributive property and by combining like terms. After we take some notes and look at some examples, we are going to play "Go Fish."

In Science students are differentiating between erosion, deposition and weathering.

Eighth Grade SMath and Science:

In Math students have begun identifying functions. We will be spending quite a bit of time on this topic due to its difficulty.

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

Literature: We have begun our Second Quarter novels, *The Alchemist* (8th), *And Then There Were None* (7th), and *So B It* (6th). In a way, they are all mysteries. *The Alchemist* is a shepherd in search of his treasure, *And Then There Were None* is an Agatha Christie murder mystery, and *So B It* is a girl in search of who she is and where came from.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to students' vocabulary book cover or in their assignments books. I have also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Unit 5 test is Wednesday, November 2nd.



Mrs. Caroline Zarinelli: Music

Miracle On Jamieson

The Eighth Graders auditioned this week for lead roles for the Christmas program, *Miracle on Jamieson*. Kindergarten through Eighth Grade will perform on December 22nd at 6:30 in the gym to make sure everyone is in the Christmas spirit!

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

Spanish:

Seventh and Eighth Grade are working on the verbs ser and estar.

Sixth Grade will begin talking about people.

Fourth and Fifth Grade are working on greetings. We are talking about speaking formally and informally.

Writer's Workshop:

All classes will begin persuasive writing. All are brainstorming a class topic and will debate upon finishing the assignment.

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

In Math this week Sixth Grade is finishing up Chapter 2. We have gone over comparing and ordering rational numbers. Tomorrow we will review, and Monday they will have a test over Chapter 2.

Seventh Grade is finishing up Chapter 3. We have learned about functions and tomorrow we will be representing functions through tables and graphs. We will cover our last section of Chapter 3 on Monday, review Tuesday and test Wednesday.

Eighth Grade just finished their last section of Chapter 3 today. This week we are covering compound inequalities, solving compound inequalities, and absolute value equations and inequalities. Tomorrow we will review and Monday will be our Chapter 3 test.

This week in Science Eighth Grade is starting their Periodic Table Project. Each student is researching different elements and will be displaying each element as a final product. We hope to put all of the finished products together at the end to form one large interactive periodic table.

STUCO

Thank you for your support of the American Cancer Society and wearing your pink accessories this week.

Friday, October 21st: \$1 to wear pink shirt that will be donated to American Cancer Association.

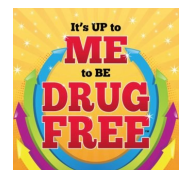
October 24-31: Red Ribbon Week

October 24: Too Smart for Drugs - Nerd Accessories

October 25: Team Up Against Drugs - Sports Team Accessories

October 26: Aloha (goodbye) to Drugs - Hawaiian Accessories / all contest entries are due

October 27: Give the Boot to Drugs - Cowboy Accessories



Fall Nut Sale

The St. Raphael conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is again offering shelled nutmeats from Georgia as a means of raising funds for our neighbors in need. The prices are slightly above wholesale and still well below grocery store prices. Complete and return the order form, with payment, by November 8 to insure delivery in time for holiday baking. Great for gifts, too. For questions, contact Mary Reck at 353-8697. Thank you for your support.

Freshly Shelled Azalea Brand Nuts

Benefits St. Raphael's St. Vincent de Paul Society

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Qty.	Item	Price Each	Total Cost
	1 lb. Mammoth size Pecan Halves	\$11.00	
	1 lb. Pecan Pieces (approx. 3/16" in size)	\$10.00	
	1 lb. English Walnuts	\$8.00	
	1 lb. XLg. Whole Almonds	\$9.00	
	1 lb. Gourmet Mix (pecans, cashews, brazil nuts, hazel nuts, & almonds)	\$10.00	
	1 lb. Toasted, Salted Cashews	\$10.00	
	12 oz. Deluxe Praline Pecans	\$9.00	

Total Amount of Order (Enclosed): _____

Nuts are unconditionally guaranteed fresh. Shelled nutmeats have a shelf life of three months. Freezing is recommended for longer storage of up to two years. An excellent source of protein, fiber and vitamins. We expect delivery in mid-November. You will be notified when nuts are available for pick-up or delivery. **Please include payment with order. Checks may be made out to St. Raphael SVDP. Order Deadline: November 8.**

Thank you for your support.