

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,

By the time you read this letter, we will have finished our Parent Teacher Conferences for all students Preschool B through 8th Grade. These conferences are an important opportunity for exchanging information and working together to help our students be as successful as possible. We are so grateful for the partnerships we have with our parents and guardians!

Next week will be an unusual one at school...Monday is Halloween of course, and the kids are very excited. We will "attempt" to have regular school in the morning (except for Preschoolers who have their Halloween classroom parties in the morning). Then K-8 will have their Halloween parties in the afternoon. These classroom parties are always a lot of fun, and we so appreciate all the hard work that our Room Parents put in to planning and carrying out the festivities. A special SHOUT OUT goes to Jenny Delf, our Head Room Parent - thanks to Jenny for making sure that all our Room Parents are on board to make St. Raphael a fun and safe place, especially during our holiday parties.

We are required by the Archdiocese of Saint Louis to ensure that all adult volunteers who come into our school building to work with kids for any reason, including classroom parties, have completed the Protecting God's Children training and background check. If you are helping with something at school, please make sure you have complied with this requirement first!

The other important requirement is that all food served at classroom parties must be from the SnackSafely.com list of safe snacks. This is a requirement of our Food Safety Policy, and it too protects the safety of our children with food allergies. If you have any questions about potential food for the parties, please contact the school office.

Tuesday, November 1st is All Saints Day, and is traditionally a day off school for St. Raphael. This school year, however, we had some unusual calendar requirements and had to make some difficult choices; this resulted in us needing to be at school on November 1st. As a parent whose kids always went to school the day after Halloween, I can tell you that, while it is not ideal, it certainly can be done. If you plan ahead, limit your trick or treating and candy eating so kids can get to bed at a reasonable time, and lay out the expectation that the kids ARE going to school that day, it really does work out OK. This should not be a repeated calendar issue, so we appreciate your cooperation.

Thanks as always for your support, and I wish you all a Happy and Safe Halloween!

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal



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



October Birthdays

Brendan Cierpiot-27
Miss Morris-29
 Elena Davis-30
 Henry Dirnbeck-30

November Birthdays

Eleanor Giles-1
 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 Goedel-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



Oct.27 – Noon Dismissal for Preschool – 8
 1:00-8:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
 Oct.28 – No School Preschool – 8
 Oct.31 – 9:45-10:45am Preschool Halloween Parties
 2:00pm K-8 Halloween Parties



Nov. 1 - 8:45-10:00am 5th Grade Living Saint Museum
 Nov. 2 - Penny Wars for Louisiana flood victims
 Visit from Tim Ezell & Virginia Kerr
 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. 7-17- 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
 Canes 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. 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. 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

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:**

October 31st:

Billy and Ardian

Lucy and Grace



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 31 Alana T. & Chris G.

Tuesday, November 1 Ashley L. & Gen B.

Wednesday, November 2 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, November 3 Stephanie K. & Susie I.

Friday, November 4 Keith W. & Gary P.



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.



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.

Recess Update – Angela Cierpiot

The fence line project is complete. Thank you very much Josh and Mr. Bob. The balls are now in the game and out of the street. So far about 60-70% are being kept inside the playground boundaries and MOST important 100% of the kids have been kept safely on the blacktop.

Another success to our program is using the “Rock, Paper, Scissors” to end conflicts. After only one day of teaching this new skill, the STUDENTS initiated using their own to end disagreements. In the last week, I have seen at least ten conflicts diffused using this new system. Thanks and 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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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 auction@straphaelarchangel.org



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!

BLACK & GOLD DINNER AUCTION
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Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

Homework Strategies to Help Your Child

Have a plan for study time. Look ahead to see what needs to be finished in the next day, week and month. Help your child to be realistic when planning out the time it will take to complete the assignments or projects.

Write out a daily to-do list which includes assignments, activities, chores and plans with friends.

Make sure backpacks are packed with the proper books, binders and school supplies. Help your child to pack the backpack the night before and unpack it as soon as they arrive home. Keep your completed work in a special spot so that they remember to turn it in to the teacher.

Each child should have a positive work place to do their homework. Have proper lighting, comfortable chair and a clutter free table top. Avoid noisy distractions and put electronics aside such as games and phones.

Computers should just be used for keyboarding.

Encourage your child to talk to the teacher when they have questions with assignments or classwork. If necessary, rehearse with your child what they should say to their teacher if they have questions.

Reading Aloud to Build Comprehension

Once upon a time, there was a grownup, a child and a very good book.

GOOD NIGHT ROOM

GOODNIGHT MOOM

GOODNIGHT COW JUMPING OVER THE MOON

GOODNIGHT MOON by Margaret Wise Brown is a beloved children's bedtime story. Young children relate to the struggle of the little bunny trying to get to sleep. Such stories are memorable because they move children and allow them to make personal connections that inspire them to think more deeply, to feel more wholeheartedly and to become more curious listeners.

We connect to the characters, their situations, or their settings in which the stories took place. Little did we know that when we were making such connections we were learning to think and act like good readers. Reading aloud provides children with a model of confident and expert reading. Many parents and teachers make it a vital part of their daily practice.

This article focuses on three specific comprehension strategies:

- ◆ Connecting books to children's own life experiences.
- ◆ Connecting the books children are reading to other literature they have read.
- ◆ Connecting what children are reading to universal concepts.

READING ALOUD IS THE FOUNDATION FOR LITERACY DEVELOPMENT, LISTENING TO OTHERS DEVELOPS KEY UNDERSTANDING AND SKILLS, AND CHILDREN CAN LISTEN ON A HIGHER LEVEL THAN THEY CAN READ.

READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE FOR MORE IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON READING!!

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-aloud-builds-comprehension.org>

Raising Cane's Night

Our Eighth Grade class is sponsoring a Raising Cane's Night to help raise funds for their mystery trip and graduation expenses. Raising Cane's Restaurant, located at 4320 Hampton Avenue, will donate 15% of the sales on Monday, November 7th from 4pm to 10pm back to the class for their fundraising efforts. For your order to go towards the class you must mention that it is for the fundraiser when you place the order. More details to come as the date gets closer. Thank you in advance for your support of the SRA Class of 2017.



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

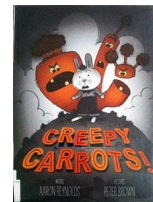
Miss Chris Preschool Room B

We continued working on the letter H and our Halloween theme that we started last week. We have enjoyed all of the fun Halloween stories and projects we have worked on. We also loved re-visiting the story of the Pumpkin Patch Parable during Jesus Club. We painted pumpkins that became jack-o-lanterns that stated "I will be a light for Jesus." We cannot wait for the ultimate end to our Halloween theme with trick-or treating on Halloween night. Have a safe and happy Halloween from all of the Bears to YOU...BOO!



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Kindergarten continues to learn about the tricky teens through hands on activities. We read the book "Creepy Carrots" by Aaron Reynolds and made our own creepy carrots!



First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

This week students learned:

- "How to solve math problems"-Hanleigh
- "To add or subtract vertically"-Jude
- "Light can't go through opaque things" Simon
- "Sound can bounce from different places to your ear so you hear it" Jack and Hazel
- "Sound and light travel in waves" Owen
- "Sounding out new words" Teddy
- What was the same and not the same in the two stories of "The Three Little Pigs" AJ
- "Use words to make a sentence" Jonah
- "Writing longer sentences" Emma
- "We made goals to make us better students" Annabelle



Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade is learning about God's gift of forgiveness. We have discussed different ways we show God our love and different ways we do not show God our love. We discussed the time when Jesus forgave Zaccheus to help us understand what the phrase "I'm sorry" truly means. Without God's forgiveness, we would always be lost sheep.

In Math we are reviewing the value of different coins. We are counting different sets of coins and identifying the total value of those sets. We learned how to properly use the dollar sign as well as the symbol we don't see as often, the cent sign.

First Reconciliation is just 14 days away! Please pray for us.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Red Ribbon Week has been a lot of fun. We are Too Smart To Start! Third Grade did a little science work on the respiratory system and talked about some of the harmful chemicals in cigarettes. Second Quarter is off to a good start. We also finished studying our chosen Saints. We turned our reports in to Ms. Polson and will be visiting some of the classrooms on Monday, October 31 to share our knowledge. We will come to school in our SRA uniforms with orange and black accessories on October 31st. After Mass we will change into our Saint costumes for photos. We are looking forward to our Halloween Party at 2:00 on Monday, thanks to our Room Mom. Our wonderful Leaf Projects are on display outside the Third Grade classroom.



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

This week has been full of activities and information about how we can stay drug free. We've had fun dressing up our regular uniforms with accessories to remember what this week is all about. We had a police officer and his dog come to visit, telling us the important job a police dog has, as well as how much training they have to go through. We learned that all police dogs are not German Shepherds. Each of the Fourth Graders also designed a poster proclaiming to be drug free. We each signed a huge banner, promising to stay drug free.

In English both Fourth and Fifth Grade classes have been working on proper paragraph formation with a clearly defined main idea, supporting details, and a concluding sentence.

In Social Studies both Fourth and Fifth Grade classes have been learning more about the voting process. We learned that there are more than the Democratic and Republican Parties, including the Libertarian and Green Parties. We spent much time trying to understand what "swing" states are and also how we use electoral votes.

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

Fifth Grade: The Fifth Graders did an excellent job sharing important information about their Saint. This week we are working on writing a summary of the information learned for our "Living Saint Museum." Our museum will take place after Mass on Tuesday, November 1st. All students should wear their costume to school that day. During Math the students are working on writing and solving equations. In Reading we worked on writing a sequel to the story. We also discussed setting. The students should be working on memorizing their lines for our Veteran's Day Prayer Service.

Fourth Grade: The Fourth Graders have been studying multiplication. Now that they know their basic facts, we will be working on multiplying larger numbers. In Reading the students are working on sequencing events in a story.

Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

Now that First Quarter is complete, students will be taking home some artwork made during the quarter (some students took artwork home last week). Please ask your kids about their artwork. Ask them about their ideas, how they made it, or what was used to make it. You could also ask: What would you do differently next time? What did you learn about the materials? Try to value the idea and process over the product, as the artwork is largely no longer a copy of adult art, though some students are finding inspiration from art reference materials that I have. Some students are in their safe zones with familiar images that they are comfortable creating, like rainbows and putting their name in their art. Other students are moving beyond this "scribble stage" in the various art studios and are creating some very unique and interesting art. Through the mini lessons I present, practicing more with the materials and spending more time planning out their artworks, each student will develop beyond the "scribble stage."

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

Last week during the Primary School meeting, one thing we discussed was how to improve the students handwriting. I don't do much handwriting in PE, but it is a proven fact that good hand strength improves handwriting in children. I have been giving the students stress balls to squeeze. If anyone has them lying around the house or work, or knows of someone that has some, we could really use them. Some other things to encourage are: Legos, lacing cards and stringing noodles, cereal or beads.

One goal this year is to improve upper body strength. Students should not lift weights before the age of 14. Please encourage push-ups and monkey bars.

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

The students this past week returned to playing with frisbees and performing conditioning activities. I believe this was the first time that the students played No Outs Frisbee Baseball and seemed to really enjoy the game. I continue to stress to the students that the main objective is getting everyone participating and feeling like a part of the class.

Let's keep up the good work! I continue to be impressed with the positive Christian attitude at St. Raphael's.

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

Religion:

Students in Grade Six are learning how Jacob, the son of Isaac and Rebekah, becomes the next patriarch of the Chosen People.

Students in Grade Seven are studying how Jesus began his public ministry after his baptism in the Jordan River. Grade Eight students are learning about the four marks of the Catholic Church. They are currently studying the first mark: "One in the Spirit" by understanding the importance of unity in our lives."

Social Studies:

Grade Six students are continuing to learn about the principles of the United States government and their role as citizens.

Students in Grade Seven are working on the establishment of the original thirteen English colonies. They are researching the colonies and will create posters or pamphlets that could have been written to attract new people to the colonies in the 1600s.

Eighth Grade students are looking at the causes and effects of the Spanish-American War. They are putting together group presentations concerning the role of the United States in that war.

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

Sixth Grade SMath

Students just completed a quiz over properties of real numbers, evaluating expressions and simplifying expressions.

Seventh Grade SMath

Students are having fun playing Go Fish while simplifying expressions using the distributive property and by combining like terms.

Eighth Grade SMath

Students will take a quiz over functions at the end of next week.

Sixth Grade Science

Students were asked to create a model of a cell using household objects. They are all currently displayed outside the main office. Come take a look!

Seventh Grade Science

Students are completing Chapter 3 and will be tested during the middle of next week.

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

Literature: All classes are focused on narrator point of view. We are discovering that there are actually five classifications when deciding the narrators point of view: 1st Person, 2nd Person, 3rd Person Omniscient, 3rd Person Limited and 3rd Person Objective. Ask your student to explain the differences.

Vocabulary Workshop 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 5 test is Wednesday, November 2nd.

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

Spanish:

Eighth Grade is working on the verb estar. Seventh Grade is working on the verb ser. Sixth Grade is working on family members. Fourth and Fifth are having conversations and making introductions.

Writer's Workshop:

Sixth and Seventh Grade are writing persuasive essays on a topic of their choice that relates to their daily life. Eighth Graders are debating issues that relate to them and then writing a persuasive essay.

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

This week, Sixth-Eighth Grade are testing in Math. Sixth Grade had their Chapter 2 test yesterday over integers and we reviewed the test today. Seventh Grade finished up Chapter 3 yesterday and is reviewing for their test Monday over tables and graphs. Eighth Grade took their Chapter 4 test today over inequalities.

In Science Eighth Grade is continuing to work on their Periodic Table projects. They are gathering their research and some have already started building their elements.

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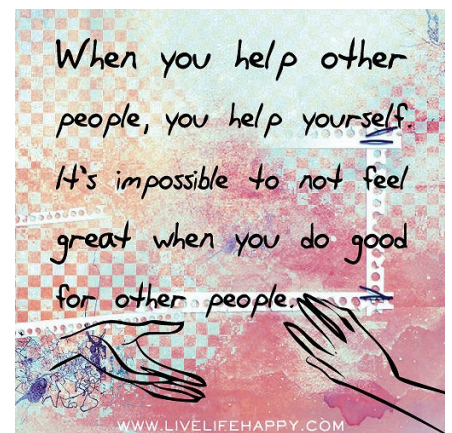
Upcoming STUCO Events

Wednesday, October 26 - Wednesday, November 2nd: Penny Wars between Family Groups: Collection to benefit flood victims in Louisiana

Wednesday, November 2nd: Visit from Tim Ezell and Virginia Kerr of Saturday Morning's The Thread to visit SRA and collect items and money for schools flooded in Louisiana.

Friday, November 4th: We will be writing letters to our service men to be included in care packages sent by Operation Sunscreen.

Monday, November 7th - Thursday, November 17th: Thanksgiving food basket collection. Notification will come home on Friday, November 4th.



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.