

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

A monthly newsletter for the school community

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

Dear St. Raphael Families,

Life at SRA has been quite busy, to say the least. Since Easter Break, we have hosted a National Evangelization Teams (NET) for our 7th and 8th graders for one-day retreats, sent fifty middle school students to Camp Manitowa for a whole week with teachers, staff, and parents, and shared in the joy of preparing and witnessing our 2nd graders receive First Holy Communion for the first time, and finally, our 7th graders and three of our 8th graders received the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation last night.

These events did not happen without the help of many people. Thank you to all the host families who received NET missionaries into their homes and provided a place to rest and delicious meals. Our gratitude goes out to all the teachers, staff, and parents who gave their time to chaperone our students at camp. All sacrificed their personal time. Finally, thank you to the teachers and parents who prepared our children for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and all those that participated in some way to help celebrate these special events for our students.

This week, we will present a check to BackStoppers, Inc. for the amount of \$3,130.58 in honor of Ben Polson and his mother, Ms. Polson, at the 8 AM Mass on Thursday, May 12.

Also, on Thursday, it will be an "SRA Worthy" Dress Out Day for those students who brought in two canned goods for the final collection of the year for the food bank. Please be generous!

On Friday, we will host the much-anticipated **FIELD DAY!** The students will enjoy a morning of fun playing various games with their classmates in their class colors. In the past years, when we hosted this event later in May, we had parent volunteers lead the games, but our 8th-grade students will take the lead role in facilitating each activity this year. We will not need parent volunteers for this event. However, parents are welcome to stop by to watch the games. Parking will be limited due to the space this event will use, and there will also be a funeral at church in the morning.

The Men's Club will provide a hot dog/chip/ice cream lunch for all students for Field Day. Credit for this day will be given for this day if you already purchased a school lunch for this day. Thank you, Men's Club, for this generous donation to our children!

We only have a few weeks of school left, but we are receiving more reports of **COVID** in families over the last three weeks. Our numbers continue to remain at the level that we can continue to stay in the Green- Family Choice, but we are seeing multiple family members exposed and test positive in the reported families. The school is asking parents to remain vigilant in testing for COVID even though there are many reasons for symptoms such as allergies, colds, and other viruses. COVID is trying to come back into our community, so let's all do our part to wear masks when in doubt of symptoms and follow health protocols if your family receives a positive result.

Auction Dress-Out Day will be honored on Monday, May 16, for those families who purchased this opportunity for their children. The teachers will have a list of the families who are participating in this dress-out event.

Upcoming May Events:

Thursday, May 12	End of Canned food drive for May– Dress-Down Day Presentation to BackStoppers, Inc.
Friday, May 13	Field Day
Monday, May 16	Auction Dress-Down Day
May 16,17,18	8th Grade Finals
May 18	8th Grade’s Last Day
May 19	8th Grade’s Mystery Trip
May 20	5th Grade goes to BizTown & 8th Grade Graduation Dinner
May 22	8th Grade Graduation at 10 AM Mass
May 23,24 & 25	6th & 7th Grade Finals
May 23	Preschool Performance @ 6:30 in the gym Grades 1,2 & 3 Walking Field Trip
May 26	Last Day of School - 8 AM Mass — 10 AM Dismissal Families are welcome to join us for the final Mass of the year.

As you can see, we have a very busy schedule for the next few weeks!

Blessings,
Mrs. Hayes



St. Raphael the Archangel and Little Readers Present **Springtime Storytime**

When? Sunday, May 15, 2022 Following 10am Mass in the Cafeteria

Join us for a Spring themed Storytime with Little Readers. Following the story, we will complete a fun accompanying craft. This storytime and activity are appropriate for PreK through 2nd Grade. Siblings are welcome to join!

Activity fee: \$2 per child, Cash or Check made payable to Little Readers
Questions?

Contact Meredith Winters (314)541-5547 meredith.a.winters@gmail.com or
Louise Balicki-Smith (314)603-3108 lbalicki.smith@gmail.com
Registration form attached. We hope to see you there!

Please complete the registration, detach, and return to the School Office by May 12th

Family Name:

Phone/Email:

Children participating with ages:

Announcements



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



8TH GRADE —

Farewell
and
Good Luck

WooHoo!!



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

May Birthdays

Miss Michele-1
Addison McMorrow-1
Elizabeth Anstey-2
Xavier Cyr-4
Helen Steidley-5
Douglas Adams-5
Mara Rooney-7
Hattie Zitko-9
Mason Lansing-11
Leo Kurtovic-12
Nahima Ramirez-13
Ryan Geiser-13
Conor Finan-14
Ethan Bradshaw-15
Caleb Bernadt-15
Rory Meier-17
Jack Berry-18
Harry Bradford-21
Steven Irons-21
Adam Fuhr-21
Emily Fuhr-21
Will McCartney-28
Liam McMorrow-28
Mr. McDermott-28
Mark Boeckmann-29



Important Calendar Dates and Notes:

1-1st Holy Communion 2nd Grade 10am Mass

5-May Crowning

6-No School-Faculty PD

8-Mother's Day

10-Confirmation 7th Grade 7pm

11-Home & School

13-Field Day

16-School Board

18-8th Grade Last Day of School

19-Mystery Trip

20-5th Grade Biz-Town

20-8th Grade Graduation Dinner

22-8th Grade Graduation Mass

26-Last Day of School

June 3-Report Cards Open



Miss Molly: Preschool A



The Angels had a great time exploring space as we learned all about the letter S. There is so much to learn! Planets, sun, moon, solar system and some want to be an astronaut in the future. There are so many S words so we also worked on the sea, snakes, and snails. The list could go on and on.

Mrs. Tate: Prekindergarten

In the last month we prepared for Easter, learned about the parts of a plant and planted flowers and grass. We picked seeds from pods that are in the garden in the front of school. It has been so much fun to watch our plants grow.



Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

We've been busy in Kindergarten this spring! We just completed a unit on measurement. We estimated the height and width of real life objects and then tested our findings by measuring with Unifix cubes. We made beautiful rainbow artwork and wrote simple sentences about our favorite colors of the rainbow. We are beginning to work on word and story problems in math this week and last week in celebration of Earth Day we went on a nature walk around the neighborhood!



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

With the warmer weather brings excitement about how close summer break is. First grade is very busy wrapping up the school year. We just finished our animal research papers. The students did a great job typing them in Google Docs for the first time. They also created their animal's tail and said why they would want to have that particular tail. We have some of the most creative first grade students! It was also fun to present our reports to the kindergarten class.



Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

Second grade celebrated our First Holy Communion this weekend! We would like to thank everyone for their prayers as we strengthened our relationship with God. It was a beautiful day filled with so much love and support from our family and church community.

In class we are finishing the year with several hands-on projects like publishing our own books and designing our own Math board games. We spent the Spring learning about the Animal Kingdom and habitats!

We are looking forward to many fun upcoming events like Field Day and our class Field Trip, but we are sad that the year is quickly coming to a close. Please continue to pray for us as we finish Second grade.

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade have been great leaders for primary during Stations of the Cross during Lent and we are helpful to Mrs. Hayes in the cafeteria both leading prayer and cleaning tables and sweeping after the others eat and go out for recess. These are roles we do to serve our school community. In the classroom we have been doing some writing, learning about adjectives, adverbs and pronouns. In Math we know our basic division facts and can do some with remainders. We have learned how to find area in square units and perimeter of various shapes. Ms Polson's read aloud book is a mystery about China by Carole Marsh. We shared a lot of Presidential knowledge with one another after researching and writing about our president.

Mr. Leonard Kraudel: Science/STREAM (4-5-6-7-8)

4th Grade just finished an experiment showing that green bean plants in Miracle Gro potting soil didn't grow any taller than Dollar General potting soil over 3 1/2 week period. 5th Grade completed Google Slide Presentations on NASA Space Missions. 6/7/8th are learning Genetics, Punnett Squares, and Genetic Disorders.

Miss Patti Woods: English (4 & 5) Religion (4 & 7) Social Studies (4)

4th Grade Religion: We just began to study the Beatitudes and what they mean for us in our daily lives. 4th Grade English: We are working on the correct usage of pronouns. We just finished our "How-To" essays and shared them with the class.

5th Grade English: We are working on the proper usage of pronouns. We just finished our personal narrative essays and shared them with the class.

7th Grade Religion: We are reaching the end of our prep work for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for our 7th graders as they make this important step in their Catholic formation.

Mrs. Amanda Knauer: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

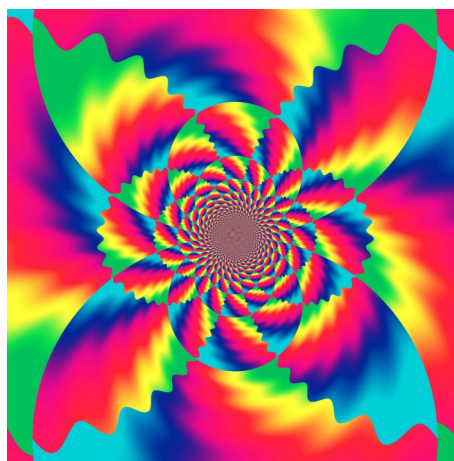
Fifth Grade: During religion class, the students have started Family Life. We have been discussing how every family is unique and special. In Math, we have been working on Geometry. Book Club continues to be enjoyed by the fifth graders during Literature class. They began reading their last book club book of the year.

Fourth Grade: During Math, we have moved on to Geometry! They have been excited to use protractors and learn how to draw and measure angles. They have also learned about the types of angles, lines, and polygons. During Literature, the students read the book *Shiloh*. They then watched the movie and wrote a compare/contrast essay on the similarities and differences between the book and the movie.

Miss Gretchen Decker: Art

Exciting Projects we've made this month! All of the following projects were made for the Black & Gold Auction:

Pre-K (A) made a colorful paper collage
Pre-K (B) made a Pipe Cleaner Wreath
Kindergarten made an Airplane Origami Chandelier
1st Grade made a Windmill Origami Chandelier
2nd Grade made a Diamond Collage Painting
3rd Grade made a Tree Collage Painting
4th Grade made a Newspaper Bouquet of Flowers
5th Grade made a Newspaper UFO
6th Grade made a Collection of Animals
7th Grade made a Collection of Food
8th Grade made Landscape Paintings



I hope most family and friends can come to the Auction to check out the amazing work the students made!

Mrs. Christy Connor: Religion (6 & 8) Social Studies (5-8)

Religion: Students in grade 6 are continuing to learn about the prophets, and the eighth grade students are completing their study of Church history.

Social Studies: Grade 5 students are learning about the Civil War. Students in grade 7 are studying about the presidency of Thomas Jefferson and the Louisiana Purchase. Eighth grade students are looking at the events of the Cold War, and students in grade 6 are beginning to learn about the continent of Australia.

Mr. Zach Almeida: Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)

Algebra 2: Students are studying trigonometry and how to evaluate trig functions in both degrees and radians using the unit circle.

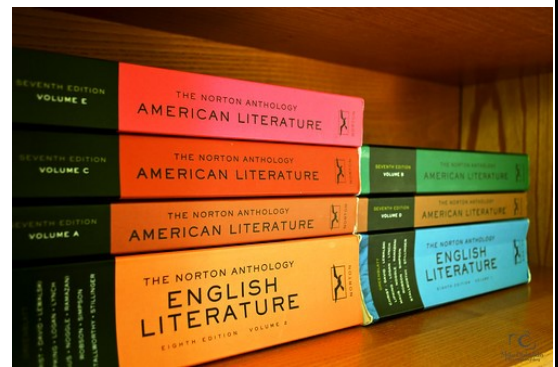
Challenge Math: Students are solving problems using probability and applying the fundamental counting principle to determine the sample space of independent events.

Algebra 1: Students are solving word problems using trigonometry.

Pre-Algebra: Students are simplifying polynomials, and classifying polynomials by degree and number of terms.

Mrs. Sioux Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)

The students are finishing up their last book in literature. Because many of our middle-schoolers' poems were accepted into a recently-published book, *Welcome: An Art & Poetry Book*, we're also going to be submitting stories, essays and poems to a contest sponsored by Missouri Botanical Garden. (They're all nature-centered)



Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education

We are almost at the end of the year! I am looking forward to field day on May 13th! We are finishing up our handball unit and we will be doing wiffle ball and yoga before the year ends.

