

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 SRA Families,

Happy Easter!!!

We are now beginning the 40 days of Easter Season, so it is still appropriate to wish everyone a Happy Easter. The Scripture readings during the Easter Season are vibrant and illuminate both the human and divine of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This week we could visualize walking with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, share in the breaking of the bread, and hear the comforting words from Jesus to Mary Magdalene. May we keep the Easter Joy throughout the entire season of Easter.

ZEAL - Being driven by an intense love for God is the final virtue in our year of **FAITH**. Throughout the month of May the students will be learning about the virtue - Zeal through the examples of St. Paul, St. Dominic, and St. Francis Xavier. Maybe we can tell someone about God every day of the week, or pray for the missionaries of the world, or talk about your faith with someone who does not know you are Catholic. These are all excellent examples of **ZEAL**.

I want to take this moment to thank Ms. Amsler for thoughtfully guiding all her students through to successful Science Fair projects. Congratulations to Cate G., Rory B., Aiden S., Thad B. Kate C., and Mary Beth T. received ribbons for their projects, and to all the Upper School students for the quality projects. A round of applause goes to Mrs. Connor for preparing her students for History Day and the Geography Bees. Tom F. placed 12th overall in the State National Geography Bee last month and our History Day finalists (Cate C., Gavin S., Emillie M., and Alex S.) will be competing for State this weekend - Good Luck! Also a shout out to Mr. Bruno for organizing Homer's for Health again this year. The overall Home Run winner was Matthew F. who is eligible to compete at the city-wide event on May 10. St. Raphael has great kids and great teachers!

As the school year comes to an end next month, we have numerous events so please check the calendar. The 6th-grade goes to Camp Manitowa, and 5th-grade goes to Biz Town next week, the 2nd-graders have Bow Sunday this week, and 1st Holy Communion on May 5, the Parish Picnic, and we have quite a few end of the year field trips. It is going to be quite busy around SRA!

Thank you to all the families for a fantastic response to the 2018-2019 school survey. Your thoughts and opinions are valuable to all of us and will be taken into consideration when planning for next year.

Looking ahead to next year, we also had a strong response in the 2019-2020 Registration. Our school is growing! We are excited for next year! The 2019-2020 School Calendar will be published soon, but here are a few important dates for next year:

August 11	Back-to-School Sunday Open House
August 13	First Day of School - Noon Dismissal
August 15	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
October 24-25	Conferences/Fall Break
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
December 23-Jan. 3	Christmas Break
January 26-31	Catholic Schools Week
March 16-20	Spring Break
April 9-13	Easter Break
April 26	First Holy Communion
May 17	Graduation
May 22	Last Day of School



The Lord Has Risen,
Mrs. Hayes

Announcements



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

May 2
Mass
St. Athanatious
1st Grade Planning

May 9
Mass
May Crowning
8th Grade Planning

May 16
Weekday Mass
2nd Grade Planning

May 24
Last Day of School
Mass
Kindergarten
Planning

Benediction/Adoration
2:00pm
First Friday of the month



May Birthdays

Addison McMorrow-1
Elizabeth Anstey-2
Xavier Cyr-4
Douglas Adams-5
Helen Steidley-5
Miss Schaaf-7
Mason Lansing-11
Nahima Ramirez-13
William Hotze-14
Conor Finan-14
Ethan Bradshaw-15
Rocco Naeger-15
Caleb Bernadt-15
Jack Berry-18
Emma Yehlen-19
Miss Domijan-21
Steven Irons-21
Adam Fuhr-21
Emily Fuhr-21
Liam McMorrow-28
Mark Boeckmann-29
Xenia Webb-30

Are you interested in helping to raise funds for St. Raphael the Archangel School? Then you may be interested in learning about our new development committee! The development committee is charged with developing up to 5 new events that have wide appeal to benefit our school. We are looking for ideas and leadership for these ideas to get these goals accomplished. The development committee will be presenting who we are and our mission to the parish the weekend of May 18-19. We hope that you can make one of the Masses to hear our presentation. Either way, we do invite you to two sessions to find out more information on the committee and brainstorm event ideas. These events will be June 10 and 11 from 6:00-8:00pm. Please make plans to attend with your ideas and energy to keep our school moving in a positive direction!



- May 2 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- May 2 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- May 2 6:00pm 2nd Grade Pot Luck Dinner
- May 5 10:00am Mass First Holy Communion
- May 9 8:00am Mass & May Crowning
- May 9 9:30am 8th Grade & Kdg. Zoo Buddy Field Trip
- May 9 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- May 9 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- May 10 NO SCHOOL K-8 PD DAY FOR TEACHERS**
PK IS OPEN No Aftercare
- May 10 Parish Picnic
- May 11 Parish Picnic
- May 13-15 Upper Grade Exams
- May 13-17 Canned Food Drive
- May 14 6:30pm Kindergarten Parent Meeting
- May 15 Last Day for 8th Grade – Balloon Day
- May 16 8th Grade Mystery Trip
- May 16 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- May 17 9:00am 1st & 2nd Grades Field Trip to the Butterfly House
- May 16 6:00pm Dance Recital in Gym
- May 17 8:30pm 8th Grade Graduation Dinner
- May 18 SRA Neighborhood Golf 2019
- May 19 10:00am Mass 8th Grade Graduation
- May 20-22 Upper Grade Exams
- May 21 9:00am third Grade Field Trip to the Science Center
- May 21 6:30pm End of the Year Preschool Performance
- May 23 8:00am Mass & Field Day
Preschool last day of school
- May 23 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- May 24 8:00am Mass Dismissal at 10:00am
No Aftercare
End of 4th Quarter
- May 31 Report Cards Open

April 26 - 2019-2020 STUCO Officer Elections
April 26 - Golden Egg Drawing
May 13-17 - Canned Food Drive

*Upcoming Student Council
Events*



ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SUMMER CAMP

Come join the fun at S.R.A. summer camp! Enjoy all our theme weeks or pick your favorite. Join our young and energetic camp counselors for Water Wednesdays, Field trip Fridays, Cooking, sports and much more. MAKE IT A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

June 3rd – 7th WILD WEST
June 10th – 14th SURVIVOR WEEK
June 17th – 21st PIRATES COVE
June 24th – 28th V.B.S.
July 1st – 5th REACH FOR THE STARS
(closed 4th&5th, half price)
July 8th – 12th SHARK TANK WEEK
July 15th - 19th ART THROUGH THE AGES
July 22nd- 26th MAD SCIENTIST

**FOR CHILDREN FROM 3 YRS
TO 5TH GRADE**

**FULL DAY: 7:30 - 3:00
HALF DAY: 7:30 - 11:30**

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Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

On Friday, April 12, the students from St. Raphaels participated in Homers for Health. It is a fundraising event with all the proceeds going to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. The students had a lot of fun and enjoyed the camaraderie of participating in such a worthwhile cause. There were three class divisions: K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. One boy and one girl from each class division were crowned winners. The winning students were: K-2 Addi Pfeifer, Lucas Fuhr, 3-5 Maggie Anstey, **Matthew Franz who was the overall winner**. 6-8 Kristen Nienhaus and Joey Raymo. Congratulations to these six winners who will now represent St. Raphaels on May 10 at Forest Park.

Special thanks goes out to the following parents: Mr. & Mrs. Irons, Ms. Kamp, Mrs. Finan, Mr. Sitzes, Mrs. Dirnbeck, and Mr. Thompson (who brought in numerous St. Louis Cardinals' memorabilia), which made it an even a bigger success for the students. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Carril, who made all the signs.

Thank you for making this a wonderful and successful event for such a worthwhile cause.



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

The following are areas being covered in music

PreK: playing short and long rhythms, songs that give specific directions (Hokey Pokey, Old Brass Wagon, just a few examples) and identifying a rhythm instrument used in class by its sound

Kindergarten: songs with silly words, what is a verse and a refrain, tempo, dynamics, types of rhythm instruments (shakers, drums, scrapers, etc.)

First grade: music symbols found on a staff, songs that have repeated melody, uneven rhythms (long-short-long), finishing the song "Mister Rabbit"

Second grade: introducing sixteenth notes, songs in 2's, songs from *Mary Poppins*, composer and lyricist

Third grade: continuing ballads, lines and spaces on the staff, playing an ostinato on resonator bells, review songs sung through out the year

Fourth grade: finish the practice and performance of "Rise and Shine" (created an eight measure body percussion to perform with the song), dynamic chart, songs with varying time signatures, review songs sung throughout the year

Fifth grade: creating a composition using ABA form, "Carnival of the Animals" (instruments using instruments from the percussion, string and woodwind families)

Sixth - Eighth grade: theme and variation, students will choose a song from the list provided and they will create 4 variations to perform as a group, review songs learned throughout the year



Miss Molly Preschool A

Preschool A enjoyed the month of April. They enjoyed making things for Easter and exploring the great wonders of space. They learned about the moon, the sun, and the planets. For Easter they made some bunny ears, a foot print of a carrot, and a rainbow cross representing the day Christ rose to heaven. For the rest of the month we will start on spring and make a garden in the classroom. Hope everyone enjoyed there Easter with the family and some time with them. Thank You and God Bless.



Miss Chris Prekindergarten

The Bears would like to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Easter! We have had a very busy month as we finished up our final letters, X, Y, and Z. We also learned all about Easter, beginning with Holy Week. We know what happened on each of the days of Holy Week to our special friend, Jesus. We were sad that He had to suffer so much, but we are so happy that He is now risen. We are also so thankful to Him because we know that He endured all of it, just for us. We can't believe we only have one month left together, but we are going to make the most of the time we still have left as Bears!



Kindergarten News: Lu Ann Domijan

We celebrated St. Louis Cardinals Opening Day by wearing Fred Bird Hats. Go Cardinals!



During Lent we worked on 40 ACTS of Kindness, prayed the Stations of the Cross with the other primary classes every Friday afternoon and made a Lenten book and a wreath about Holy Week. We were very excited about Easter.

Kindergarten also went "BUNNY!" We made bunny hats, read books, and wrote about bunnies.



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first grade went to the stations of the cross every Friday with kindergarten through third grade. They were very excited to be able to lead one of our visits. Before our Easter break, Father John came over and spoke to us about Holy Week and washed our hands just like Jesus washed his disciple's feet. We hope everyone enjoyed their Easter celebration. Jesus has Risen, ALLELUIA!



Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

This month, second grade has been learning about many things. In math, we just finished learning about types of measurement. Ms. Amsler and Ms. Schaaf helped us practice our measurement skills by calculating the distance traveled by items on the playground. In social studies, we have started our unit on maps and continents; we are currently filling in a passport of all the countries we have been learning about. Finally, we are getting ready for Bow Sunday and First Communion; continue to keep us in your prayers.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third grade had a great time outdoors collecting nature items with their partners. Their STREAM challenge was to build a workable playground, and it was successful. We prayed and made cards for our friends in second grade and seventh grade who are receiving sacraments at SRA. In social studies, we drew a map of Missouri including rivers, cities, etc. We also learned about our important agricultural products, natural resources mined, and manufactured goods. We read about some famous Missourians and drew their portraits. In reading, we studied Mark Twain's life. It was fun to create a poster about our great state of Missouri, depicting all this knowledge.



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)

In English, the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have just finished and submitted their research essays. This is their biggest project in English. So much work has gone into their researching and writing. There is a wide variety of topics. They seem well pleased with their choices and have learned so much about their topic. We will be sharing many of these essays in class.

The 5th graders are finishing up the unit on adverbs and prepositions. They will soon be taking their unit test.

The 4th graders are working on pronouns in English and will be taking a test the first week in May.

In Religion, the 4th graders are continuing their work on learning the Ten Commandments. Father John came into the classroom today and we discussed the 7th and 10th Commandments.

Blessings and prayers for our 2nd Grade students as they prepare to receive their Sacrament of First Communion.

Miss Amanda Imo: 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 measurement. The students have enjoyed measuring various objects in the classroom, using both customary and metric units. Book Club continues to be an excitement among the fifth graders. They have begun 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. The students have been working on finding the theme of a story during Literature class. The students are also working on characterization.



Mrs. Christy Connor: Religion (6) Social Studies (4-8)

Religion: We have learned about the Kings of Israel. Next we will be working through the Family Life program.

Social Studies 4: Students in 4th Grade are continuing to learn about the various regions of the United States. We are now working on the Midwest states.

Social Studies 5: Fifth grade students have completed learning about the American Revolution. They are about to begin studying how the United States set up its new government.

Social Studies 6: In sixth grade, we are learning about Australia and the South Pacific islands. The students will be creating a travel poster about Australia. We are very excited about camp!

Social Studies 7: Students in grade seven have learned about Manifest Destiny and how the United States expanded to the west coast. They will soon begin work on research about the Oregon Trail as well as other trails that pioneers followed.

Social Studies 8: We just completed a chapter about the Vietnam War. We will begin to look at how the United States entered into the 21st Century.

Miss Ashley Schaaf Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, Algebra (7-8)

In standard math, I have introduced integers and we have explored operations containing them.

In challenge math, we will be exploring how to solve multi-step equations.

In pre-algebra, we are revisiting ratios, rates, and proportions.

In algebra, we are finishing up with rational expressions and equations.

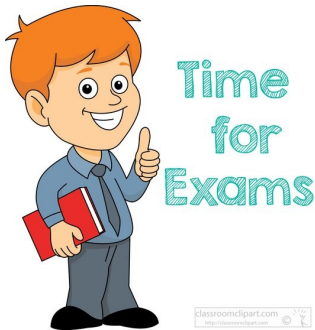
Soon, we will start reviewing for the final exam in all classes.

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

Literature classes have taken a dive, head first, into our Shakespeare unit. 8th grade are reading *Romeo and Juliet*, 7th, *The Merchant of Venice*, and 6th, *The Taming of the Shrew*. Although the language used by William Shakespeare is often difficult for the students to interpret, the storylines are quite good, both amusing and tragic. Please encourage students to review and complete their summaries and questions from the daily reading every night. Shakespeare is a difficult genre to get through, but with consistent review, the students will be successful.

We will end our year in religion classes with Family Life, where we cover God's gifts of family, self, life, love, and community at an age-appropriate level in both 7th and 8th-grade.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to your student's vocabulary book cover or in their assignment notebooks. I have also shared the schedule with each of the students on Google Drive. Students will have a cumulative test on Tuesday, April 30th and Unit 13 assessment will be on Wednesday, May 13th for 8th-grade and Thursday, May 14th for 6th and 7th-grades.



EXAM SCHEDULE

8th Grade

Monday, May 13th Religion & Social Studies
Tuesday, May 14th Literature & Math
Wednesday, May 15th English & Science

7th Grade

Monday, May 20th English
Tuesday, May 21st Literature & Science
Wednesday, May 22nd Math

6th Grade

Tuesday, May 21st English
Wednesday, May 22nd Math