

# 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,

Hopefully, all the many April showers we have experienced this Spring will bring a bouquet of beautiful May flowers in the near future! Hope you are enjoying the added daylight, but I know it's been hard for the kids to stay focus on school with the warmer weather. The end of the year is near, but we still have many lessons to learn and upcoming events to come.

Our Second Graders will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** this **Sunday, April 29 at 10:00 AM Mass**. They have been learning about their faith and growing closer to Jesus throughout the year. Keep the Second Graders and their families in your prayers this week.

We still have a few more **field trips** next month. The **Kindergarten** class along with the **Eighth-Grade** class will be traveling to the zoo on **Thursday, May 3**. The **Third-Grade** class will be going to the zoo on **Friday, May 18th**. You should have received the permission slips from their teachers.

The students in grades K-7th are preparing for a **Daytime Mini-Concert**. The performance will begin at **2:15 PM on Tuesday, May 15. Parents are welcome to attend**. We are keeping this performance simple and do not expect parents to run out to buy anything special, but the students will be allowed to dress according to their songs theme. You will be receiving further information from Mrs. Doty next week.

**Parish Picnic** will be **Friday & Saturday, May 11-12**. I am looking forward to my first Parish Picnic at St. Raphael! The Picnic Committee is still looking for volunteers to help with this event. **We will not have school for K-8 on Friday, May 11. Preschool will be open.**

For those parents who will have a **Kindergartener for the 2018-2019** school year, there is a **Kindergarten Parent Meeting on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM**.

**Exams** for the 8th Grade will be on May 14, 15 & 16.

**Exams** for the 6th and 7th Grades will be on May 18, 21, & 22.

**Field Day** will be on **Wednesday, May 23**. Mr. Bruno would welcome parent help for Field Day. If you are interested in **volunteering**, please contact Mr. Bruno.

The **Preschool End of the Year Performance** will be Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM.

**Our Eighth Graders** end their year with Mystery Trip on Thursday, May 17, Graduation Dinner on Friday, May 18, and Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 AM Mass. It is hard to believe it less than a month away!

### **Holy Spirit Prayer (By St. Augustine)**

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy.  
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy,  
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy.  
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy.  
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy.*

*May Jesus remain close to your heart always,  
Mrs. Hayes*



# Announcements



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

All School Mass 8:00am

### **May 3**

May Crowning

### **May 10**

Weekday Mass  
The Ascension of the Lord  
(last school Mass with 8th  
grade) 1st Grade Planning

### **May 17**

Weekday Mass  
3rd Grade Planning

### **May 24**

Weekday Mass  
Last Day of School  
Kindergarten Planning

Benediction 2:00pm  
First Friday of the  
month



### **May Birthdays**

Addison McMorrow-1

Gillian Neal-2

Elizabeth Anstey-2

Xavier Cyr-4

Douglas Adams-5

Helen Steidley-5

Sean Madden-6

William Madden-6

### **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

Steven Irons-21

Adam Fuhr-21

Emily Fuhr-21

### **Mrs. Ruggeri-25**

Elizabeth Erdtmann-26

Liam McMorrow-28

Mark Boeckmann-29

### **Kindergarten Registration**

The process for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2018. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at 314-352-9474. Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.





- May 3- 8:00am Mass and May Crowning
  - May 3- 10:00am-2:30pm 8th & K Zoo Field Trip
  - May 3 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance
  - May 3 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
  - May 4 - STUCO Officer Elections
  - May 7-10 - Canned Food Drive
  - May 10 - Dilly Bar Day
  - May 10 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance
  - May 10 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
  - May 11 - No School K-8 Teacher Professional Development Day  
Preschool is open
  - May 11 - 5:00-10:00pm Parish Picnic
  - May 12 – 11:00am-9:00pm Parish Picnic
  - May 14-15-16 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
  - May 15 – 9:00-10:15am SRA Little Angels Play Date
  - May 15 - 2:00pm Gym School Mini Concert
  - May 16-18 School Uniform Ordering Days – Catholic Supply
  - May 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mystery Trip
  - May 17 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance
  - May 17 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
  - May 18 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
  - May 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dinner
  - May 20 – 10:00am Mass 8th Grade Graduation
  - May 21-22 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams
  - May 22 – 6:00-8:00pm Preschool End of Year Performance
  - May 23 – Field Day Preschool Last Day
  - May 24 – Last Day for K-7 Dismissal 10:00am No Aftercare
- May 7—June 7 Uniform Exchange
- June 1 – Report Cards Open on Line



### **A Roof for Iglesia San Rafael...Lenten Project**

A BIG **thank you** to our SRA school faculty and students who raised several hundreds of dollars to help us exceed our Lenten project goal. We couldn't have done it without your help. We are very proud of you!

SRA Parish Council



Hello! My name is Grace Goedel and I am in eighth grade. As a service project for this year, I am again 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 turned in. 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 until May 4, 2018. Thank you for your generosity and remember to bring in your tab tops!

### Summer Camp

It's that time of year, time to think about summer camp. Come join us for a summer full of fun times. We have swim days, field trips, cooking, and a theme each week. Summer camp starts June 4th through July 28th. Pick a week or join us all summer; we would love to have you! Please go to our web site for more information. If you have questions, please contact Molly Indelicato.

[indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org)



### Pre-K At SRA

We offer a Kindergarten readiness curriculum for children 3 to 5 years of age. We have 2 classrooms that each have 1 full-time lead teacher and 1 full-time assistant. We also have a part time floater between the 2 classes. We offer a place for children to LAUGH, LOVE and LEARN in a loving environment that allows them to explore, experiment and create! We offer very flexible options of full or half days, as well as aftercare available until 6 pm. We are now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ms. Chris at [federspiel@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:federspiel@straphaelarchangel.org) to schedule a tour or receive more information.



### **Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith: Academic Intervention Coordinator**

Looking for summer learning opportunities or camps? Contact Mrs. Smithicki at [balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org](mailto:balicki-smith@straphaelarchangel.org). The area Learning Consultants have compiled an extensive list of options for all ages.

### HSA FUNDRAISER

Help the SRA HSA raise money for the school by shopping at Schnucks!! Every time you shop at Schnucks, scan your Schnucks SCRIP card and SRA's HSA will earn 1%-3%!! Pick up your card in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Potts at [maryannepotts@gmail.com](mailto:maryannepotts@gmail.com), 314.482.1907, with any questions.

## Homers for Health Derby

On Friday, April 13, the students from St. Raphael were introduced to Homers for Health. It is a fundraising event with all 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 was crowned winners. The winning students were: K-2 Charlie Adams, Emma Shine, 3-5 Will Hotze, Isabella Pfeiffer, 6-8 Kristen Nienhaus and Max Sarich. Congratulations to these six winners who will now represent St. Raphael on Friday, May 4 at Forest Park.

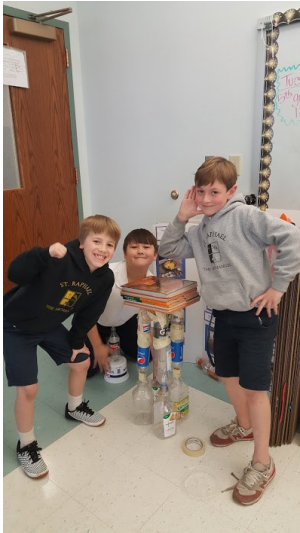
Special thanks goes out to the following parents: Mrs. Irons, Ms. Kamp, Mrs. Finan, Mrs. Weiss, Ms. Sampson, Mrs. Dirnbeck and Mr. Thompson (who brought in numerous St. Louis Cardinals' memorabilia and McDonald's Happy Meals) which made it an even bigger success for our students. Thanks also to Mrs. Carril who made all the signs. Thank you for making this wonderful successful event for such a worthwhile cause.



**Miss Stephanie Amsler: Science Teacher (Grade 4-8)**

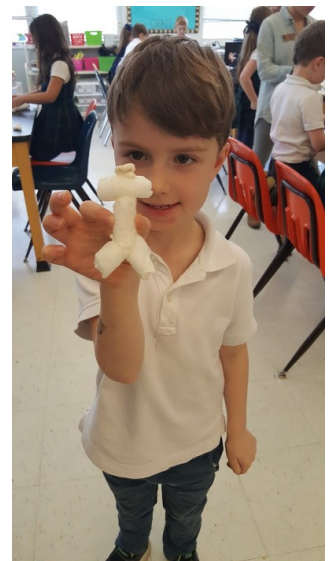


5th graders dissecting “mystery pellets” which they soon learned were owl pellets (containing mice bones and fur).



3rd graders had to create a structure that could hold a number of textbooks and remain standing.

Kindergartners made animals out of packing peanuts!



## Upcoming Student Council Events

May 4th - 2018-2019 STUCO Officer Elections

May 7-10th - Canned Food Drive - Crazy Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes Accessory Day Thursday, May 10th

May 10th - Dilly Bar Day

### Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

We will be having a "Mini-concert" on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 for the school. The program will be various styles of music based off the blues. I will be sending information as to what "simple" costume your child will be wearing and a song packet.

Kindergarten- We have been studying Trains and Train songs and an "add" on song.

First Grade- Rhythms-Long and short and added the "Triangle" as one of our new Percussion instruments.

Second Grade- Sixteenth notes, songs about Pioneers and the Riverboat.

Third - Seventh grades- Styles of music-"Look What's Happened to the Blues," spirituals, jazz, swing, rock and roll etc., as well as famous blues singers.

Keep a song in your heart.

### Miss Molly Preschool Room A

Preschool A is cruising the solar system this week. They are learning about the planets, moon, sun, rockets, and astronauts. They love to see the planets through videos and read about them. They have also learned to write 12 of the alphabet letters and write the numbers to 8. They are doing such a great job and I hope they are having fun while at this wonderful school.

Thank You and God Bless



### Miss Chris Pre-K Room B

Oh my goodness...we cannot believe that we are in our final month of our school year. We continue having fun and enjoying the last precious weeks we have to spend with each other. The most exciting thing we have done this month was to create a Vet Clinic in our classroom. We have a waiting room, an exam/surgery table, crates, food bowls, clipboards with sign in sheets/doctor's notes, lab coats, an x-ray machine, doctor bags, and tools. We have all kinds of stuffed pets. We have had a blast learning all about veterinarians and creating a space where we could put into action the things that we were learning. We have also been working hard on our end of the year performance. Everyone is welcome to join us on May 22 at 6:30 pm as we sing songs, celebrate our graduation from Pre-K, and act out the story by Eric Carle, The Grouchy Ladybug.

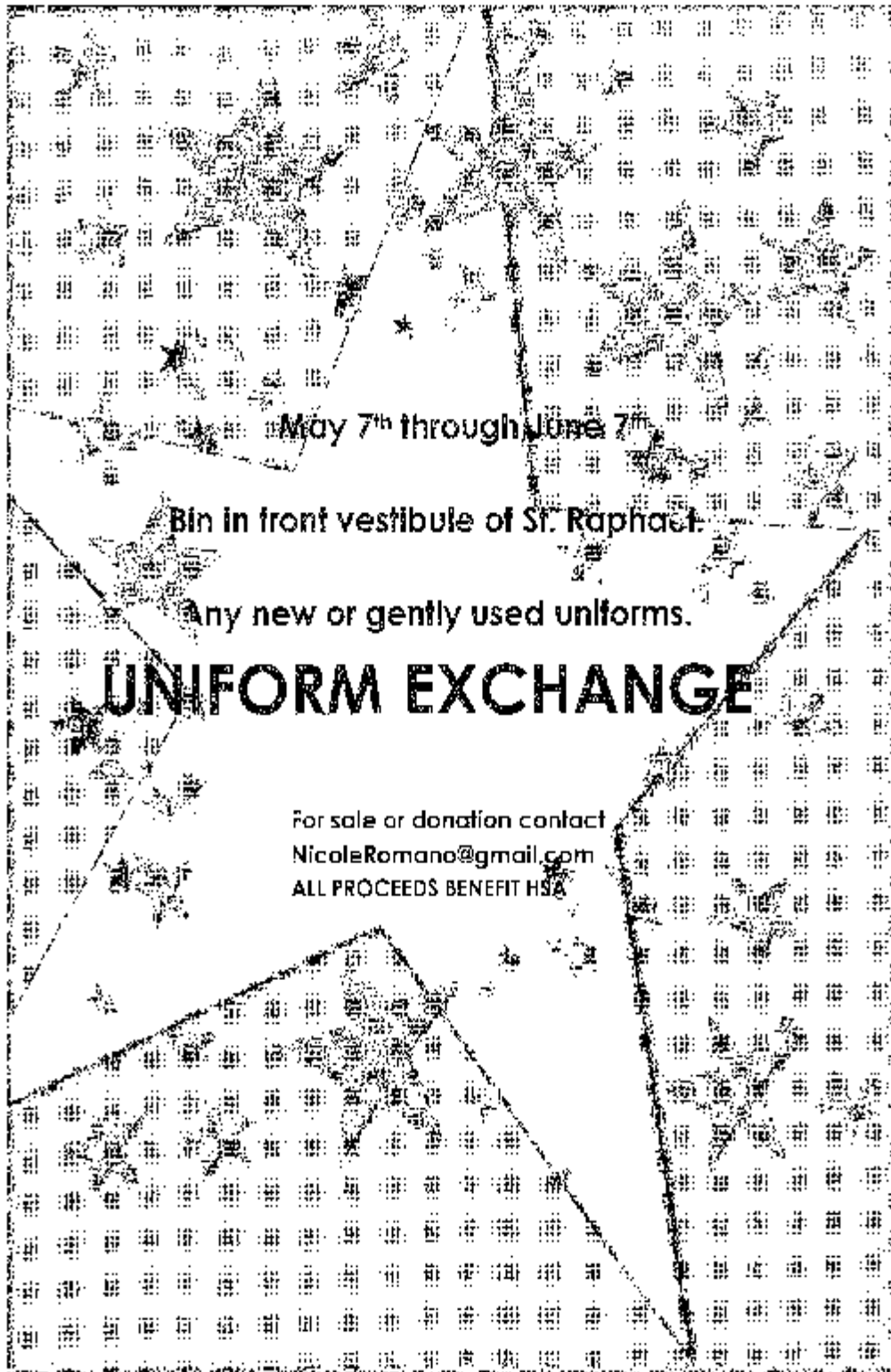


### Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Charis Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten is preparing for first grade. We have been working on addition, reading, and writing sentences. We have been studying our earth, animals, and different habitats to prepare for our St. Louis Zoo field trip. We are excited to lead the school in Mass on the last day of school. Happy Spring!





May 7<sup>th</sup> through June 7<sup>th</sup>

Bin in front vestibule of St. Raphael.

Any new or gently used uniforms.

# UNIFORM EXCHANGE

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### First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first grade students had a wonderful trip to the zoo this month. One of their favorite parts of the zoo was meeting some animals up close in the class we took about animal life cycles. With the weather hopefully changing over to spring, we are hoping to move more of our classes outside. In the picture below, the students were working on compound words with chalk on the parking lot. We also planted some flowers in the classroom and planted sunflower seeds in the garden in celebration of Earth Day. This year has gone by so quickly and we cannot believe that there is only one more month of school before summer break.



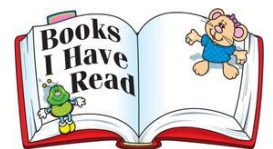
### Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

It is hard to believe we have a little more than a month left of school. The year has flown by, and we are making the best of our time left in second grade. In reading and writing, we have been exploring fiction stories and story elements. In religion, we are so excited to have celebrated Bow Sunday on April 15th and will be celebrating our First Communion on April 29th. Finally, we wrapped up our study of animal life cycles with a field trip to the zoo with first grade. Besides exploring the animals around the zoo, we took a class on different types of life cycles where we got to see a hissing cockroach, a frog, and a guinea pig.



### Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third graders have learned some classic card games that are educational. We know children's authors, classic authors, women authors, inventors, explorers, presidents, and Indian chiefs. We read *Stone Soup* and wrote salad recipes. We are working on some food poems for Mrs. Ruggeri (shhhh). In Treasures, we read a story called "The Printer" about a deaf man who warned his fellow workers about a fire in the printing press factory. They learned sign language to surprise him. In English, we focused on pronouns (took a test on Chapter 6) and point of view. Ms Polson read a book *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes*. For Math, we have been working on two-digit numbers multiplied by a one-digit number, and division with remainders. We also worked on multi-step word problems. We prayed for the Confirmation Class and made them cards.



**Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)**

The fourth graders had a wonderful time going to the Old Courthouse to reenact the Dred Scott Trial. They then had time to go to the park and enjoy a picnic lunch and some time to play. Now we will be getting back to work on pronouns.



The fifth graders are finishing their work on prepositions and will be taking a test on Wednesday, April 25.

The sixth and seventh graders are back at work after enjoying their week at camp. They are writing a story about their camp experience.

The eighth graders are finishing their unit on phrases. Next up will be their final English unit, clauses.

**Miss Amanda Imo: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)**

**Fifth Grade:** The fifth graders have been studying about the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony. They have finished learning about all seven sacraments and assembled the Sacrament Books as a keep-sake for what they learned about each sacrament. In Math, we switched gears to Geometry. We have been working on measuring and drawing angles, reviewing line relationships, and determining polygon figures. The students have been working on finding the main ideas in the story during Literature. Discussing the importance of figurative language and how it can enhance a story has been another topic.

**Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders have been learning about the Beatitudes and how they can relate them to their own lives. During Math, we have moved on to Geometry, and have been excited to use protractors and learn how to draw and measure angles. They have also learned about the types of angles and lines. 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 & Miss Ashley Schaaf Fun at Camp Manitowa**



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

Literature classes have taken a dive, head first, into our Shakespeare unit. 8th grade is reading *Romeo and Juliet*, 7th, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and 6th, *The Taming of the Shrew*. Although the language used by William Shakespeare is often difficult for the students to interpret, the story lines 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 constant review, the students will be successful.

During this last month, 8th grade religion has focused on how science impacted the Church, Catholic Social Teaching, and the Catholic Church through the Renaissance period.

We will end our year 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 religion classes.

7th Grade, although already confirmed, will complete the confirmation program, Chosen, before the end of the school year.

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 them on Google Drive. Unit 14 Quiz is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1st and Unit 15 Quiz will be on Tuesday, May 15th.