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,

It's a big week at St. Raphael for the faith formation of our students...Congratulations to our 7th Graders who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening, April 26th! May they continue to be blessed and grow in their faith through the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives. And Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who are receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on Sunday, April 30th! May God wrap them in His arms as they receive the Eucharist for the first time, and may their joy in their Catholic faith stay alive in their hearts forever. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate these happy occasions together as a school and parish family.

Mrs. Julie Hayes, the new principal of St. Raphael School, is beginning her transition here; she met with the SRA Faculty on Monday, and spent an afternoon with me discussing transition details. Mrs. Hayes and I will continue to work closely together over the next two months to ensure that she feels comfortable with all the workings of our school when she begins full-time in July. I will keep you posted about dates that Mrs. Hayes will make available to meet with parents prior to the start of next school year. I know that you will welcome her with open arms, minds, and hearts!

Teachers are working hard to wrap up the school year, ensuring that students have had ample opportunities to learn everything in their grade level curriculum. This is also the time of year when teachers reflect back on the school year and start making plans for the next school cycle. Did you know that we revise the entire school curriculum every single year? It's critical to keep our curriculum current and meaningful, so teachers keep notes and do research all year long as they are teaching in order to make improvements to the curriculum for the following year. In this way, teachers are always evaluating their own instructional methods, the value of each learning goal in the curriculum, and the best methods and times for presentation of material in their classes.

Teachers will be providing parents with a new curriculum document next school year that we hope will be very helpful to our families. Rather than printing the formal curriculum for each subject area in each grade level, parents will receive a "Curriculum Year-At-A-Glance" document at Curriculum Night in September. This Year-At-A-Glance will give you a month by month picture of what is happening in each of your child's classes; you will see major themes being covered, big projects, important events and field trips, etc. all organized by months in the school year. Our hope is that this Curriculum Year-At-a Glance will help you to understand the flow of the school year for each class and to gain an appreciation for what your children will learn and be expected to do throughout the school year.

These last weeks of the school year are busy for everyone, but please help us try to keep kids focused on learning as much as possible. Be patient with them - it's really hard to think about school when the weather is so beautiful and there are so many other fun things they could be doing!

We appreciate your prayers and support as always.

Peace, Kim Vangel Principal



Calendar Announcements

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

Monday - Thursday

All School Mass 8:00am Thursday, May 4 May Crowning

Benediction 2:00pm First Friday of the month



May 4 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club

May 5 – Black & Gold Accessory Day

May 5 – 2:00pm Benediction

May 5 – 6:30-SRA Art Exhibit

7:00pm Spring Music Program for K-7

May 8-12 – STUCO Canned Food Drive

May 10 – 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal

May 11 – 8th Grade Exams

May 11 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club

May 12 – No School K-8 Preschool is Open

May 12 – 5:00-10:00pm Parish Picnic May 13 – 10:00am Mass Parish Picnic

May 14 – 10:00am Family Mass/Donut Sunday

May 15&16 – 8th Grade Exams May 17 – 8th Grade Last Day

May 17 - 3:15-4:15pm SRA Schola Rehearsal

May 18 – 8th Grade Mystery Trip

May 19 - 9:000-2:00 Third & First Grades Zoo Field Trip

May 19 – 8th Grade Graduation Dinner

May 21 – 8th Grade Graduation Mass – Donut Sunday

May 22,23,24 – 6th & 7th Grade Exams

May 22 – 6:30-7:30pm Preschool Program

May 24 – 3:15-4:15pm SRA Schola Rehearsal

May 25 – Field Day Last Day for Preschool

May 26 – Last Day for K-7 10:00am dis-

missal



<u>May Birthdays</u>

Addison McMorrow-1 Gillian Neal-2 Oliver Landon-3 Xavier Cyr-4 Sean Madden-6 William Madden-6 Victoria Naeger-7

Victoria Naeger-7

Miss Schaaf-7

Mason Lansing-11

Addi Dalton-12

Nahima Ramirez-13

William Hotze-14

Conor Finan-14

Anna Videmschek-15

Ethan Bradshaw-15

Rocco Naeger-15

Kristina Videmschek-16

Jack Berry-18

Natalie Davis-19

Emma Yehlen-19

Steven Irons-21

Emily Fuhr-21 Mrs. Ruggeri-25

Adam Fuhr-21

Liam McMorrow-28 Max Eberhart-29 June 2 - Report Cards Open

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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! 3rd quarter patrol schedule:

Week of May 8 Gillian & Billy Anna & Lucy



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 (K-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, May 8 Daniella C. & Katie A.

Tuesday, May 9 Stephanie K. & Alana T.

Wednesday, May 10 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, May 11 Jenny D. & Linda K.

Friday, May 12 NO SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. 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.



Summer Camp

Don't forget summer is just around the corner and our summer camp is ready to be filled with kids. Registration will be open until April 15th for our St. Raphael families. Then we will be open to all that register until the end of April. So please go to the summer camp website and take a look at all the different themes we have to offer from May to July.

Thank you and I can't wait to see you in the summer! Ms. Molly 314-606-5264

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Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

What is Dyslexia?

I recently attended an In-service on the topic of Dyslexia. The presenters were from the Churchill Center and School. Dyslexia is a brain-based difference associated with specific challenges that affect reading, spelling, and other school skills. Here is a short list of resources for parents and teachers. New Dyslexia legislation is being implemented in the public schools beginning in 2018. DESE has all the information on their web site. This will also benefit our students if they are evaluated and diagnosed by the St. Louis Public Schools.

Kim.stuckey@dese.mo.gov 573-751-2584

Reading Rockets http://www.readingrockets.org

Overcoming Dyslexia by Sally Shaywitz

Dyslexia Advantage by Brock and Fernette Edie

Decoding Dyslexia-MO

Kelli Unnerstall, Parent and Co-Founder kunnerstall@DecodingDyslexia-MO.org 314-422.7009

www.DecodingDyslexia-MO.org

Resource page link: http://decodingdyslexia-mo.org/?page id=64

Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

Second Grade students are learning about self-portraits. After looking at examples of famous artists' self-portraits, they discussed what they thought the artist's personality was like and gave reasons to support their answer from the self-portrait. Students then began creating their own self-portrait in the media of their choosing.



Mrs. Caroline: Music

First Graders are in full dance rehearsal mode as they prepare their performance to Aaron Copland's Rodeo: Hoe Down. The dancers are representing the visual artwork of Georgia O'Keefe. There are three groups of dancers: The Flowers, The Bones, and The Skulls. The students are becoming more astute in listening for the changes and patterns in the music. It has been a great cooperative effort from the First Grade dancers. Be sure to see their performance (with Kindergarteners - Seventh Graders) on Friday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. The students' artwork will be on display in the gym...a feast for the senses!



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

It is great to have the good weather and see the students enjoying PE outside. This week we will celebrate the Blues winning the first round of playoffs by practicing our hockey skills. We will also will be reviewing soccer.



Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education—Grades 3-8

This week students have been participating in two fitness activities that they performed back in the fall, flipping tires and a running activity that requires them to run with liter bottles. Both of these activities are a lower and upper body workout.

The Third Grade will be introduced to the liter bottles activities which I hope they will find both challenging and rewarding. Rewarding because they will work their bodies to get stronger.

As always I continue to look forward to working with the students at St. Raphael.



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Miss Molly Preschool Room A

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a beautiful Easter break. In Preschool A we are working on the end of the year program. The little ones are working hard and having fun. We are also working on an Alphabet Book that they can bring home at the end of the year. Thank you and have a great week. God Bless, Molly Indelicato



Miss Chris Preschool Room B

The Bears have been working on the letter W this week with our Whale theme. We have had a blast learning all about these wonderful creatures in our stories and songs that we have listened to this week. We even learned about the story of Jonah and the Whale during our Jesus Club.



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten is busy learning about different habitats on our planet. We continue to celebrate Easter and write about different topics in our journals. We are keeping the Seventh Graders in our prayers as their Confirmation is approaching. We are also praying for the Second Grade class as they prepare for their First Communion.



Have a nice week.

First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

We were very excited to prepare and lead Mass for the school on Thursday. A lot of hard work went into practicing the readings. This week First Grade has been learning about government and how laws are made. In Math, we have begun our geometry unit and are seeking shapes in our environment. In ELA we have been learning about sequence of events in different read alouds. We are focusing on identifying key details in the story and using this sequencing to build our retelling.

Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

First Communion is this Sunday, April 30th at 10:00am Mass. Please join us in celebrating this special day!

We have been practicing for two weeks now and the day is almost here. Tomorrow Fr. Bob is going to practice with us and have us taste the bread and wine. We are very excited.

St. Raphael, pray for us!



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Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade, also known by their Class Nickname: Epic Smarties, is ready for their last month of Third Grade, May. In Math we have been studying fractions and decimals. Sparkle is a fun game to play using our spelling words. In Reading we have finished a play by Rudyard Kipling called How the Camel got his Hump. We learned about Bactrian and Dromedary camels and solar and lunar eclipses. Our posters of Moon Phases are completed, labeled and hanging proudly in the hallway.

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

<u>In Fourth Grade</u> English, we are continuing our work on Capitalization and Punctuation. We will be wrapping up this unit and taking the end of unit test early next week. In Science, we have revisited the proper use of a triple beam balance, and have practiced finding objects that are equal to a given mass. In Social Studies, hard work has been going into our reenactment of the Dred Scott Trial. We are looking forward to our field trip to the Old Courthouse next week.

<u>In Fifth Grade</u> English, our studies continue to be on the proper use of adverbs. In Science, we have turned our attention to the research of weather instruments. We are finding what meteorologists use to help predict the weather. In Social Studies, we are going to be looking at population distribution and migrations in the United States. We will use this information to discuss future trends in population for the United States.

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

<u>Fifth Grade</u>: The Fifth Graders started our discussions in Family Life this week. We have talked about families and what makes each of our families unique. In Math, the students are working on measuring length using both the customary and metric system. They also are working on converting measurements. The students are excited to start their last Book Club book of the year. The Fifth Graders are getting so anxious for their field trip to JA BizTown. This week they focused on interviewing and job applications. They each had an interview with Mrs. Vangel to help determine which job they received. They all looked professional and did a great job!

Fourth Grade: The Fourth Graders 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 and lines. In Reading, the students read a story about a young girl who is trying to convince her parents to let her keep a stray dog. We talked about characterization and how different actions a character does helps us learn a lot about him or her. The students also were able to write an ad about the dog just like characters in the story did.

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

English: Grades Six, Seven, and Eight completed the unit about pronouns this week. They are beginning the unit on prepositions and prepositional phrases.

Social Studies:

Grade Six students completed the unit about ancient Rome. They learned about the Patricians and the Plebeians as well as the extent of the Roman Empire. The next unit involves the study of the continent of Asia, especially the countries of China, Japan, and India.

Grade Seven students are working on the standard concerning westward expansion. They will be learning about Manifest Destiny and the Mexican American War.

Grade Eight students completed the chapter about the fall of the Soviet Union. They are beginning a unit about more modern global concerns including poverty and environmental issues.

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Mrs. Laura Berns: Science (6-7-8) Standard Math (6-7-8)
Miss Ashley Schaaf: Science (6-7-8) Challenge Math (6&7) Algebra 8

Math:

In Sixth Grade Standard Math, we are creating and interpreting different graphs and tables.

In Sixth Grade Challenge Math, we are exploring different forms of representing data. We are studying line graphs, and getting into samples and populations.

In Seventh Grade Standard Math, we are identifying parts of a circle and calculating area and circumference.

In Seventh Grade Challenge Math, we are working with perimeter and area of circles, and moving into volume of polygons.

In Eighth Grade Standard Math, we are naming angle relationships and identifying their measure.

In Eighth Grade Challenge Math, we are continuing with quadratic equations - both graphing and solving.

Science:

Congratulations to Aiden Doty, Katie Cyr, Lucy Schlichting, Gillian Neal, Frannie Benoist and Merritt Jugo. They will be representing St. Raphael at the Academy of Science St. Louis Science Fair this weekend.

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

<u>Literature:</u> Eighth Grade has finished reading Romeo and Juliet and will begin acting out the scenes over the next few weeks. Seventh and Sixth Grades are moving along and are enjoying getting to know the interesting characters of William Shakespeare's works.

<u>Vocabulary Workshop</u> schedule should be taped/stapled to their vocabulary book cover or in their assignments books. I've also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Our Unit 15 spelling a vocabulary test will be Wednesday, May 10th.

Religion: Sixth - Family Life

Religion: Seventh - Confirmation - What happens after Confirmation?

Religion: Eighth - Family Life

STUCO NEWS



Wednesday, May 3rd - Officer Elections

May 8th-12th - Canned Food Drive



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KENRICK GLENNON DAYS

June 2017 Kenrick-Glennon Seminary 5200 Glennon Drive St. Louis, MO 63119

Dear Campers,

The Office of Vocations is pleased to announce Kenrick-Glennon Days 2017, which will take place at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, 5200 Glennon Drive St. Louis, MO 63119. Kenrick Glennon Days 2017 will offer two sessions. Session I: June 5 th through –June 7 th will be open to those boys who will be entering the 6th and 7th grade in the fall of 2017. Session II: June 8 th –June 10 th and will be open to boys entering 8th and 9th grades. This program is designed to provide grade school boys and young men in high school an opportunity to have fun and discover more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. Check- in for each session will be at 3:00 p.m.

Check-out will be at 11:00 a.m. immediately following the closing Mass. Due to space limitations we are unable to accommodate the parents at the closing Mass.

Camp fee is \$100. Attached you will find a registration form for the 2017 camp. All registration and medical release forms are also available online at stlvocations.org. Please mail these forms with a \$100 check payable to the Office of Vocations to:

The Office of Vocations % Renae Novak-Kenrick-Glennon Days 5200 Glennon Drive Saint Louis, MO 63119 For questions or concerns, please contact Renae Novak by email Rnovak@archstl.org or call 314.792.6465. Please register before May 24, 2017.

Sincerely.

Fr. Brian Fallon

Associate Vocation Director-Archdiocese of St. Louis

Kenrick-Glennon Days Summer Camp Registration Form 6 th -9 th graders

Kenrick-Glennon Days is an overnight program designed to offer young men an opportunity to experience life as a seminarian. The purpose of this camp is to learn more about how to discern a possible vocation to the priesthood.

Location: Kenrick-Glennon Seminary 5200 Glennon Drive St. Louis, MO 63119

Session I: June 5-June 7, 2017 for 6th and 7th graders (Fall 2017)

Session II: June 8-June 10, 2017 for 8th and 9th graders (Fall 2017)

Times: Check-in is at 3:00 p.m. Check out is at 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$100

Registration will close on May 24th or when camp is full. Please mail registration forms, the medical release form and a \$100 check, payable to the Office of Vocations to: Office of Vocations Attn: KGD-Renae Novak 5200 Glennon Dr. St. Louis, MO 63119

Once registered, additional information including a list of things to bring will be mailed or emailed to you as part of your confirmation. This information is also available online at www.stlvocations.org. If you have any questions, please call Renae Novak in the Office of Vocations at 314.792.6465 or email Rnovak@archstl.org

Name:	Grade :	(2017-2018)	Session:
Address:		City:	State:
Zip: Home Phone:			
Parish:	_ School:		
Parent's Email Address:		_ Cell #:	
T-Shirt Size: S M LG XL XXL (Adult sizes-Please circle)			

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LIABILITY/PUBLICITY/MEDICAL RELEASE FORM Kenrick-Glennon Days June 4-10, 2017 Session I: ____ Session II: ____ Junior Counselor: ____ Participant's Name _____ Grade: ____ (2017-2018) Age Birth Date: ____/ Parish _____ Parent or Guardian: Insurance Company _____ Policy #____ Group #____ Family Physician _____ Phone # (______) _____ Allergies: _____ Current Medications: Medical History: ____ LIABILITY/PUBLICITY RELEASE __ to participate in Kenrick-Glennon I grant my permission for my child I grant my permission for my child_______ to participate in Kenrick-Giennon Days to be held at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury, MO. As parent or legal guardian, I remain fully responsible and liable for any claims brought against the Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of St. Louis which may result from any action taken by my child. I furthermore authorize the Office of Vocations to use photographs and/or images in connection with printed, electronic or social media presentations for the purposes of advertising Kenrick-Glennon Days or other initiatives of the Office of Vocations provided that the Office of Vocations is not authorized to sell such photographs and/or images to any other person or entity without my consent. Parent Signature: Date: **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT** In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to the Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, its directors, volunteers or representatives associated with the camp, to transport my child to a hospital to receive emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. I relieve the Office of Vocations of all responsibility and consequences that may arise as a result of this treatment. I will not hold the Office of Vocations liable in the event of any injury. Further, I agree to accept any and all financial responsibility as a result of scheduling medical treatment. My child agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations stated by the Office of Vocations and its staff. I understand that the Office of Vocations will not be liable for any injury and if my child fails to cooperate with regulations that any infraction of the rules may result in immediate dismissal from the camp at my expense. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above number, contact: Relationship:______Telephone #_____ Parent Signature: Date: I hereby grant permission for nonprescription medication (such as aspirin, throat lozenges, cough drops) to be given to my child, if deemed advisable by the emergency medical personnel supplied by the Office of vocations, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Parent Signature: ______Date: _____

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In the event it comes to the attention of the Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, its directors, volunteers of representatives associated with the camp, that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache,

Parent Signature: Phone:

vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I wand to be called.

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The focus is on learning *how* to think rather than on *what* to think.

What parents should know:

Ages: Completing kindergarten through 8th grade Dates: June 12-23, June 26-July 7, July 10-21

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Childcare: Available before and after camp Location: Wydown Middle School in Clayton

Tuition: only \$475!!

For more information:

Visit http://giftedresourcecouncil.org/pdf/S17.pdf Call Gifted Resource Council at 314.962.5920 Email at info@giftedresourcecouncil.org

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Looking for activities as you plan your summer? Be sure to check out Notre Dame's camp offerings! Link: <u>Summer Information</u>

NDHS is offering several camps in athletics and enrichment.

Enrichment camps include cooking, sewing, 3D printing, crafting and a COED theatre camp. Be sure to check out descriptions, dates/times, and costs at the link above. We hope to see you this summer!

ENRICHMENT CAMPS Theatre 101 (Coed)
Grades: 5-9 | Dates: June 5-9, 9a.m.-11a.m.

Young Chefs - CAMP IS FULL! Summer Sewing - Beginners

Grades: 5-8 | Dates: June 5-9, 12pm-2pm

Let's Get Crafty

Grades: 5-8 | Dates: June 12-16, 12pm-2pm

3D @ ND

Grades: 5-9 | Dates: June 12-16, 9am-11am

ATHLETICS CAMPS

Softball

Grades: 6-12 | Dates: May 30-June 2, 10am -12pm

Cheerleading

Grades: 4-12 | Dates: June 5-8, 10am-12pm

Basketball

Grades: 3-7 | Dates: June 5-8, -1pm-3pm Grades: 8-9 | Dates: June 5-8, 3pm-5pm Graces: 10-12 | Dates: June 5-8, 5pm-7pm

Tennis

Grades: 4-12 | Dates: June 19-22, 10am-12pm *To be held at Sylvan Springs Tennis Courts*

Vollevball

Grades: 8-9 | Dates: June 12-15, 4pm-6pm Grades: 10-12 | Dates: June 12-15, 6pm-8pm Grades: 3-5 | Dates: June 19-22, 4pm-6pm Grades: 6-7 | Dates: June 19-22, 6pm-8pm

Soccer

Grades: 3-8 | Dates: June 26-29, 4pm-6pm Grades: 9-12 | Dates: June 26-29, 6pm-8pm *To be held at St. Mary's High School*

Field Hockey

Grades: 6-12 | Dates: July 10-13, 6pm-8pm

Lacrosse

Grades: 6-12 | Dates: July 17-20, 6pm-8pm

REBEL CAMPOUT EXPERIENCE

Grades: 5-8

Date: June 29-30, Drop Off: 7:30pm | Pick Up: 7:30am

*Registration to go up May 1st





Watch Notre Dame's Social Media this Saturday, April 22nd. NDHS faculty, staff, students, parents, alumnae, friends, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame will be performing different volunteer service projects in the community. This one-day service event will bring the entire Notre Dame community together, and it is an opportunity to live out the SSND mission of serving women, children, and the poor.

Other ND Stories

Notre Dame Names New Head Volleyball Coach

Madelon Belaska (Immaculate Conception-Columbia) names Scholar Athlete

On to State for ND WYSE Team

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