

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

"Faith- Believing in God and all He has revealed." September's Virtue of the month

Dear St. Raphael the Archangel Family,

We hope our families enjoy reading the first volume of *The Guide* for the 2021-2022 school year. *The Guide* is a monthly message containing the happenings in each classroom and what to expect in the upcoming month. In addition, it includes the month's calendar and student birthdays along with a short article from each teacher about their class events. I also try to highlight essential reminders in a cover letter from the Principal. *The Guide* is published on the last Thursday of each month. If you ever have a flyer or information to be added to *The Guide*, please be sure to submit it to Mrs. Shaver by the last Wednesday of the month.

Thank you to all who attended the Home and School "Back to School Night." Thank you, also, to the Home and School Executive Team for planning this event. We hope you enjoyed the relaxed "open house" format this year. It was nice to visit with so many parents and have our families see our classrooms. It's good to be back! Two weeks have gone by since the first day of school, and things seem to be falling into place. The sounds of active, happy students are filling the halls once again. I think the kids are HAPPY to be back!

No School-- tomorrow, Friday, August 27, (Preschool & K-8)

The Parish Picnic Committee needs time to set up the picnic on Friday and Saturday. Hope you enjoy the picnic this weekend!

Just a reminder to complete the **Daily Health Survey** each morning, **so here is the link again**. We are asking for one survey per family this year.

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How to add to an iPhone/iOS device:

<https://www.macrumors.com/how-to/add-a-web-link-to-home-screen-iphone-ipad/>

How to add to an Android device:

<https://www.wikihow.com/Set-a-Bookmark-Shortcut-in-Your-Home-Screen-on-Android>

If you have a child home sick, please call or email the office to let us know in the morning. Each day, Mrs. Shaver will be contacting all families with absent students without notification from parents or students missing the health screenings. Notifying the school and completing the daily health survey will cut down on those calls each morning. Thank you.

As we move into September, some of our extracurricular programs (dance, karate, chess) will be back this year. Outside vendors provide those programs and send flyers home through the school. Families can sign up with the program providers.

Mark your calendar for these important September events:

- 9/1 8th grade parent meeting 6:30 PM
- 9/2 Palmer Music Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
- 9/6 NO School Prek-8- Labor Day
- 9/8 History Day Parent Meeting 6:30 PM
- 9/17 Uniform Picture Day
- 9/20-23 Iowa Testing Gr. 2-8
- 9/24 No School- K-8 PD for Teachers--- Preschool will be Open
- 9/29 SRA Feast Day
- 9/30 Impact Life Blood Drive Bus 2-7 PM

May our school be blessed with a healthy and happy school year!

Mrs. Hayes

Announcements



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



August Birthdays

Andrea Mense-1

Ethan Bozada-1

Mac Teeter-2

Lucas Mense-3

Lucas Feldman-3

Leo Colona-7

Daniella Giambrone-13

Kingston Murphy-13

Claire Fuhr-15

Rosalina Maxfield-16

Caroline Fissel-18

Dervla Sheehan-20

Oliver Mask-22

Anna-Grace Guenther-23

Lillian O'Mara-27

Miss Franks-27

Jack Delf-28

Lucas Fuhr-29

Samantha Zouglas-29

Mae Klein-30

Melissa Colin-31





Important Calendar Dates and Notes:

- September 1—8th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30 pm**
- September 2—Palmer Music Parent Meeting 6:00pm**
- September 6—Labor Day—No School Preschool-8**
- September 8—History Day Parent Meeting 6:30pm**
- September 17—Uniform Picture Day**
- September 20-23—Iowa Testing Grades 2-8**
- September 24—No School K-8 PD for Teachers—
Preschool is open**
- September 27—Iowa Make-up Day**
- September 30—Impact Life Blood Drive Bus 2-7pm**

Miss Molly: Preschool A

The PreK Angels are having a great start to school. They are getting to know each other and making new friends. The kids have been to gym and met Mr. McDermott and played games with him. We are already busy working on shapes and letters. This is a great group and we are going to have fun this year! Thank you and God Bless.

Mrs. Tate: Prekindergarten

What an awesome start to the new school year. We have spent most of our time meeting new friends, learning our routine, and showing me what they know. We have had fun using shaving cream to work on shapes as well as making shapes out of toothpicks. We have made 2 class books and practice spelling and writing our names. I can't wait to see what September brings us but I am sure we will have a lot of fun while learning. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of the families for being so friendly, helpful and understanding these first 2 weeks. We are going to have a great year!



Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

We have been busy in Kindergarten, practicing our new routines and getting to know new friends. This week we began center rotations working at various literacy and math stations. We are reviewing letters and introducing letter sounds using Zoo Phonics. The students have been working in their journals daily using beginning sight words to start a sentence and drawing. We've been working together to learn the Our Father and the Hail Mary prayers. Last week, our religion lesson talked about how Jesus welcomes all of us and how we can be kind and welcome each other into our classroom community. We're looking forward to a great year!



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

First grade is thrilled to be back in school! We hope and pray for a safe and healthy year.



Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

Second grade is taking off running this year! We are beginning the year with a lot of review of the concepts we learned in First Grade. Our favorite things to do right now are Read Alouds and an interactive game called Scoot! We are excited to see what this new year has in store for us! It was great to meet so many parents at our Back to School Night!



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade is off to a great start. We are reading Storyworks Magazine and enjoying oral reading with a lot of expression on a selection of plays. We have played a Math Game on the board adding 2 digits plus 2 digits. We are learning about the 12 Apostles for religion and their symbols in church art. Our school song, Trading Our Sorrows, has been fun to hear and watch on the NEW SmartBoards. Yes, Lord!



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

Welcome back to school! I am excited to get the new school year underway. I hope everyone had a great summer! In 4th grade religion, we have gotten right to work learning more about Jesus. I think the best part is being able to go back to mass every day. If you think of it, ask a fourth-grader who Jesus was speaking with when He recited John 3:16. They might just know the answer!

In 4th grade social studies, we have discussed the kinds of things we will be learning in class this year.

In 4th and 5th grade English, both classes have finished and submitted their first piece of writing. We are well underway in working out of our textbooks too, learning all about the structure of a sentence.

In 7th grade religion, we have begun learning in-depth how Jesus is our friend.

Let's pray for good weather for the parish picnic this weekend!

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

Fifth Grade: We have had a fantastic start to the new school year! The students are getting back into the school routine. During religion class, the focus has been on how Jesus worships and how we can imitate Him. In math, our attention has been on place value and being able to compare and round numbers. During literature, the students have been working on summarizing.

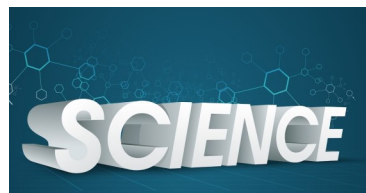
Fourth Grade: I have enjoyed getting to know the fourth graders in the classroom setting. In math, the students are learning place value and how to write numbers through the millions in standard, expanded, and word form. We are also working on comparing and ordering large numbers. During literature, the students read a short story about a small child going owl hunting with his dad. The students learned about similes and metaphors and how comparing two different things can help you make connections more easily.

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

4th Grade Science Class is learning about Newton's First Law of Motion (INERTIA—an object at rest will stay at rest, and an object in motion will stay in motion). Also FORCE, GRAVITY, and FRICTION.

5th Grade Science is learning about MASS, VOLUME, and DENSITY of different objects and liquids.

6-7-8 groups are doing a Google Slide Presentation on a certain GEOLOGIC TIME PERIOD of the Earth's Past that they will present to their class on the Smart Board.

**Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education**

I am happy to be back and we are having fun in PE. We kicked off the year with some team building activities including this one, Hula Hoop Hut Relay. Students work on teams to build these huts out of hula hoops. This team of 6th and 8th graders was the only group able to build a three-story hut. Well done!



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

Welcome back to a new school year!

Students in Grade 6 religion will be learning about the Hebrews and their role as God's Chosen People. Eighth grade students will be exploring the history of the Roman Catholic Church as part of their religious studies.

Students in Grade 6 will go on a journey of discovery as they learn about many different cultures around the world.

Students in Grades 5, 7, and 8 will focus more on the history of the United States.

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

Hello, my name is Zach Almeida and I am the 6th—8th grade math teacher. I graduated from Xavier University with a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 2019. Previously I taught at DeSmet Jesuit High School as part of the Alum Service Corps program. I believe that the best way for students to learn is through practice. In my classroom students learn new concepts through individual, small group, whole group and practice games and activities.

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

The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have been working on pieces about themselves. The 6th graders have crafted memoir menus and random autobiographies. The 7th and 8th graders have composed pieces that use foot-notes to help tell the story. All three grades will be working on interviewing their families so they can write about the day they were born, which is a story that is all about them, but except for the stories that are told at family gatherings, the students have no knowledge about that event in their life.

The students will also be starting to read the first novel of the school year.

