

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

*Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
Luke 1:35*

Dear SRA Families,

As we grow ever so close to the end of our Advent Calendar and Jesse Tree Ornaments, the students know we are just days away from Christmas Day! We also bring to an end the Second Quarter of this school year and the end of the year 2019. The excitement has been brewing in our hallways for days!

Tomorrow will be the last day of school before the Christmas break. We have a NOON DISMISSAL AND NO AFTERCARE. The faculty and staff will be leaving campus soon after dismissal, so there will be no one staying after dismissal.

Tomorrow will also be an ACCESSORY DAY! Students may wear Christmas accessories with their uniforms. Accessories can be shirts worn over/with the uniform, socks, hats, bows, and other Christmas themed items.

Mrs. Franz wanted to remind families that the JANUARY Lunch orders needed to be received by tomorrow, December 20th.

Classes will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020. During the holiday break, the school will be closed for further restoration of the school entrance and hallway, along with replacing the kindergarten floor and cubbies. The school's main entrance will be closed to all during the next two weeks.

Now that the office restoration is almost complete, Mrs. Mechler and I are finally back in our offices! It has been a long semester of "going with the flow," but we made it! We appreciated your patience and support during the restoration process. Thank you!

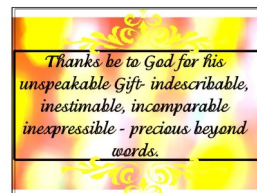
Once we return in January, the School Board will be sending home a Dress Code Survey in the Friday packets. We ask for your thoughts. Please complete the survey and return to school as soon as possible.

January tends to be a hectic month. Here are some of the upcoming events:

- January 6 Classes Resume
- January 9 Geography Bee
- January 10 2nd Quarter Report Cards Open
- January 15 Confirmation Parent Meeting
- January 16 Club and Class Pictures
- January 20 NO SCHOOL K-8- Martin Luther King Holiday
- January 21 Preschool Conference
- January 22 8th Grade leave for Pro-Life Trip
- January 26 Open House & beginning of Catholic Schools Week
- January 28 Spelling Bee
- January 31 Grandparent's Day - NOON Dismissal PreK-8th

May your family be blessed with Christmas JOY. Enjoy the holiday break, and we will see you back at school on Monday, January 6, 2020.

Christmas blessings,
Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

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



January Birthdays

Ryan Stawizynski-2
Hanleigh Gurley-3
Frank Koziacki-3
Sydney Browning-6
Anastasia Boxdorfer-6
Stella Ronshausen-7
Vincent Queathem-8
Quinn McIntyre-9
Chase McIntyre-9
Kerry Mense-9
Addison Pfeiffer-10
Isabella Pfeiffer-12
Gavin Eddingfield-13
Archie Geisz-17
Mitchell Jugo-25

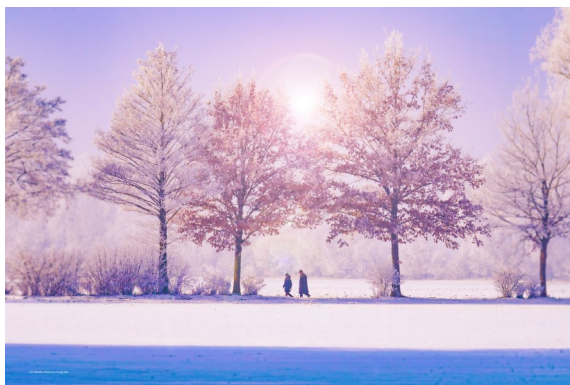
July ½ Birthdays

Helen Potts-2
Corinne Pendry-5
Vanessa Bess-6
Reese Pinkerton-7
Deacon Clark-10
Mrs. Diekhoff-10
Daisy Felling-13
Miss Jane-13
Mrs. Runiewicz-14
Harper Bradshaw-15
Nathaniel Freivogel-16
Charlie Adams-19
Cecelia Benner-7
Lucca LoBello-20
Ellie Kean-20
Aiden Stawizynski-22
Morgan Kiel-23
Ada Wichmer-23
Katelynn Feldman-24
John Winkelmann-24
William Morrell-25
Hazel Dougherty-28
Miss Diane-28
Carter Teeter-30



January

Jan. 6	School resumes Preschool – 8
Jan. 9	2:00pm Geography Bee – Gym
Jan. 9	2:00pm Dance
Jan. 10	5:00-8:00pm Culver's 8 th Grade Fund Raiser 10200 Big Bend Blvd.
Jan. 10	Report Cards Open
Jan. 14	3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Choir Practice
Jan. 15	6:30pm Confirmation Parent Meeting – School
Jan. 16	2:00pm Dance
Jan. 16	Class & Club Pictures taken in uniform
Jan. 18	6:30-8:30pm Father/Daughter Snowflake Ball
Jan. 20	MLK Day No School K-8 Preschool is open
Jan. 21	Preschool Conferences
Jan. 22-26	Pro-Life Trip to Washington, D.C.
Jan. 23	2:00pm Dance
Jan. 25	Robotics Jamboree & Coding Competition
Jan. 26	Catholic Schools Week 11:00am-3:00pm Open House Registration for 2020-21
Jan. 28	2:00 pm Spelling Bee – Gym
Jan. 28	3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Choir Practice
Jan. 30	2:00pm Dance
Jan. 31	8:00am Mass & Grandparents Day Activities in Gym Noon Dismissal Preschool -8 No Aftercare



I truly can't believe we are coming up on Christmas and the end of the semester. Over the last couple days, some students created various Christmas themed crafts on our STREAM Friday that I am sharing with you. I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas, a good New Year, and a joyous holiday season!



Miss Molly: Preschool A

The preschool Little Angels would like to wish everyone a very blessed and Merry Christmas. Happy New Year!!!



Miss Chris: Prekindergarten

The Bears are thoroughly excited about Christmas. They have learned that the best thing about Christmas is that it is Jesus' birthday. We are in joyful anticipation of all the festivities. Along with our excitement of the holidays, the Bears have been hard at work. They have worked on the letters L and M, with themes being the *Llama*, *Llama* books and *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* (and accompanying stories). They have been busy little elves, making cards and presents for their parents. We are looking forward to our Polar Express Day and our classroom Christmas party to finish out our celebrations this month. The Bears would like to wish everyone a truly blessed Christmas and joyful New Year.



Kindergarten News: Miss Lu Ann Domijan

We learned about Advent and made paper wreaths with candles on which we placed a paper flame each week. We listened to stories about Advent and know some Advent poems. Kindergarten is anxiously waiting for the birth of Jesus. On St. Nicholas Day we had pajama day. When we arrived to school there was a silver bell, Polar Express ticket and a candy cane for the Kindergarten class. We listened to the story The Polar Express and did some classroom activities. On Friday we watched the movie and ate popcorn. The Gingerbread unit was enjoyable. We listened to the stories The Gingerbread Man, The Gingerbread Girl, The Gingerbread Boy, Gingerbread Baby, and The Ninjabread Man. We did sequencing, retold, compared and contrasted the stories.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

PRE-K-K: Students are continuing with rhythm and steady beat. We will be introducing long and short sounds.

KINDERGARTEN -EIGHTH GRADES: Through song and dialogue the students worked very hard to share the true meaning of Christmas with one and all. I am so proud of how hard they worked to put on a beautiful program.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

First grade wants to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



Second Grade News: Mrs. Leslie Lewis

Second grade had a wonderful month. The most important part was making our First Reconciliation. We feel so much closer to God.

Have a peaceful, safe Christmas and New Year.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Ms. Polson read us some wonderful Christmas stories: *Gift of the Magi*, *The Littlest Christmas Tree*, *The 12 Bots of Christmas* and Carole Marsh's, *The White House Christmas Mystery*. Our class enjoys reading Storyworks Magazine and in particular we love the plays. *The Myth*, and *Revenge of the Gods* gave us a bit of wisdom: Never doubt the power of old age. In math we have been discussing systems of measurements and estimating object lengths (centimeters, decimeters, meters, and kilometers). How far is it to the North Pole? We are grateful to Mrs. Doty and Mrs. Hayes gentle guidance for a wonderful 2019 Christmas show, Journey to Bethlehem. It was a fun performance!

Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 7)

The Christmas Program has come and gone, but I must say the children did a great job! They were excited to get into the school to perform.

Then they were patiently waiting their turn.



Merry Christmas everyone! We'll see you in 2020!

Of course, we had to be goofy too!



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

Fifth Grade: In religion, the students have been studying the parts of the Mass. We are discussing why we say certain words and do particular actions throughout the Mass. During math, the students have been working on solving problems that included decimals. In literature, the students worked on researching an endangered animal. They created a slideshow about their animal to teach the class about the characteristics and reasons for endangerment. They also created a google drawing of their animal.

Fourth Grade: In math, the students have been working hard on learning how to estimate and divide larger numbers. I have loved seeing "the light bulb come on" for several students. During literature, the students have finished reading There's a Girl in the Boy's Bathroom. I loved hearing the students laugh and get so engaged in a book.

Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

The students have finished working on field hockey skills that included: dribbling, passing and shooting skills. I believe most of the students enjoyed this sport that was new to the majority of them. They really caught on to the game and had fun with it.

My students are now working on football skills such as: throwing, catching, and running. One activity that stands out as a favorite is the game called the gauntlet. The activity consists of running and dodging other players. Who knows, maybe we have some NFL running backs down the road!

The primary students participated in a game called "broken field running." Each student had to hike the ball back to their teammate and the last person had to then run with the ball while holding the ball in the proper way, which we call "eagle claw."

Before the Christmas holiday break, primary students will participate in a fun activity called Christmas signals. Every student has a chance to go to the North Pole and play Santa Claus. With Christmas music, students should definitely enjoy this game.

I hope everyone has a very Happy Holiday! Looks like it could be a white Christmas this year!

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

Religion: We are reviewing the Ten Commandments and how they apply to our lives today. We are continuing to follow the Israelites on their journey back to Canaan.

Grade 5 SS: We are completing our study of the English colonies and will soon be learning about the American Revolution.

Grade 6 SS: We have been learning about ancient civilizations in Asia. Our next tour of study will be Medieval Europe.

Grade 7 SS: We have been studying the U.S. Constitution. Our next topic will involve the administration of George Washington.

Grade 8 SS: We will be looking at the Roaring Twenties and how the United States eventually became involved in the Great Depression.

History Day students: A reminder - after the Christmas break, please expect to stay after school more often. Plan to spend time on Saturdays at school well.

Merry Christmas, everyone! May God send you a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year!

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

In all math classes, we are finishing up the chapter and will be taking our last chapter test for the quarter.

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

We've made it halfway through the year! Wishing each of you a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Literature: We will begin to work on our Holocaust novels in January. Although this topic is a difficult one to read and discuss, it is important for our students to understand the atrocities of this time period.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to their vocabulary book cover or in their assignment books. I've also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. We will start back up with Vocabulary Workshop after Christmas break with Unit 7 test on January 16th and Unit 8 on January 30th.

Religion: 8th grade will continue our journey through the history of our church.

7th grade will begin our preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Please watch for information about necessary documents and required assignments.

Merry Christmas from the SRA Class of 2020!

