

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace. May we live this and everyday conscious of all that has been given to us.
— From *The Catholic Prayer Book*, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley

November 23, 2020

Dear SRA Families,

We are a blessed community. One in which I am grateful to be the school's principal. We are blessed with outstanding, dedicated educators who tirelessly come to school each day to teach our children. We are blessed with great kids that joyfully hop out of their cars each morning, ready to start their day. We are blessed with support staff that ensures our building is safe and clean and serves our children hot lunches in their classrooms each day. We are blessed with supportive parents who respectfully follow all of our extra guidelines with kindness. We are blessed by a passionate pastor, Fr. John, who is there for all of us. Do I need to say more.....we are blessed.

I am sure you will be hearing more from me over the Thanksgiving Break and into our virtual week of classes, but I wanted to remind everyone of the plan for returning after the break.

The week of November 30-Dec. 3-- Virtual Classes
(Dec.4- No Direct Instruction)

The week of December 7-10 Return to In-person Classes
(Dec. 11- No Direct Instruction)

The COVID Task Team will be watching the health trends while we are away from school. We will let you know if any changes are made to our current plans to return to in-person learning on Dec. 7. In the meantime, please keep me informed if your family develops any health concerns while we are away from school.

Wishing Fr. John a Happy Birthday, tomorrow!
Enjoy your Thanksgiving Break!

Blessings,

Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

January Birthdays

Ryan Stawizynski-2
Frank Koziacki-3
Sydney Browning-6
Anastasia Boxdorfer-6
Stella Ronshausen-7
Kerry Mense-9
Addison Pfeiffer-10
Isabella Pfeiffer-12
Gavin Eddingfield-13
Mitchell Jugo-25

July ½ Birthdays

Helen Potts-2
Corinne Pendry-5
Vanessa Bess-6
Reese Pinkerton-7
Olivia Wegman-8
Deacon Clark-10
Harper Bradshaw-15
Roman VanHuysse-15
Nathaniel Freivogel-16
Thomas Potts-17
Charlie Adams-19
Lucca LoBello-20
Ellie Kean-20
Katelynn Feldman-24
Hazel Dougherty-28
Miss Diane-28
Carter Teeter-30



December Birthdays

Lydia Eddingfield-2
Miss Debbie-3
Marie Reynolds-3
Sophia Bradshaw-11
Jio Raymo-12
Louise Zitko-15
Archie Geisz-17
Jonah Abbott-18
Andrew Sensmeyer-18
Brandon Young-19
Aidan Flavin-20
Lauren Stawizynski-26
William (Liam) Feldman-27
Eleanore Goodman-27
Henry Cyr-28

June ½ Birthdays

Alice Chitwood-2
Liliana Schoen-2
Nolan Moellering-5
Sam Weiss-6
Paul Dougherty-7
Jacob Humiston-8
Miles Houska-Belosi-8
Eleanor Chitwood-12
Sofia Rizos-20
Elliot Ottenad-20
Henry Bradford-21
Jude Potts-23
Frances Steidley-23
Evan Ilg-23
Dalila Ramirez-25
Isadora Hogrebe-28
Margaret Kleissler-29
Thomas Goltermann-29
Sophia Molina-30



- Dec. 1 2nd Grade First Reconciliation
- Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 12 Bellarmine Speech
- Dec. 17 1:00-2:00pm Christmas Event in Classrooms
- Dec. 18 End of Second Quarter
- December 18 – January 3 Christmas Break** Preschool – 8

January 2021

- Jan. 4 - 8** School will have virtual classes
- Jan. 11** In School Classes Resume for Preschool – 8

- Jan. 8 Report Cards Open
- Jan. 14 Class & Club Pictures Taken in Uniforms
- Jan. 18 **MLK Day No School K – 8** Preschool is Open

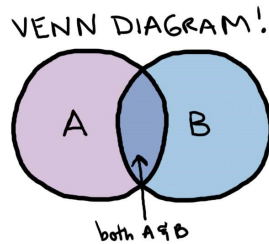


*True thanksgiving means
that we need to thank
God for what
He has done for us,
and not to tell Him what
we have done for Him.*

4th Grade has been learning about the interactions of living and non-living things in different ecosystems. Students learned about food webs and explored the unique food webs of various ecosystems through interactive food webs.



5th Grade investigated various ocean animals on the Active Wild website and documented their findings. Students created Venn diagrams comparing and contrasting the distinguishing characteristics of amphibians and reptiles.



6th, 7th, & 8th Grades completed a WebQuest tour of the periodic table and documented the unique properties and characteristics of the first fourteen elements of the periodic table. Students are learning how molecules and compounds are formed through covalent and ionic bonding.

The Periodic Table

1 H																	2 He
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
55 Cs	56 Ba	57-71 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
87 Fr	88 Ra	89-103 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu			
89 Ac	90 Th	91 Pa	92 U	93 Np	94 Pu	95 Am	96 Cm	97 Bk	98 Cf	99 Es	100 Fm	101 Md	102 No	103 Lr			

Miss Molly: Preschool A

The Angels had a very busy month. We learned all about the fun things in fall. We worked on the letters E, F, and T. We have been busy cutting and coloring to make beautiful turkeys for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are so thankful to be together in school. The Angels can make new friends and learn and grow in a safe environment. Everyone in the Angel room wishes you a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.



Mrs. Reck: Prekindergarten

The Preschool Bears are busy discovering what Thanksgiving is all about. Unlike the nine lepers who neglected to thank Jesus when he cured them, the children are quick to list people and things for which they are thankful. Our author this month is Mo Willems, who inspired us to try to draw some of our favorite characters from his books. We are nearly halfway through the alphabet.



Kindergarten News: Miss Lu Ann Domijan

During the month of November the kindergarten class has studied about turkeys and have written about things for which they are thankful.



We made huge turkeys and painted fall decorations and pictures.



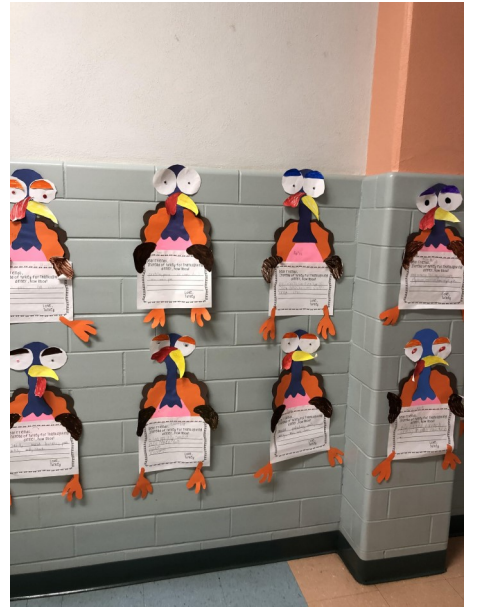
At center time we have used the Chromebooks and Ipad.



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

November has gone by so quickly. We are enjoying our unit on animals. The students are in the process of classifying animals using magazines and pasting pictures of animals on a large chart outside our classroom. We are also learning how to take notes by using non-fiction books about animals to learn the characteristics of each animal type we are studying. Our creative writing skills have really started to take flight. We wrote about how we would disguise our turkeys so they would be safe from our Thanksgiving tables. The students were so creative and wrote wonderful stories to go with their disguises. We also wrote about alternative foods we think should be on the Thanksgiving Day menu. Have you ever thought about having jellybeans, quesadillas, chocolate ice cream, or pizza on your menu? The students had a lot of great ideas.

First grade wants to wish everyone a very blessed Thanksgiving Day!



Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

Second grade has been enjoying our last few nice days of the season by taking some of our lessons outside. We even explored natural and man-made resources on a class walk. We grew as readers and writers, as we learned about point of view and wrote our own personal narratives.

Please keep the second grade in your prayers as we continue our Sacramental preparation for our First Reconciliation. We are practicing examining consciences and forgiving in preparation to receive the gift of God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness
Is the
Foundation
for Reconciliation

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade has been working on our SmartBoard making Word Webs. We have been reading GetEpic.com online to build our class caterpillar. We have 4 badges thus far and 400 points. Ms. Polson read us The Little Red Lighthouse and we discussed our school theme, "Your great Love will Lead Us through." Our virtual friend, Mark, joined us dressed as Saint Louis and we took some outdoor photos on the steps of school. In science, Quinn's purple Hot Wheel car won for the yellow pod. The car traveled an average of 289 centimeters during our speed ramp trial. Congratulations! For math, we are plotting coordinates (ordered pairs) points on a grid.

We look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving very soon.



Third Grade Class hard at work



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

The fourth and fifth grade English classes have just finished the unit on nouns and will soon be taking the unit test. In the next unit we will be learning about verbs. We will also begin learning how to write a comparison/contrast essay.

Fourth grade religion, we finished learning about how God strengthens us to be holy. We will be moving on to learn more about how we can show our love for God and others by keeping the Commandments.

Fourth-grade social studies has led us through the conflicts and hardships of the many wars in which the United States has been involved. We have discussed the economic setbacks and recoveries, as well as new challenges we have faced as a country. We will be learning more in-depth about the civil unrest that we have encountered as a nation and how people have worked tirelessly to help ease this unrest.

The seventh-grade religion class is focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation, including the signs and symbols of those three sacraments. We will then turn our attention to the Parables that Jesus told.

I wish everyone a safe and healthy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Michele Swaney: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

The fifth graders went for an outing to Willmore park at the beginning of November.

Their focus in religion has been on the Eucharist and celebrating the mass. In math, they are working on everything decimals. They just finished a story from *Mary Poppins* called *Laughing Gas* and are now reading about Johnny Appleseed. We just started a special project about endangered animals and are researching these animals to create a slide presentation. Everyone likes this project!

The fourth graders have been busy reading a novel titled "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom," and they just started a project to create a slide show about the story. They are all still learning how to create their slides with Google classroom and this is a big step for them. Math has been all about multiplying and dividing equations and solving inequalities. We are also reviewing what we learned. We are practicing on Google classroom for the upcoming virtual week after Thanksgiving.

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

Students in grade six religion are beginning to learn how the Israelites left Egypt under the leadership of Moses. Eighth grade religion students are continuing their study of the four Marks of the Catholic Church.

In grade six social studies, we are learning about the history and geography of ancient India. Students in grade seven will be completing their study of the English colonies. Fifth grade social studies students are learning about the American Revolution and continue to work on their note-taking skills. Eighth grade students have completed their study of the Industrial Revolution and will begin learning about the Spanish-American War.

History Day students should be reading material and taking notes for their topics.

A happy and healthy Thanksgiving to everyone!

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

In standard math, we are working with decimals and fractions.

In challenge math, we are working with fractions, mixed numbers, and equations.

In pre-algebra we are starting our geometry unit.

In algebra we are working with linear equations

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

The 8th and 6th graders created book trailers for the book they finished. (The 7th grade will be doing this project next week and after the holiday break.) The middle-schoolers then voted on their favorite, and the winners are: Gavin, Claire, and Sofia.

Currently, the students are working on their NaNoWriMo stories (National Novel Writing Month). Each student had a goal of 5,000 words by the end of November, and some have already surpassed it. It is wonderful to hear students speaking with enthusiasm about their plots, and some of them even are upset when our writing sessions are over.

Bellarmino Speech Team

The three SRA students who will be participating in the December 12 "practice" competition are Ryan, Elizabeth, and Eleanore. They have been working hard on memorizing their pieces and this spring, they will represent SRA at the official competition (which will be done via Zoom).

