

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

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Hello SRA Families,

As we leap into March tomorrow, the 3rd Quarter grading period comes to an end. Monday, March 4, begins the 4th and final quarter of the year. It is hard to believe the year is moving along. The 3rd Quarter Report Cards will open for family viewing on Friday, March 8.

Spring Break is the week of March 11 through March 15. Classes will resume on Monday, March 18.

Easter is on Sunday, March 31 this year. Easter Break will begin on Thursday, March 28, Holy Thursday, and run through Monday, April 1. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

I'm sure students and teachers alike will enjoy some well-deserved time off from school.

Keep those **enrollment and registration fees** coming in! Thank you to all the families who have completed their registration for their children. I need to get information on the winners from the Registration Raffle, but I will send that information out as soon as possible.

PE Teacher Update- I am excited to announce that we have hired a new PE teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Jeff Klos will be joining our faculty next year. Mr. Klos comes to SRA with rich experience teaching physical education at the elementary and high school levels. He has been a varsity sports coach and athletic director at various high schools, along with teaching in other Catholic schools at the elementary level. Mr. Klos is certified to teach K-12 physical education with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from the University of Missouri and a Master of Education from Southwest Baptist University. He was also given the honor of being Missouri State High School Athletic Director of the Year in 2014. The best part is that he is so excited to be a part of the St. Raphael the Archangel community, and so am I! Thank you for saying, "Yes," Mr. Klos.

In the meantime, we have hired long-term substitute teachers for the rest of the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Barbara Thomas will substitute for the Upper School PE classes on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Mrs. Claire Jost will substitute for the Early Childhood classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ms. Decker will be the substitute for the Upper School classes on Fridays.

They have been teaching their classes for the past two weeks, and the administration will continue to assist and monitor the curriculum throughout the school year.

Our Bellarmine Speech Team competed a few weekends ago, and the students did a fantastic job! Congratulations to all who participated, and we are very proud of your accomplishments.

Anna W. - White Ribbon

Mark B. - Red Ribbon

Serena B. - Red Ribbon

Madi W. - Red Ribbon

Vivian S. - Red Ribbon

Andrea M. - Red Ribbon

Isa H. - Red Ribbon

Katelyn F. - Red Ribbon

Maddie L. - Red Ribbon

Emily K. - Yellow Ribbon - Perfect score for two performances with two different judges!

History Day is happening this Saturday. Keep our participants in your prayers on Saturday!

Finally, I've gotten some calls about next year's school calendar. Here are a few important dates to mark on your **calendar for the 2024-2025 school year**. The full calendar will be posted later this spring.

First Day of School - Monday, August 12, 2024

Thanksgiving Break - Wednesday, November 27-29, 2024

Christmas Break - Begins with a Noon Dismissal on Friday, December 20, 2024

Spring Break - Monday, March 17- Friday, March 21, 2024

Easter Break - Thursday, April 17- Monday, April 21, 2024

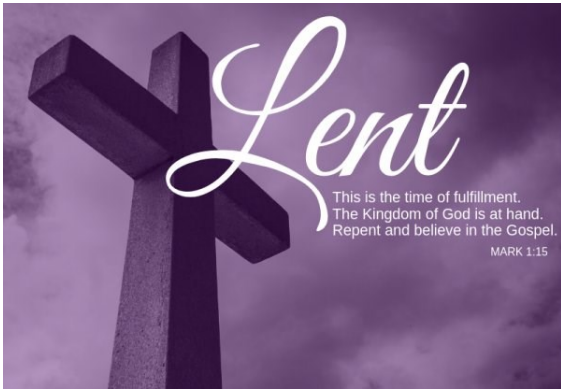
Last Day of School - Friday, May 23, 2024

Thank you for your continued support in making St. Raphael a wonderful community.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Hayes

Announcements

Daily Mass Time: 8:00am
Grades K-3 T/W/Th
Grades 4-8 M/W/Th



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Carly Weiss-1

Ayden Bardho-10

Rosie Klos-11

Charlie Ronshausen-12

Kate Ilg-14

Serena Barrett-16

Liam Masella-17

Ava Roth-18

Owen Abbott-23

Gus Schmitt-25

Piper Wright-25

Miss Woods-26

Mrs. Magee-26

Maura Kleissler-28

Louie Niemira-31

Bernie Powderly-31

March

Important Calendar Dates and Notes:

3/1—End of 3rd Quarter

3/8—Report Cards Open

3/11-3/15—Spring Break PK-8

3/18—School Board 7pm

Home & School 6:30pm

3/24—Palm Sunday

3/28-4/1—Easter Break PK-8





Miss Molly: Preschool A

February was a fun filled month for the Angels. They were able to have their Grandparents come to their school and enjoy a day with them. They had a great Valentine's party with their class. They had fun in the gym learning how to drive a car!! Then they had a special visit from a Dentist. It was a special visit because it was one of our students' moms who came to visit our room. They dressed up like teeth and learned all about the teeth and how to take care of them. We also worked on Letter I and our numbers.



Ms. Tracy: Prekindergarten

Pre-k continues to prepare for kindergarten. We continue to learn letters, sounds and numbers and writing them as well. We made conversation hearts dance and volcanos explode. Fun was had by all at our Valentine's Day party. The parents had conferences to see the progress of their children. It was a very busy but fun month.



Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

Because it's Black History month, we've been focusing on social justice in Kindergarten. We learned about Ruby Bridges and how her bravery and courage impacted our society. We're also learning about the presidents, focusing mainly on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will begin a money unit this week and we're also starting a unit on weather as we await Spring!



First Grade News: Mrs. Jessica Klein

First grade had a busy month! We are learning about graphs in math and are having fun thinking of questions, surveying our friends, tallying their answers and then making a graph to show the results. We are also learning about maps in social studies. The whole class has been amazed that Alexa and Google have not always been the ones giving directions! In religion, we are continuing to learn about the Lenten season and ways we can grow closer to Jesus during these 40 days.

Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

It was an exciting month in the Second grade! In Science, we learned about Natural Disasters and ways we can stay safe in them. In Math, we ended our Money Unit with our favorite assessment of the year, SECOND GRADE STORE. This realistic experience was the perfect end to a challenging unit.

We went on a Lenten walk with the Kindergarten and talked about the ways we can give to others. Please keep the Second grade in your prayers as we begin our Sacramental preparation for First Communion! This is an exciting step in our faith journey.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade had fun on Grandparent's Day. We prepared mass, played Bingo and got some great books at the Book Fair! Max E won our class rounds of Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament so he got to be in the All School Championship Tournament. That was new for us this year and we enjoyed it. In Math we have been doing a lot with visualizing fractions, using strips and learning other skills from Mrs. Bounds. Ms. Schmidt is also doing small group work with us. Ms. Polson read Carole Marsh's *The Mystery of the Mighty Mississippi*. We have fun with that genre.

Miss Gretchen Decker: Art

There was a good amount of artwork created in February! Here is what each grade made:

Pre-K: They created some small pieces of art like Valentine Trees, Emotions, Lent Art, etc. Now they are starting to create Four Leaf Clovers to celebrate St. Paddy's Day!

Kindergarten-1st: These students learned how to make some origami, valentine's day oil pastel drawings, and learned about Antoni Gaudi.

2nd-3rd: These students learned how to make origami, valentine's day acrylic painting, and completed a color mixing. Now they'll be creating an SRA mural out of yarn that is inspired by the "We the People" artwork from Crystal Bridges!

4th-8th: These students finished their art museum posters and are now starting their Still Life and Contour Drawing Projects! Both projects practice their observational skills along with drawing skills. I hope everyone has a great rest of their month along with the great weather coming in! (One can only hope it stays)

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

4th Grade Social Studies and English: After watching two movies about Civil Rights, the students are working together in groups to write a comparison/contrast of the two movies, *Ruby Bridges* and *Selma, Lord, Selma*. We have also been working hard on the *Dred Scott Trial*.

4th Grade English: The students just finished a unit and took a test on verbs. They will begin studying adjectives now.

4th Grade Religion: Students have just finished their studies of the Ten Commandments and have created a slide show. Next, they will be studying The Beatitudes.

4th Grade Literature: We are busy reading the award-winning novel *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963*.

5th Grade English: The students will just be finishing a unit on capitalization and punctuation. They will be taking a test on the unit at the end of this week.

7th Grade Religion: Students are continuing their work in preparation for their Confirmation at the end of April.

Mrs. Katie Meier: Religion (5), Math (4-6), Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

The 5th grade is finishing our third novel of the school year, *Esperanza Rising*. In Religion we are learning about the sacrament of Holy Orders and the Liturgical Season of Lent. In Math we are still in our Fraction Era! The end of February also brought the beginning of our JA BizTown program and we are preparing for our Field Trip to BizTown on 4/25.

4th Grade Math just started working with fractions; renaming, reducing to simplest form, and adding and subtracting!

6th Grade Standard Math is working on geometry and studying area and perimeter of different shapes.

6th Grade Challenge Math is finishing their unit on percent of change and simple interest.

We are all ready to finish the 3rd Quarter strong!

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

4TH Grade Science: Fourth Grade is finishing up Weathering, Erosion, and Landforms and will be going into the Unit on Volcanoes and Earthquakes.

5TH Grade Science: Just finished learning about stars, galaxies and the universe and our solar system. We will be learning the phases of the Moon and why we have seasons.

6TH, 7TH & 8TH Science: Are still finishing up the Jigsaw Project with each group teaching one of the Human Body Systems. Then we will be going into the Unit on Adaptations and Natural Selection.

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

Religion: Students in Grade 6 are beginning to study the Kings of Israel, beginning with King Saul. Students in Grade 8 continue to learn about Church history and the men and women who helped our Church grow.

Social Studies: Students in Grades 5 and 8 have begun exploring the causes and effects of the Civil War. Students in Grades 5 and 8 have begun exploring the causes and effects of the cultures. Grade 7 students are studying the beginnings of Islam and how it spread throughout the Middle East.

Mrs. Anne Stein: Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)

The middle school students are continuing to work hard in math. The 7th Grade Challenge class is beginning to learn about different ways of analyzing and representing data. The Pre-Algebra class is studying experimental and theoretical probability. The Algebra I students are learning about the properties of exponents and exponential functions. The Algebra II class is working on solving quadratic equations and operations with polynomials.

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

6th-8th ELA

The middle-schoolers are taking notes, in preparation for an argumentative piece. We are in the midst of nonfiction writing. All 3 grades are also working on their Civitas project (a project with a model UN here in St. Louis). We are researching our countries (each student is a "delegate" for a foreign country of their choice) and will eventually create a resolution to "solve" a problem that country has. We will be taking part in a General Assembly with Civitas on April 17.

The 6th and 7th graders are about to begin reading a new novel. The 8th graders are still immersed in *Unbroken*, which is a true story of a WWII Olympian and Airman who becomes a captive at a Japanese POW camp.