

# 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

Good afternoon, SRA Families,

We come to the end of February with a warm sunny day after a winter of some record-breaking temperatures. The sun and warmth feel great!

**Today is the last day** to register for some of the scholarships from the Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation. If you forgot, quickly apply today. For NEW and RETURNING families, an online application is required. Please visit [www.ttef-stl.org](http://www.ttef-stl.org).

Keep those school registrations coming in! The registration fee can be paid through FACTS this year after completing the enrollment packet. For the school to plan for next year, it is important to have returning families register by March 14. If the registration fee is a financial hardship at this time, please give me a call.

On Tuesday, March 4, our 7th and 8th graders will have a Retreat Day with the Marianist Retreat Center. The current 8th graders did not attend a retreat last year before their confirmation, so we have included them in this year's 7th-grade Confirmation retreat. The retreat will take place over the entire day in the rectory. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you have already turned in your lunch form for March, you will be credited for this day. Keep our students in your prayers on this day.

It is hard to believe, but Lent begins on Wednesday, March 5, with Ash Wednesday. All are welcome to attend, and ashes will be distributed to our community.

Next Friday, March 7, will be the end of Quarter 3. The Report Cards will be distributed through ALMA on Friday, March 14.

Friday, March 14, will be our final SIP half-day! I know our parents will be happy to hear this!. It is a **noon dismissal** day, and we **do not have Aftercare** this afternoon. We have much to do to make the school physically shine for our visiting team.

We are coming to an end of two long years of planning for our School Improvement Plan (SIP) visit. Last night, the completed report was delivered to the team visiting our school. They will visit next month on April 3 and 4. This endeavor took many hours of work from numerous dedicated teachers, parents, and parishioners. I was so proud of the work completed and the honest integrity of our teams. I know our visitors will see and experience what SRA has to offer.

St. Raphael the Archangel School PreK-8th grade will be on Spring Break the week of March 17-21. Classes will resume on Monday, March 24.

I am ending my message with the beautiful letter we received from the Claver House. They were so appreciative of our generosity that I wanted you to read their words of appreciation for yourself.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Hayes

# Think Spring!!!



# Claver House

Revitalization 2000, Inc

St. Raphael the Archangel School ST. RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CLASS OF 2025 All proceeds support graduation events for the 8th Grade Class Free Will Offerings Support our students and enjoy a sweet treat before Lent. A little bite goes a long way! Cash and card accepted

Julie Hayes

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February 5, 2025

*When a big family down the street had a child in the ICU, Susan regularly brought large pots of soup or stew - and then cleaned up the mess. We all know plenty of stories like these. When we "find God in all things," we are going to find him in stories like these, which is all Jesus was saying with "I was hungry, and you fed me ...." And it really doesn't take all that many brains to figure out what that entails as long as we pray about it. - Fr. Joseph Tellow, SJ,*

Julie,

Thank you for the Ste. Raphael the Archangel school donation of breakfast snacks and personal care items to our Claver House School Supplies program.

Fr. Tellow has a wonderful way of simplifying the truth without diminishing it. "I was hungry, and you fed me," is a verse from the Matthew 25 narrative about the end of the world and Christ's returning to separate the sheep from the goats. I get chills at the response of the sheep when they innocently ask exactly how they fed Jesus. Their response to the needs of others had become a simple reflex, once intentional acts that became habits, formed through prayer not brains (if being a sheep in this story demanded intelligence, a grace that God distributes unevenly, His selection process would hardly be just).

Who are the hungry? They are all who suffer, be it materially or spiritually. Who is the "big family down the street," or as Christ similarly asked, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" (Matthew 12:50). There is a big family, our neighbors "down the street" in the Ville, who need our assistance. Julie, St. Raphael the Archangel School is helping to support this family, in so doing answering the gospel call for our involvement in addressing issues of poverty. Because you are developing in your students a reflex to give, Claver House can offer on-site ways to directly engage with the poor. We thank you and invite students and staff to come and join us in our hands-on efforts.

With gratitude,

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## Announcements

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

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

### March Birthdays

Carly Weiss-1

Ayden Bardho-10

John Anstey-11

Skyla Garcia-11

Rosie Klos-11

Charlie Ronshausen-12

Kate Ilg-14

Serena

Barrett-16

Liam Masella-17

Ava Roth-18

Dominic Indelicato-21

Lucy Mathis-22

Owen Abbott-23

Harper Bahr-25

Gus Schmitt-25

Piper Wright-25

Miss Woods-26

Mrs. Magee-26

Maura Kleissler-28

Louie Niemira-31





## Important Calendar Dates & Notes:

3/5-Ash Wednesday

3/7-End of 3rd Quarter

3/11-Home & School 6:30pm

**3/14-Noon Dismissal**

**SIP Work Day-No Aftercare**

3/14-Report Cards Open

**3/17-3/21-SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL**

3/24 School Resumes

3/25-School Board 7pm

### Miss Molly: Preschool A



The Angels had a very busy month! They had so much to do during Catholic schools week. I think the best part was the bounce house. We celebrated Valentine's Day with games and activities. I'm sure the best part were the valentines. With this busy month the Angels have finished learning the straight line letters and now we will be working on the curve letters. They are doing a wonderful job.



### Ms. Tracy: Prekindergarten

The Bears continue to be busy preparing for kindergarten. The students learned new letters and sounds. We even made volcanoes for the letter Vv. The class learned about feelings and how to handle them; especially when they are feeling BIG feelings. We ended the month talking about community helpers. The class told me about their favorites and chose which one they would like to be.



### Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee



Kindergarten has been busy this month! We celebrated Black History Month learning about Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges and other influential African American figures. We are working on subtraction in math and we are beginning a weather unit in Science. We're tracking the weather each day and learning about what a meteorologist does! We're looking forward to warmer weather and are in anticipation of spring break and the Lenten season.



## First Grade News: Mrs. Jessica Klein

February flew by in first grade! We wrapped up our place value unit in math and are now working on graphing. In reading, we learned how to use a Venn Diagram and compared book characters and are now working on inferencing skills. Currently we are really enjoying learning about different animal classifications in science. Beginning next week we will begin to prepare our hearts for Lent. Most importantly, we are relieved that our class is all back and healthy and we can go outside for recess!



## Second Grade News: Mrs. Toni Jackson

2nd grade is excited to be leading the Rosary on Tuesday Mornings. They are offering their rosaries for the intention of preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion. In Science they have been learning about what plants need to survive, how they spread their seeds to make new plants, and making models to demonstrate seed dispersal. In Social Studies, they have enjoyed learning about the many African-Americans who have contributed to the United States. Be sure to ask a second grader what person they are completing a report on. They have learned about how to search for facts online, type in Google Docs, and will be transferring their information onto a Google Slide. Keep up the good work! Finally, enjoy some pictures from students completing STEM Box challenges to build a tower as tall as possible or make a robot.



## Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade is working on researching a president of their choice. We are reading books, looking for fun facts and creating timelines. It has been a lot of educational fun. We have also been busy with packets of work during some very cold & snowy days learning from home. We had fun with Mrs. Jost and other parents during our Valentine party. Our class leads the Angelus this month and we pray for Vocations with Father's Chalice as a reminder. Henry, Allison and Lillianna came close with a close hypothesis on the time snow/ice piles would be melted away! Cecelia won the school Rock, Paper, Scissor Tournament; Champion!! Ms. Polson read us a book called "Twelve Kinds of Ice." We look forward to March and warmer weather!

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

4th Grade Religion: We continue to study the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church.

4th Grade English: We are working on verbs in the past, present, and future tense, as well as regular and irregular verb forms.

4th Grade Social Studies: We just finished sharing our big timeline projects with our classmates. We will now get back to the Civil War and the Civil Rights Act.

4th Grade Literature: We recently finished *Shiloh*, which was a good book. We are currently reading *There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom* and are loving it! It has some humorous parts.

5th Grade English: We recently finished the unit on adjectives and will move on to capitalization and punctuation. We also took time to share our stories about the best day or week of our lives.

7th Grade Religion: We are working hard to learn everything about Confirmation. Not only are we busy at school, but we are working hard at home on a saint report and shield to be presented in class.

Please pray for our seventh graders, who will soon be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, that they are filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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

4th Grade Math is continuing the unit on place value by exploring different units of measurement and how to convert between units using the base ten system.

5th Grade Math is working through the mathematical operations by solving all kinds of problems involving decimals.

5th Grade Literature is finishing our 3rd novel of the year, *Esperanza Rising*. We will begin working on our end of novel projects next week.

5th Grade Religion is focusing on the Sacraments at the Service of Communion as well as different vocations.

5th Grade also started our JA BizTown Curriculum to prepare for our immersion experience in May. Ask your 5th grader about what we have learned so far about Financial Literacy:) They are also almost halfway through the Dancing Classrooms curriculum in preparation for their competition in April. Stay tuned for

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

Religion:

Grade Six students have learned how the Israelites entered the Promised Land. They will soon begin their study of the Judges.

Grade Eight students continue their study of the history of the Catholic Church. They are discovering facts about the different Church Councils that were held to correct heresies.

Social Studies:

Students in Grades Five and Eight are continuing their study of the Civil War. Grade Five students learned about the border states, and Grade Eight students are learning about some of the major battles of the war. Grade Six students completed their study of the continent of Africa and are beginning to look at the continent of Asia.

Grade Seven students completed the section concerning three of the world's major religions (Christianity, Judaism, Islam). They are now beginning the unit about the major cultural groups of Mexico, Central America, and South America (Maya, Aztec, Inca).



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

The Middle School students have been hard at work in math class!

The 6th Challenge class is learning about writing and solving equations with one variable.

The 7th Challenge class is working on adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing rational numbers.

The Pre-Algebra classes are writing and solving systems of linear equations.

In Algebra I, the students are analyzing and creating graphs of functions and finding the domain and range of functions.

In Algebra II, the students are beginning to learn about the properties of radicals and solving equations that contain radicals.

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

### **6th-8th ELA:**

Students are about to begin writing argumentative/persuasive pieces. This will involve research, making a claim, and creating a counter argument.

### **Civitas**

Students are continuing to work on their resolution, which involves loads and loads of research. This work is done on a sporadic basis, a class here and a class there, since our General Assembly is not until mid April.

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

6/7/8th Grades are learning about all the anthropogenic changes affecting the Earth, like deforestation, loss of biodiversity, global warming causing loss of polar ice sheets and increasing ocean levels and affecting global weather patterns on Earth.

5th Grade started learning about constellations, galaxies, and the universe and just started a Slide presentation on one of NASA's missions to space.

4th Grade is learning about the types of Weathering of Rock, Mechanical and Chemical and examples of each like abrasion, frost action, root pry, acid rain and rust (oxidation) and how they each break rock apart or change the composition causing erosion and deposition and the final product of weathering, soil.

## Miss Gretchen Decker: Art

Hi SRA Families~ This month flew by but all of the students (besides Preschool) finished their Art to Remember Projects! I will be sending more information around Spring Break time on how you can start looking for your students' artwork to turn into keepsakes. I will be sure to send home information sheets or flyers that break this down. Thank you and I wish everyone the best as we receive more warm weather!



## Mr. Jeff Klos: PE

We are currently working on Kids Heart Challenge this week. We have many events scheduled. We are Walking Across Missouri - 243 miles as a school. Students will be learning CPR and on Friday we will celebrate the end of our challenge and the Missouri Jumpers will be performing for the school.



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## Mrs. Jena Copeland: Music

The month of February has been spent making musical connections to other disciplines (k & 1st) and reviewing the lines and spaces of the staff, basic rhythms, and singing pitches in preparation for learning to play xylophones and Boom Whackers (2nd-5th).

