

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell and lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. FATIMA PRAYER

Dear SRA families,

February brought many bright moments for our students to shine in the spotlight. Let me share just a few.

Congratulations goes out to our Eighth Graders were all accepted into their first choice high school.

Kate C.	Visitation	Lilly W.	Notre Dame
Mia T.	St. Joseph Academy	Jasmin R.	Cor Jesu Academy
Olivia H.	Rosati-Kain	Mary Beth T.	Nerinx Hall

Cillian Sheehan was selected to perform with the Palmer Music All Community Band at Du Bourg for the Elementary Music Festival. Outstanding, Cillian!

A round of applause to the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade students and Mrs. Connor who dedicating countless hours in preparation for **History Day** this past Saturday. Our students who participated can take pride in taking on the challenge to persevere over many days in researching and presenting interesting facts about their topic. The quality of the presentation boards and the knowledge gained was outstanding. As their Principal, my heart is filled with pride for our students. Four of our students were invited to bring their project to the Missouri State History Day! Please join me in congratulating our teams.

Kate C.	Going onto MO State History Day
Gavin S., Alex A., and Emillie M.	Going onto MO State History Day

Flora B. and Jack S.	Madalene C.
Henry C., Will H., Samantha K.	Christian C. and Tom F.

February 23 proved to be a busy day for St. Raphael. We also had other 6th and 7th Graders participate in the **SLUH Clavius Robotics Jamboree**. Our students again have been working throughout the year to master various robotic challenges presented at the Jamboree. A shout out to the following teams for representing St. Raphael and winning the "Candy Challenge"! Thad B. and John W. Abby D. and Addie B Joey R. and Mateo S. Rory B. and Kristin N.

Finally, Hannah K. was "**Principal for a Day**" this past Wednesday. We both had an awesome day!

The new virtue we will focus on during March is **Mercy- Caring for those who suffer**. Our students will learn about the virtue of Mercy through three inspirational Saints: St. John Vianney, St. Faustina, and St. Theresa of Calcutta. Each brings a beautiful message of mercy, St. Vianney shares his gentle messages of mercy, St. Faustina teaches the Divine Chaplets, and many of us witnessed how Blessed Theresa of Calcutta lived the virtue of mercy each and every day. I encourage you to take some time during your Lenten journey to read about these Saints, and hopefully their insight they will bring you closer to Jesus. As stated in the beautiful Fatima Prayer above, may each of us lead others to heaven, especially "those most in need of Thy mercy." That's all of us!

Next week on Tuesday, March 5, we will host the **Mission Carnival at 2 PM** for our students. This event is planned and organized by the teachers. We are connecting this event with another event later in the spring, Homer's for Health, which will be on April 12. We are asking for a donation from each student to raise money for Cardinal Glennon Hospital. **With this \$5.00 donation**, your child will have the opportunity to participate in both the Mission Carnival and Homer's for Health.

Important upcoming events in March

March 5	Mission Carnival	(\$5 donation covers Mission Carnival and Homer's for Health)
March 6	Ash Wednesday	
March 8	End of 3 rd Quarter	
March 12	School Pictures (Dress-Up)	
March 15	Report Cards Open	
March 11-15	Canned Food Drive—Accessory Day, Friday, March 15	
March 18-22	SPRING BREAK	
March 31	7 th Grade Bow Sunday 10 AM Mass	

In His Name,
Mrs. Hayes

Announcements



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

March 6

Mass
Ash Wednesday
5th Grade Planning

March 14

Weekday Mass - Lent
3rd Grade Planning

March 28

Weekday Mass - Lent
6th Grade Planning

Stations of the Cross
2:00pm

March 8
March 15
March 22
March 29

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



March Birthdays

Carly Weiss-1
Maggie Anstey-2
Benjamin Kean-6
Matthew Morrell-7

Mr. Messmer-13

Serena Barrett-16
David Hiatt-17

Miss Imo-21

Owen Abbott-23
Charles Dirnbeck-23
Cillian Sheehan-25
Piper Wright-25

Miss Woods-26

Mary Thompson-28

The St. Raphael Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank you for your generous and ongoing support of the needy. Each month, through your food drives, you fill 10-12 large banana boxes with food or toiletries, which are then taken to area food pantries. When we make home visits with poor families in our neighborhood, we bring them a bag of toiletries and recommend they visit these food pantries to stretch their income and supplement other resources they may receive. Your donations are very much appreciated!

Also, a shout out of thanks to the school children who made and decorated Valentine place mats for our dinner at Saints Peter and Paul Community Center. They helped to make everyone present feel special!

MARCH

- March 1 Dress in Blue Day to Fight Colon Canter \$1 or more donation requested
- March 5 Mission Carnival
- March 5 3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal
- March 6 Ash Wednesday
- March 7 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- March 7 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- March 8 8th Grade Holocaust Field Trip
- March 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- March 11-15 Canned Food Drive
- March 12 Spring Pictures
- March 13 Music Festival for 3rd & 4th Grades
- March 14 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- March 14 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- March 15 Report Cards Open on Line
- March 18-22 Spring Break Preschool - 8**
- March 26 9:00-10:15am Little Angels
- March 28 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- March 30 SRA Progressive Community Dinner
- March 31 10:00am Mass Confirmation Bow Sunday



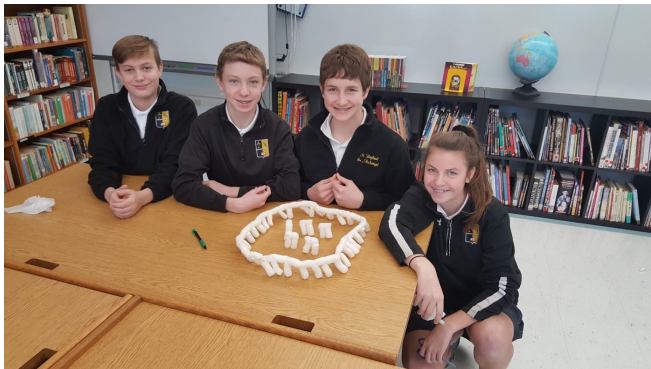
On Grandparents' Day last month, many grandparents and parents generously donated wonderful new books to St. Raphael the Archangel Library and to the classroom libraries of our teachers. On behalf of our students and teachers, please accept our heartfelt thanks for supplying our eager readers, with fresh and juicy new books. Your generosity and support are so appreciated.



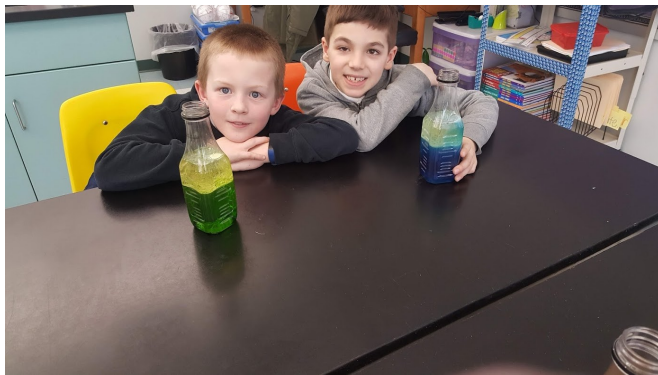
Upcoming Student Council Events

- March 1st - Dress in Blue Day to Fight Colon Canter \$1 or more donation requested
- March 5th - Mission Carnival
- March 11th - March 15th - Canned Food Drive

6th, 7th, and 8th grades created models of Stonehenge using packing peanuts when studying the Sun.



2nd Grade made “lava lamps” using oil, water, and Alka-Seltzer tablets.



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

Kindergarten - Completed our "On a Log Mister Frog" booklet. We continued long and short sounds, and learned about families of the Orchestra.

First grade - Reviewed notes that go down (high to low) and up, third space "C" and middle "C" and, created new rhyming words to go with the song "The Ants Go Marching." We are rhyming with the numbers one through ten. Instruments of the orchestra were also discussed.

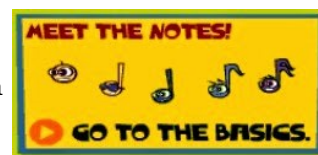
Second grade - Introduced sixteenth notes in different styles of music. We played resonator bells to learn more notes on the staff.

Third grade - Continued rehearsal for our Elementary Music Festival. We learned the definition of a ballad and listened to different styles of music that tell a story.

Fourth grade - Continued building a scale and reading notes. We learned patterns of songs, (how they are pieced together), incorporated resonator bells, African drums, and various xylophones with songs that we are learning in music.

Fifth grade - Completed Calypso style music. We learned the families of instruments in the orchestra. We read notes on the staff and time signatures using 6/8 time, and incorporated African drums and xylophones into lessons.

Sixth - Eighth - Continued learning about different styles of music from various decades. We learned about lyrics, instrumentation, instrumental/group soloists, African drums and xylophones.



Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

Over the past few weeks, the students have been exercising with jump ropes. They were introduced to various activities that required using the jump ropes in different ways, such as working with partners and in small groups. They are accomplishing rhythm, agility, and cardiovascular exercises.



The students also did activities using balloons. These required the students to jump as many times as they could before the balloon hit the ground. The students had fun with the Limbo game, which required flexibility, and The Daytona 500 game, which used the jump ropes as a race track with them racing against each other. We had the Beach Boys music playing as they raced.

I believe the students had a lot of fun learning rope and balloon games in their PE classes.

Miss Molly Preschool A

PreK A is having a wonderful time learning this month. We have worked on the letters T and U. We made trains out shapes and learned about all the different modes of transportation.

For the letter U, we read about unicorns, umbrellas, things underground, sea, and things that go up. We did a science experiment with balloons, baking soda, and vinegar. The class

was so excited to watch the balloons blow up. The kids had a wonderful Valentine party. Parents were a great help and did a wonderful job throwing a great party.



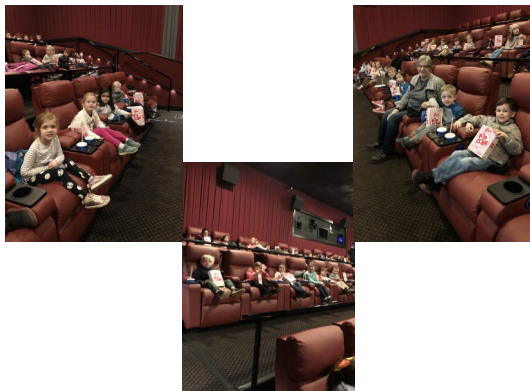
Miss Chris Prekindergarten

The Bears have had a wonderful month. Thanks to our awesome room parents and parent volunteers, we had a blast at our Valentine party. We have been working very hard on our letter sounds with the letter of the week. We are beginning to put sounds together to read. Our highlight of the month was our STREAM activity for the letter T. We worked in small groups to brainstorm, devise a plan, and create train cars out of various recyclable materials. We put the train cars together to create one large train. The Bears are looking forward to Spring and can't wait for the warmer weather to arrive!

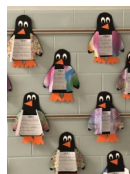


Kindergarten News: Lu Ann Domijan

WOW! The field trip to Ronnie's movie theatre was AWESOME! Thanks for letting us go.



February is consider the month of "Love". Love was one of kindergarten's sight words. We made heart shaped Love Books.



We finished up our penguin unit, and listened to the story *Tacky the Penguin*. As you can see, we made Tacky Penguins and wrote about him.

First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

February has ended and first grade is ready for some warm spring weather. The first graders can now tell time to the hour and half hour. We are in the middle of adding and subtracting double digit numbers without regrouping. After that we will be borrowing and regrouping when adding and subtracting double digit numbers. We have started writing opinion papers and learning about when we have an opinion we need reasons to back it up. First grade does not have a class pet, but we have a new bird feeder outside our window that we are very excited about. On Friday we will be celebrating "Read Across America" and Dr. Seuss's Birthday by dressing up as our favorite book characters. We also have Father John coming in our class to help us begin our journey this Lenten season. Please keep us in your prayers and we will keep you in our prayers during Lent.

We also would like to wish everyone a safe spring break, especially if your family is traveling.



Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

Third quarter is flying by in second grade. This month we have continued learning about various animals, their characteristics, and their lifecycles in science. In social studies, we have started learning and reading about different American inventors; we may even be designing and creating our own inventions very soon. In reading and writing, we have been practicing our researching skills with nonfiction reading. Besides all of this learning, February has included some fun events, including: Grandparents' Day, our Valentine's Day Party, and a class Mass. Thank you to everyone who came out for these events. Continue praying for us as we prepare for our First Communion.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Each third grader researched a president. We read from different sources about our president, took notes and wrote a report in our own words. Many of us drew a timeline as well. The most fun part was sharing all our knowledge with our classmates. Hanleigh had Ronald Reagan and she even brought jelly beans for everyone. We have talked about the three branches of the US Government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial. Father John came and spoke to us about The 14 Works of Mercy. In preparation for his lecture, we made posters depicting seven Corporal Works of Mercy on a "hand" and seven Spiritual Works of Mercy on a "brain." Best of all in February was our STREAM robotic hands and our Stress Balloon Balls made during our Valentine Party. THANK YOU to room moms and dads.



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)

In fourth grade religion, we are finishing our chapter on the Third Commandment and will soon be beginning the Fourth Commandment. In fourth grade English, we are continuing our unit on capitalization and punctuation and will soon be taking a test on this. We will then move on to pronouns.

In fifth grade English, we just completed our unit on capitalization and punctuation. We are now beginning the unit on pronouns. In sixth grade English, we are working on modifiers (adjectives and adverbs) but will soon be wrapping up this unit. We will then be moving on to capitalization and punctuation.

In seventh grade English, we will be taking a test on March first to end our unit on capitalization and punctuation. We will then be moving on to pronouns. In eighth grade English, we are working on capitalization and punctuation. We all saw a peek at the sun the other day! We are all hoping it comes and stays to warm our days and let us get out to play. Happy March!

Miss Amanda Imo: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

Fifth Grade: The fifth graders have been focusing on the Sacraments of Healing. We learned how Jesus can heal us of our sins during Reconciliation and how God can heal people both physically and spiritually during the Anointing of the Sick. During math, the students are adding and subtracting fractions with both like and unlike denominators. The fifth graders have been reading folk tales during literature. They have been analyzing plot and determining the theme. Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have continued work with fractions during math. The students have been adding and subtracting fractions with both like and unlike denominators. In literature, the students are enjoying reading the book *Shiloh*. After every couple of chapters, the students will discuss important themes and topics with a small group. They will also answer questions in google docs to help enhance their understanding of the numerous literary elements that occur in the story.

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

In Religion: The sixth graders have just completed the unit about the Israelites returning to Canaan. We will be learning about the judges in the next unit.

SS 4: Fourth grade students are learning about the various regions in the United States. We are completing the Northeast region and will be starting on the Southeast. They are also going to be learning about Lewis and Clark.

SS 5: In grade five, we are learning about the American Revolution and are continuing to review the fifty states.

SS 6: Students in grade six are learning about the Maya, Aztec, and Inca people. They will be creating their own quipu, a device used by the Inca to send information from one place to another.

SS 7: Seventh grade students are beginning to learn about the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain and the United States. We will be examining how the Northern and Southern states responded to the revolution.

SS 8: Students in eighth grade are learning about the Civil Rights movement in the United States. We are working on a project that will explain what the Civil Rights movement looked like here in St. Louis.

A special thanks and congratulation goes out to all of this year's History Day participants:

Flora Borowiak	Group Exhibit	Ellis Island: Hopes and Fears of Immigrants
Jack Stein		
Henry Cyr	Group Exhibit	Wilma Rudolph Success Against All Odds
Will Hotze		
Sam Koziacki		
Alex Atchison	Group Exhibit	The Titanic: Tragedy of the Seas
Emillie Mountain	Third Place	
Gavin Smith		
Tom Finan	Historical Paper	Ulysses S. Grant and the Battle of Shiloh
Christian Concepcion	Individual Exhibit	The Underground Railroad: Triumph Over Slavery
Madelene Cierpiot	Individual Exhibit	Apollo 13: A Perilous Journey
Katie Cyr:	Individual Exhibit	Galveston: From Disaster to Rebirth
	Second Place	

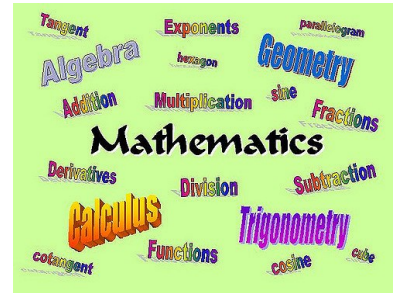
All of these students are to be commended for the hard work that they put into their entries. I am very proud of them and sincerely hope that they try again next year. Good luck to the two entries going on to the State competition in Columbia, Missouri, in April.

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

In standard math and challenge, we are exploring the basics of geometry.

In pre-algebra, we are exploring basic factoring and solving polynomials.

In algebra, we are exploring the different ways of factoring and solving quadratic equations.



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

Congratulations to our 8th grade class for getting into their 1st choice high schools. I am so proud of the effort they have given throughout the years to achieve their goals of going to the Catholic high schools of their choice.

Literature classes have continued our holocaust journey by reading *Between Shades of Gray* (8th), *The Book Thief* (7th), and *Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl* (6th). Although these books are often difficult to read, the students seem to enjoy learning about the trials that both the victims and survivors experienced throughout the atrocity. In March, we will begin our much anticipated Shakespeare unit. Eighth grade will read *Romeo and Juliet*, 7th will read *The Merchant of Venice*, and 6th will read *The Taming of the Shrew*. Please encourage students to review every night and discuss the events that they read about. Shakespeare is a difficult genre to get through, but with constant review, the students will be successful.

During this last month, 8th grade religion has focused on responding with love, being agents of grace, and being holy men and women in our changing world. This next month we will trace the Catholic Church in America from its beginnings to the present. In addition to our Confirmation preparation, 7th grade religion has been learning how to plan a liturgy, gaining an in-depth knowledge of the Stations of the Cross, and how to share ourselves with others through service.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to your student's vocabulary book cover or in their assignment notebooks. I have also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Unit 10 test is March 12th.

