

# 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

Dear SRA Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! It's been a wonderful week!

Open House Sunday was a huge success. We had many new families come to see our school from Preschool to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Keep spreading the good word about our school to friends and family. We hope you enjoyed the coffee and doughnuts served on Monday morning. On Tuesday, the kids traveled with their buddies to different service stations throughout the school. They made cards of appreciation for our policemen and firemen, learned how to weave placemats for an upcoming dinner, and then learned how to braid old T-shirts strips into doggy toys. On Wednesday, the teachers enjoyed an extended lunch provided by our Home & School Association. Thank you, the lunch was delicious. The day ended with the faculty playing a friendly game of "Faculty Feud". You will have to ask your kids who won! Yesterday, we successfully transported the entire school to watch a movie and enjoy a snack. It was awesome to see our older buddies assisting the younger buddies in getting on and off the buses, getting their snack and then to their seat. It was a sight to be seen - all the little faces in the stadium seats. I was touched by the number of students, little and big, who expressed excitement and appreciation for the field trip. Thank you, also, to the Home & School, Ladies' Club, and Men's Club for making this day possible. We ended the day with trivia in the family classrooms. Today, we wrap up our week of celebration with Grandparent's Day. I know the kids enjoy having special guests visit their school. Thank you, everyone, faculty, parents, and students, for making this a fantastic week!

We have HEAT!!! Thanks to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ruggeri, Mr. Vollmer, Mr. Abbott and I'm sure a few others who pitched in to help, we have added a new furnace to the cafeteria, new dual-wall units to the first-floor classrooms and wall units to stairwells. The entire school is warm even in zero degrees weather. The teachers and students appreciate the warmth!

Remember the Today & Tomorrow Education Foundation Scholarship's online application opened last Monday and the final deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind all documentation has to be submitted by the end of February in order for the application to be considered complete. The Alive in Christ Scholarship is on a first come basis so please do not hesitate to apply.

Thank you to all the families who have returned their registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year. It is an honor to know you have chosen St. Raphael for your child's education. Remember the \$100 coupon off registration fees is good until February 15<sup>th</sup>! Also, when registering for Summer Camp and Club Tobias remember to send the deposit along with the forms.

### Important Upcoming February Events

- 2/6 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting 7:00 PM (Rectory)
- 2/12 Auction-- Dress-Down Day (mark your calendar- more information to come)
- 2/13 First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Classroom)
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Parties 2:00 PM
- 2/15 Noon Dismissal for K- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Preschool Open, Aftercare till 6:00 PM  
Faculty PD

February Virtue is HONESTY- being trustworthy and true.

With Sincere Gratitude,  
Mrs. Hayes



# Announcements



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

## **February 1**

Mass  
Grandparent's Day  
3rd Grade Planning

## **February 7**

Weekday Mass  
7th Grade Planning

## **February 14**

Mass  
St. Valentine  
4th Grade Planning

## **February 21**

Mass  
St. Peter Damien  
2nd Grade Planning

## **February 28**

Weekday Mass  
8th Grade Planning

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



## **February Birthdays**

Jacob Anstey-1  
Susan Irons-1  
Jacob Sawyer-3

## **Mrs. Ballicki-Smith 4**

Miles Mask-4  
Foster Mask-5  
Matthew Franz-6  
Harrison Baker-8  
Isla Crocker-18  
Gavin Panka-20

## **Miss Molly-22**

Addison Berta-23  
Madalene Cierpiot-23  
Parker Brown-23  
Lilly Bick - 25  
Sean Meier-26

## **Congratulations**

Last Week, St. Mary's High School **Senior Ben Schicker**, a 2015 graduate and parishioner of St. Raphael, was named Senior Marianist Dragon of the Month for demonstrating the Characteristic of Marianist Education (CME) of Adaptation and Change.

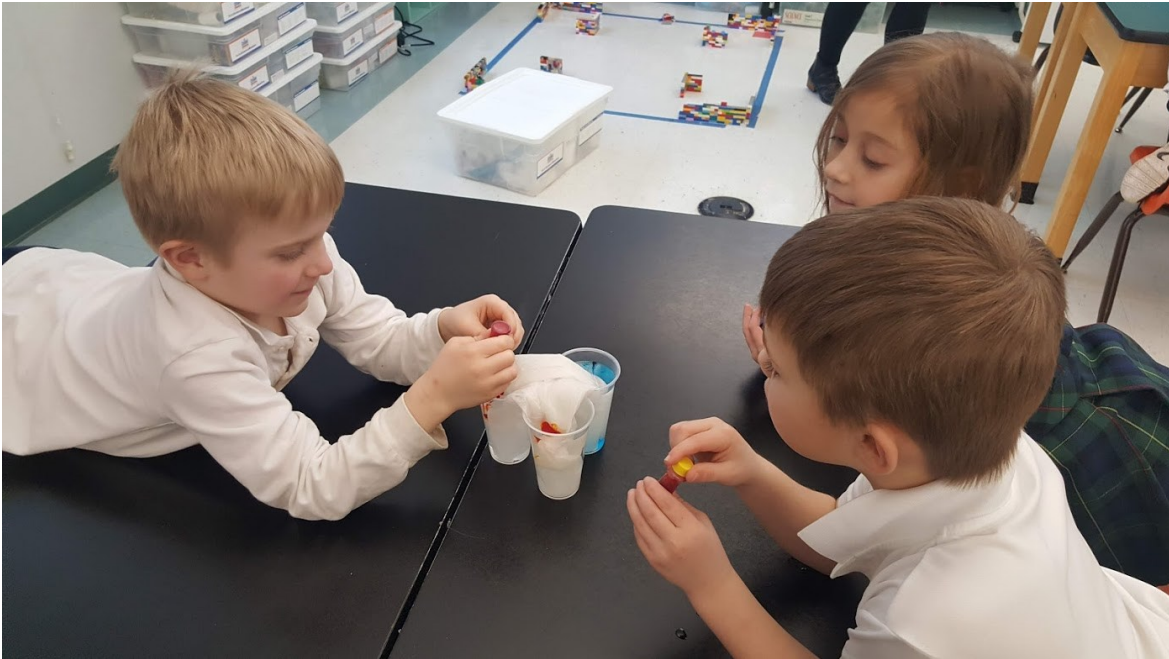


- Feb. 1**      **8:00am Mass & Grandparent's Day**    **Noon Dismissal**    **Preschool-8**  
**Aftercare till 3:00pm**
- Feb. 2      6:30pm Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night
- Feb. 3      2:00-4:00pm Dance
- Feb. 5      3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal
- Feb. 5      5:00-8:00pm 8th Grade Fundraiser at Chick-fil-A Hampton & Chippewa
- Feb. 6      7:00pm Confirmation Parent Meeting Rectory
- Feb. 6      Focus 11 Vocation Retreat 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Grades
- Feb. 7      2:00-4:00pm Dance
- Feb. 7      3:15-4:15 pm Chess Club
- Feb. 12      Auction Dress Down Day
- Feb, 13      6:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting, Second Grade Classroom
- Feb. 14      2:00pm Valentine Parties
- Feb. 14      2:00-4:00pm Dance
- Feb. 14      Chess Club
- Feb. 15-17    Luke 18 Retreat
- Feb. 15**      **Noon Dismissal K-8**    **Preschool is open**    **Aftercare till 6:00pm**  
**Professional Development for Teachers**
- Feb. 17      2:00-4:00pm Dance
- Feb. 18      President's Day No School K-8    Preschool is open
- Feb. 19-22    Canned Food Drive
- Feb. 19      3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal
- Feb. 21      2:00-4:00pm Dance
- Feb. 21      3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- Feb. 23      History Day at UMSL
- Feb. 26      9:00-10:15 Little Angels in Discovery Town
- Feb. 28      2:00-4:00pm Dance
- Feb. 28      Chess Club

*Upcoming Student Council  
Events*

Canned Food Drive: February 19-22  
Mission Carnival: Tuesday, March 5th

First Grade learned about capillary action through this colorful activity! They made a rainbow using water, food coloring, and paper towels.



### **Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music**

**Kindergarten-** We just completed talking about and singing dynamics. Students will be learning about long and short sounds in music (ta and ta-ah notes have a longer sound) TITI (eighth notes are short), playing and singing rhythm patterns with long and short sounds.

**First Grade-** Students will finish with "Ways To Use My Voice." First grade will begin learning a counting song sung in a "March" style and using rhythming words.

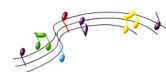
**Second Grade-** Students have begun learning "Down the Ohio." Students are identifying notes that skip, step and repeat. We are singing, playing resonator bells and also learning notes on the staff (line and space notes.)

**Third grade-** Discovering different ways a song is written and sung; call and response, verse and refrain, etc., also learning line and space notes on the staff, alike and different phrases of a song, and playing resonator bells. We are also comparing songs that are about the same topic (transportation, trains)

**Fourth grade-** We are learning what a scale is, how they are built (what is their formula), differences between scales (ex; major, chromatic, pentatonic), playing resonator bells to hear the difference between whole steps and half steps (black keys).

**Fifth grade** is learning uneven time signatures (in 5's,7's), calypso music, using our African drums and their different "timbres" due to the different sizes, and layering a song.

**Sixth through eighth** is learning chords in a song, where they are located (who can play a chord? guitar, keyboards), singing songs already known or new and playing the chords on the resonator bells. We discussed and sang Auld Lang Syne (sung after the ball drops). Students are creating lyrics to go with the melody. They are working in groups.



### **Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education**

I hope all the students enjoyed their holiday break and wish everyone a Happy New Year. The students over the last few weeks were working on basketball skills. Skills included dribbling, shooting, passing and small group basketball activities. I have introduced games the students seemed to enjoy and made basketball a fun filled activity, even for those that do not regularly play this sport.

I have been very impressed with the primary grades' basketball skills. They have quickly picked up the skills of dribbling, passing, and shooting. I want to encourage them to keep on working to further develop these skills. Let's keep up the good work!



### **Miss Molly Preschool A**

PreK A had fun during Catholic Schools Week. They really enjoyed being with the whole school and their fifth grade buddies. We had a great time at the movies and going around school doing all the special projects.

We finished the letter H and have moved on to the letter I for insects. They love to play with the bugs!



### **Miss Chris Prekindergarten**

Happy New Year from the Bears! We have had a very busy, fun, and productive month. I had the privilege of meeting with all of the parents for our Parent-Teacher Conferences. I really enjoyed having the opportunity to talk to everyone about the great things their children are doing in our class. We enjoyed learning about the Ocean during "O Week" and Penguins during "P Week". We learned and practiced reciting the Our Father and we talked about prayer during our 'Jesus Club' time. We have enjoyed all of the special activities during Catholic Schools Week and we are extremely grateful to our parents for allowing their children to attend such a special place like SRA! Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you.



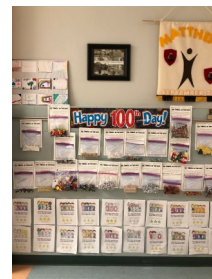
### Kindergarten News: Lu Ann Domijan

Our Combination of 100 DAY and TACKY DAY was AWESOME in Kindergarten!



Kindergarten is learning how to identify long and short vowels, retelling stories in order of events, and writing fact books. We are studying about polar bears and penguins in science, in social studies we are learning all the different holidays we celebrate throughout the year. Catholic Schools Week has been a lot of fun!

Thank you parents and teachers who have made it possible for us to have so much fun and fond memories.



### First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

January has flown by in first grade. We just celebrated our 100th day of school with several fantastic activities. This past Friday we celebrated the 100th day of school. The students had a great time turning 100 years old overnight and coming to school dressed like they were 100 years old. They had canes, walkers, wore their pajamas, slippers, gray hair, and so many other clever ways to age themselves. In writing, they wrote about what they would do with \$100 and why. They also brought in 100 legos and were challenged to create something using all 100 legos in the same creation. The first graders wrote 100 words that they learned this year. We even had one of our parents, Mrs. Boeckmann come in and wore an outfit that she made to resemble something a woman would wear back in 1919. She also shared facts about how our world is now and what it was like back in 1919. The students really enjoyed her visit. This week we are busy celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Thank you to all of you who make the sacrifices to send your children to a Catholic School!



### Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

Happy New Year from Second Grade! We have had a busy few weeks with many activities. In reading and writing, we have been learning about nonfiction books and researching animals. In science and social studies, we have read about different types of animals and the Civil Rights Movement, respectfully. Last week, we celebrated our 100th day of school by dressing up as if we were 100 years old! Thank you for supporting us during this Catholic Schools Week!



### Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third grade has been working very hard this New Year 2019. We are reading and researching our president. In social studies, we are learning about important leaders, male and female, of the American Revolution. We are very busy planning two all school masses for January 17 and February 1, Grandparent's Day. In science, we have studied consumers and producers, food chains, and ecosystems. We played a fun card game, Predator and Prey. We had two big chapter tests: English, adjectives and adverbs on Jan 23 and multiplication in math on January 24, which has proven we know more now than we did in 2018! We are excited about our SRA Scholastic Book Fair, January 24-February 1.



**Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)**

We are moving right along in English in grades four through eight. Grades 4 and 5 just finished units on adjectives and have taken the unit tests. Sixth grade just completed the unit on verbs and have taken the unit test. Grade seven has just completed the unit on modifiers and will soon begin their unit on capitalization and punctuation. Grade eight will soon be finishing up their unit on modifiers and then moving onto capitalization and punctuation. All 5 English classes are working on essays also. Grades 4 is working on an opinion essay. Grades 5-8 are working on a compare/contrast essay.

We all had a great Catholic Schools Week. Thank you for all who have contributed in any way!

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

Fifth Grade: In religion the students have been studying the parts of the Mass. We finished our unit by making posters summarizing all the information learned. The students are beginning learning about the Sacraments of Healing. During math, the students worked on solving problems that included decimals. Now they are focusing on multiples, divisibility rules, exponents, and factors all to help prepare for the upcoming chapters on fractions. The students have been excited about their book club books. Many predictions and comments about the books have filled classroom discussions.

Fourth Grade: The students have been working hard on learning how to estimate and divide larger numbers. They also have been working on finding factors, multiples, and patterns with numbers. The students read The Turtle Who Wanted to Fly. With this story, the students worked on cause and effect. They also read a tall tale about how popcorn was created. After reading the story, they used it as inspiration to create their own tall tales!

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

Religion: We have reviewed the Ten Commandments and have learned about the journey that the Israelites made through the desert to reach Canaan. We are about to find out how the Israelites entered Canaan and what they had to do to regain their territory.

Social Studies 4: We are continuing to learn about the fifty states and are working on note-taking skills. A unit about Europeans and African Americans in Missouri is being completed with a slide show about Ste. Genevieve, Missouri.

Social Studies 5: We are continuing to learn about the major state regions in the United States. We are also learning information about the colonies and will soon begin to look at the American Revolution.

Social Studies 6: Our class is learning about the Middle Ages in Europe. We are about to complete our coats of arms and will be continuing to work on a slide presentation about Medieval cathedrals and castles.

Social Studies 7: Our class is working on a project about the Lewis and Clark expedition into the Louisiana Purchase territory. We are also learning how the United States dealt with problems that they faced from France and Great Britain.

Social Studies 8: We are about to complete our research paper that includes footnotes and bibliography. In history, we are beginning to learn about the Cold War and how it affected the United States.

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

In Standard math, we will be starting with the basics of geometry.

In Challenge math, we will briefly explore ways of displaying data (bar graphs, line plots, etc.)

In Pre-Algebra, we will be starting our last chapter in the textbook covering polynomials.

In Algebra, we will be finishing up with factoring and simplifying polynomials, and moving on to quadratic functions.

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

Thank you for your prayers and support for the 8th grade students, Mrs. Rizos, and me while on the Pro-life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC. As always, our trip was truly an inspirational journey where we learned more about the love of God for each of us, the value in each other, and the need for more support in the Pro-life movement.

Literature classes have finished our first Holocaust books: *Night*(8th), *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* (7th), and *Daniel's Story* (6th). All three are stories about the horrible events of the Holocaust of WWII. All classes will read a 2nd Holocaust book to end the quarter; *Between Shades of Gray*(8th), *The Book Thief* (7th), and *Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl* (6th). Please encourage students to read every night and discuss the events that they read about. Many of the topics are quite troubling.

During this last month, 8th grade religion has focused on exploring the history of the Church starting with the builders of the early Church. We also learned about Mary being the perfect example of what holiness looks like. Our next unit will begin responding with love, being agents of grace, and being holy men and women in our changing world.

7th grade religion has been learning about the spiritual journey, a personal faith journey that is developed through a growing friendship with Jesus and that will be completed in the fullness of eternal life. We have also begun our Confirmation preparation this month.

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 9 test is Thursday, February 14th.

