

# 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

Hello SRA Families,

Catholic Schools Week is always a special week for us. Not only is it a time to add a few fun activities, but it is also a time to thank and share appreciation to all who make our community wonderful! Since I have so many items to cover in this message let me begin.

**Saturday, January 25 --- Cleaning Day** from 9:00-Noon. Bring buckets and cleaning supplies. We want to make the school SPARKLE for Open House. Cleaning high traffic walls, railings, door handles, glass, wiping down bathroom stalls and walls, and the trophy case needs dusting. As you can see, we have a lot to do! Any help would be appreciated.

**Sunday, January 26 --- Open House** from 11:00 - 3:00 PM. All school families and parishioners are invited to visit the classrooms, meet our teachers, and come together to share fellowship. We are excited for you to see our newly remodeled entrance, office area, and Kindergarten classroom, too. I am also inviting 6th and 7th students to help out with tours this year. If your child is available to help out we would greatly appreciate their time.

**Monday, January 27 --- Parent Appreciation Day & Black and Gold Day**

Parents enjoy a cup of coffee and a delicious donut during morning drop-off on Monday. Students will be outside on the parking lot and at the preschool entrance serving. This is just a small token of appreciation for all you do to support our school. We could not do all we do with the generous support of time, talent and treasure of our parents. Thank You! Students may wear **Black & Gold accessories** with their uniforms.

**Tuesday, January 28 --- Student Appreciation Day**

Students will have a **Dress Out of Uniform Day**, follow the guidelines stated in the handbook. The entire school will be going to see the movie- Dr. Doolittle. All permission slips and money were due this week. The bus will leave at 8:15 AM and we are estimating the bus will return to St. Raphael at 12:15 PM. The lunch/recess schedule will begin at that time. The lunch menu remains the same or students can bring their lunch as usual. We are providing a special lunch treat for all students-- an Ice Cream Sundae Bar. I am looking for **two or three extra parents that lunch period** to help serve. Please let me know if you would be able to help. We will end our day with the **Spelling Bee at 2:00 PM**. Parents are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday, January 29 --- Service Day & Eighth Grade Region 1 Mass**

The students will participate in various acts of service in the afternoon. One of the acts of service will be **making dog toys** again, so continue to send in old T-shirts until Wednesday. St. Raphael the Archangel is hosting the **Region 1 Eighth Grade Mass**. Students from all the Catholic schools in our region will be here to celebrate **10:00 AM Mass with Bishop Mark Rivituso**. The visiting eighth-grade students will arrive at 9:00 AM and participate in a few activities along with our eighth-grade class.

**Thursday, January 30 --- Teacher Appreciation Day**

This is a day to appreciate all of our teachers, aides, and staff. Our teachers care about our kids and often give of their own time and gifts to make a positive environment or experience for our students. The **Home & School Association provides a delicious lunch for the teachers and parent volunteers give of their time to monitor the classes** so the teachers can relax and enjoy their lunch. We, as a faculty, don't always get to sit down for lunch at the same time, so this is a special day for teachers. Also, some lucky teachers will be chosen to participate in a game of Faculty Feud!

**Friday, January 31 --- Grandparent's Day**

This is a really fun day! We love having our grandparents visit our school. The day begins in the church for 8:00 AM Mass. Donuts, coffee, milk, and a few fun games of Bingo will follow in the gym. The Book Fair and a photo booth will be in the cafeteria. Grandparents can also visit classrooms and meet the teachers. **School dismisses at 12:00 PM**. Grandparents must sign out their grandchildren at one of the checkout stations before leaving. **There will be no aftercare on Friday, January 31.**

**Scholastic Book Fair** -- Preview days are today and Friday and begins on Sunday at Open House. Additional information below.

**Uniform Shirt Surveys**-- Last call for surveys. Please return ASAP if you want your voice heard. Thank you for all the responses. The School Board will share the results once reviewed.

May we have a blessed Catholic Schools Week,

Mrs. Hayes

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# Announcements



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

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



## **February Birthdays**

Jacob Anstey-1

Susan Irons-1

Henry Boxdorfer-1

Jacob Sawyer-3

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

Miles Mask-4

Eleanor Browning-4

Foster Mask-5

Lily Merritt-5

Matthew Franz-6

Elizabeth Flavin-7

Harrison Baker-8

Elizabeth Bolesta-8

Clare Anstey-16

Isla Crocker-18

Gavin Panka-20

### **Miss Molly-22**

Addison Berta-23

Madalene Cierpiot-23

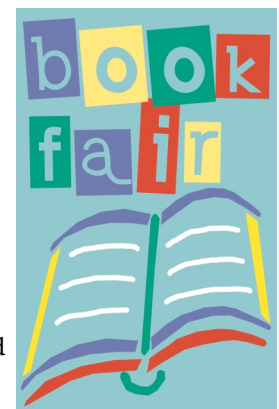
Parker Brown-23

Lilly Bick - 25

Sean Meier-26

# February

- Feb. 3 2:00pm Benediction/Adoration
- Feb. 5 6:30pm First Eucharist Parent Meeting-School
- Feb. 6 8:00am-3:00pm Focus 11 Vocation Awareness
- Feb. 7 Noon Dismissal K-8 PD Day for Teachers  
Preschool is Open Aftercare till 6:00pm
- Feb. 8 SRA Black & Gold Auction
- Feb. 14 2:00pm Valentine Parties
- Feb. 17 President's Day No School K-8 Preschool is Open
- Feb. 20 6:30pm Home & School Parent Meeting in Gym
- Feb. 26 6:00pm 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Meeting - 6th Grade Classroom
- Feb. 29 History Day at USML



Our 2020 Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon. Preview days are Thursday, January 23rd and Friday, January 24th. Students will have a wish list to bring home so you will know the prices.

On OPEN HOUSE Sunday, January 26th the Book Fair starts. Mrs. Qi Franz and her team will be hard at work in the cafeteria cooking chili and selling books. Sales continue during school lunches during Catholic Schools Week, January 27th-31<sup>st</sup>. Our last day for the Book Fair is Grandparent's Day Friday January, 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be BINGO in the gym and photos in the cafeteria with Mrs. Irons.

School dismisses at 12:00 on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Be sure to sign out at one of the sign out stations. Thank you for supporting St. Raphael the Archangel School and Library.

## Austin Spurgeon STREAM/Coordinator (4-8 Grades)

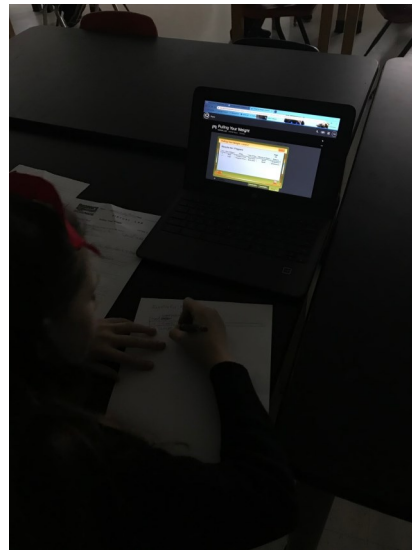
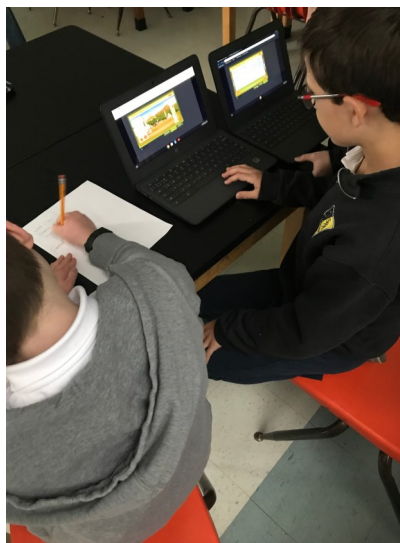
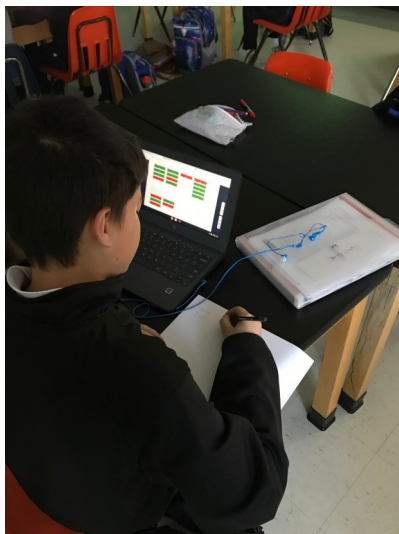
Hello all. It is crazy to think we are in 2020 now. I hope that every had an exceptional break as we have had a great start to the new year in science. Coming into 2020 we had added brand new science “Tech-Books” to our classroom in which students have updated digital textbooks that allow them to read, learn, grow, and be assessed all within their digital “Tech-Books.” Grades 4th-8th have all been using them frequently in class.

6th-8th Grade- The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes started off the new year with the study of fossils and plate tectonics and how this impacts our view of the Earth today. Moving forward they will briefly be looking at the rock and water cycles.

5th Grade- 5th grade started off the new year looking at a review of the states of matter, how to classify matter, how to identify matter, and how to measure density as well. 5th grade will be moving into atoms and how to combine matter.

4th Grade- 4th grade started off the new year looking at force and motion. We had an interactive lab in which we tested variables on a computer simulation in their Tech-Book on how various floor surfaces and force applications altered the amount of force needed to move an object. Moving forward they will be looking at the changing directions of objects and what role forces play in that.

Below are some examples of the students working in their “Tech-Book.”





**Miss Molly: Preschool A**

Preschool Angels have gotten back to work and are working hard on the letters H and I. We are looking forward to a great time during Catholic Schools Week participating in all the fun activities. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone and our parents for making S.R.A. a great school.



God Bless

**Miss Chris: Prekindergarten**

The Bears have started out the new year strong. They have worked on the letters N, O and P with themes on Nests, Ocean, and *Pete the Cat* books. They have been working hard on their numbers. They are identifying and writing the numerals 1 to 10 and counting to 100. They have worked on opposites and patterns, and are now beginning to work on sequence. They are really looking forward to Catholic Schools Week next week and all the fun activities that will be happening.



**Kindergarten News: Miss Lu Ann Domijan**

We are so excited about our new floor and cubbies. Thanks to everyone who made it possible. Please stop in and check out our new look and our New Years resolutions and snowman writing in the hallway. 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 about all the different holidays we celebrate throughout the year.

Next week will be Catholic Schools Week and the 100th day of school on Wednesday, which we are very excited about doing all kinds of fun activities.



**Looking for a fun family night out?  
Join us for a ROCKIN' FUNDRAISER on January 30**



Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders are hosting a Jump Night  
January 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-8pm at the Shrewsbury location!  
For the discounted rate of \$15.00/per jumper you will get 2  
HOURS of jump time and a portion of the fee will directly  
support our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mystery Trip and Graduation Activities.

WHERE: 7375 Watson Road Shrewsbury, MO 63109

SAVE TIME IN LINE – FILL OUT THE WAIVER,  
ONLINE: [https://rockinjumpshrewsbury.centeredgeonline.com/  
waiver](https://rockinjumpshrewsbury.centeredgeonline.com/waiver)

Questions? Contact Jen Delf 314-323-6073 or  
JenniferLdelf@gmail.com

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# A Night at the Mouse Races

benefiting our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class



## When:

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

**Races start at 7:00pm**



## Where:

**St. Raphael the Archangel Gym  
6000 Jamieson Ave/ St. Louis, MO 63109**

## All Inclusive Pricing:

**\$150.00 per table (limit 10 per table)**

**Beer/ Soda/ Snacks Included**

## Reservations:

**Make Checks Payable to SRA**

**Return Registration Form with payment to**

**SRA Rectory**

**6047 Bishops Place**

**St. Louis, MO 63109**

**314-352-8100**

## Questions:

**Jen Delf – [jenniferLdelf@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferLdelf@gmail.com) or 314-323-6073**

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## Mouse Race Reservation -

**Contact Name, Number & Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Table Members** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attention All 3rd-8th Grade Girls:**

Notre Dame High School is hosting an ND Skate: Let the Good Times Roll. On February 17th, join Notre Dame at Rollerblade from 11:00am-1:00pm. Doors open at 10:45am.

To attend, RSVP at the link below. Each RSVP includes roller skate rental and t-shirt. Light snacks and roller blade upgrade will be available for purchase.

RSVP: [www.ndhs.net/skate2020](http://www.ndhs.net/skate2020)

Questions? Contact Katie Mallette '03

Director of Admissions

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

These are the topics the students are working on in music.

PreK A and B- The students will be learning about melody: singing the same melody (ex: Are You Sleeping) and changing the words and motions to the song. Students will be learning what quarter notes (Ta) and half notes (Ta-ah 2 beats) are. We will be playing rhythm instruments and reviewing circle games.

Kindergarten - The students will be completing their booklets: Little Green Frog. We will sing songs and listen to music with changing dynamics to determine if the music is soft music (piano) or loud music (forte). Students will be playing circle games and continuing rhythm instruments.

First grade- The topic will be all about our voice and how we use it. We sing, speak, whisper and shout. We will be naming places and what kind of voice we are to use while in that place. We will learn notation for when we speak in a song, not sing it. The students will participate in circle games.

Second grade- Students are learning about notes that repeat, skip and step. We will be singing various songs with all three elements. Students will identify these in various songs that they sing through listening and playing resonator bells.

Third grade- The students will learn what a phrase is and also call and response songs. Third grade will begin learning line and space notes on a staff.

Fourth grade- The students will learn the lines and spaces on the staff. Fourth grade will begin learning how to play the recorder next month. They will also be learning to read music and play an instrument.

Fifth - Eighth grades- Students are in the final stages of completing their sections of their rondo, a form of music. They will be presented to the class beginning February 11th. All groups have used their creativity for each section of the Rondo.

### **First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt**

The second semester of first grade is off to a wonderful start. The students came back from the break ready to learn new material to get them ready for second grade. In math, we are learning how to tell time to the hour and half hour. We just finished reading about Dr. Martin Luther King. The students were amazed at how just one person can help make the world a better place to live in. They had some wonderful ideas about dreams they have for a better world. The students continue to practice long vowels and blends in phonics. In social studies, we are going to start our unit on American symbols this week. The students have been learning how to follow along in the church books during daily mass and are doing a great job. This Friday we will celebrate our 100th day of school with various activities. Please come and visit us on Sunday, January 26th from 11:00-3:00 for our open house to see the many amazing things our school has to offer. Happy Catholic Schools Week!



### **Second Grade News: Mrs. Leslie Lewis**

The second graders are learning about wind and how it changes the weather and environment. We will be doing some experiments about the wind. Last week we learned about the energy our bodies receive from exercise. We will begin to learn how to add and subtract with regrouping soon. At the end of the day, second graders are learning cursive writing. They are excited about cursive writing. First Communion preparation begins soon.



### **Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson**

We are very excited to welcome Ms. Haley Franks to our third grade class. She is a SLU student doing her teacher experience this spring semester at SRA. Third grade is preparing for Catholic Schools Week January 26-31 and looking forward to all the activities ahead. We have been practicing for Grandparent's Day Mass on Friday, January 31.



### **Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 7)**

4th and 5th graders have been working hard on their timeline projects. They have enjoyed creating a timeline of their lives and finding world events that have happened in each year they have been alive.

All English classes, 4th through 7th, have either finished or will be finishing unit 4 on adjectives (modifiers) and will be taking their unit tests. The next unit for them to begin will be Capitalization and Punctuation.

Grade four has been continuing their studies of the Ten Commandments in religion. The next commandment to be studied is number seven: You shall not steal.

The fourth graders have also been working hard and studying the Civil War. They are learning the root causes of it. I love how engaged they are and want to know so much more than what our textbook provides.

We hope everyone enjoys Catholic Schools Week and all the fun activities we will be taking part in.

### **Mrs. Amanda Knauer: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)**

Fifth Grade: In religion the students have been studying the parts of the Mass. We have studied all of the parts now and have talked about how we can all glorify the Lord by our actions. 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 story about a smart but overconfident fourth grader and her experience with a class assignment. We worked on character traits and making reasonable predictions.

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

I hope all of our students and families enjoyed their holiday break and wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Over the last few weeks, we have been working on basketball skills. Skills include: dribbling, shooting, passing, and small group basketball activities. I have introduced games the students are enjoying, thus helping to make basketball a fun filled activity, even for those that do not regularly play this sport.

On the whole, I am impressed with the primary grades' basketball skills. I have been very pleased with PK students in their understanding the concept of triple threat in basketball. They too have quickly picked up the skills of dribbling, passing, and shooting. I am encouraging them to keep on working to further develop these skills.

Let's keep up the good work!



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

Religion: We are learning how the Israelites finally entered Canaan after wandering for forty years in the desert. We will also be focusing on the Beatitudes.

Social Studies 5: Students in Grade 5 are completing their study of the English colonies. They will begin learning how the colonies look for ways to become independent.

Social Studies 6: We have begun learning about the Middle Ages in Europe by finding out how difficult it was to become a knight. We are currently researching Medieval castles.

Social Studies 7: We have completed the Constitution Handbook. In our next chapter, we will learn about the administration of George Washington.

Social Studies 8: We have completed our study of the 1920s and will soon begin to look at the causes and effects of the Stock Market Crash in 1929.

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

In standard math, we are exploring fractions.

In challenge math, we finished up functions and graphs, and will be starting proportions.

In pre-algebra, we finished up with percents and simple interest, and will be exploring perimeter and area.

In algebra, we are working with systems of equations and inequalities.

In algebra II, we are working with radicals and imaginary numbers.

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

Thank you for your prayers and support for the 8th-grade students, chaperones, Fr. John and me as we embark on the Pro-life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC. We look forward to an inspirational journey where we learn more about the love of God for each of us, the value of every person, and the need for more support in the Pro-life movement.

Literature classes have been reading *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 as 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 continued our Confirmation preparation.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to your student's vocabulary book cover or in their assignment notebooks. Unit 8 test is Thursday, January 30th and Unit 9 test is Thursday, February 13th.

