

# Saint Raphael the Archangel

## *The Guide*

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

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Dear St. Raphael Families,

Spring is Here! Hopefully, the weather begins to bring us warmer days to spend more time outside.

Unfortunately, the spring weather has brought a few colds, and allergies seem to be affecting many, but Covid remains 0%!

Now that we are into April and can host and attend more extracurricular events let me note a few occasions in this message. April is a busy month!

Monday, April 4 - Grades 2-8- will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tuesday, April 5 - Class and Club Picture Day- Students must wear uniforms for this picture.

Wednesday, April 6 - School Spring Picture Day - Students DRESS-UP for these photos

Thursday-Monday, April 14-18 - Holy Week and Easter Break- NO School

Wednesday, April 20 - 7th Grade Retreat at SRA- lunch provided

Thursday, April 21 - 8th Grade Retreat at SRA- lunch provided

Friday, April 22 - 2nd Grade Activity Day

Saturday, April 23 - 4:30 PM Mass - 7th Grade Bow Sunday for Confirmation

Sunday, April 24 - 10 AM Mass - 2nd Grade Bow Sunday for 1st Communion

The week of April 25-29 - Camp Manitowa- Grades 6, 7 & 8

Thursday, April 28 - 2nd Grade 1st Communion Practice and Tailgate

On a final note, Congratulations to our 6th Grade History Day Team for moving on to the STATE level competitions! We are so proud of you, and Good Luck!

Blessings,

Mrs. Hayes

## Announcements



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



### April Birthdays

Chase Sitzes-2  
William Schneeberger-2  
Alex Kean-2  
Max Ewald-2  
Emma Rooney-7  
Liv Jaboor-8  
Simon Klein-11  
Sophia Sullivan-12  
Audrey Primo-13  
Madelyn Schneeberger-14  
James Browning-14  
Haydon Nguyen-15  
Nora Anstey-17  
Mrs. Franz-17  
Amelia Sensmeyer-20  
Madilyn Wilkinson-25  
Olivia Queathem-26  
Mrs. Shaver-26  
Mrs. Connor-27  
Kallista Hiatt-28





## **Important Calendar Dates and Notes:**

- 10-Palm Sunday
- 12-Home & School
- 14-Holy Thursday-No School Preschool-8
- 15-Good Friday-No School Preschool-8
- 17-Easter Sunday
- 18-Easter Monday-No School Preschool-8
- 19-School Board
- 22-2nd Grade Activity Day
- 23-7th Grade Bow Sunday Mass 4:30pm
- 24-2nd Grade Bow Sunday Mass 10:00am
- 25-29-6th/7th/8th Grade trip to Camp Manitoba
- 28-2nd Grade Pot Luck Dinner/Practice



### Miss Molly: Preschool A



The Angels had a wonderful month. We are moving a long with our alphabet and numbers. They have worked on the letters C, O, and Q. They have made crowns, an Octopus, Growing a garden, making charts, reading Goldilocks and learning about the ocean. They have come so far and love to learn.

### Mrs. Tate: Prekindergarten

Pre-k B continues to do lots of learning to prepare for kindergarten. We continue to learn and review letters, number, and shapes. Puzzles are a favorite after lunch activity. We have been watching a baby bald eagle on a live web cam and have learned many interesting facts about eagles. And we can't forget about wearing our silly socks.



### Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

Kindergarten is ready for spring! We began working on CVC words in our literacy centers, counting by 5s and are continuing to learn about money and identifying coins and their value. We finished our first chapter book read aloud, Charlotte's Web, and are starting the Magic Treehouse series next. We're excited about warmer weather!





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

First Grade is working on words with OU and OW. We have been attending the Stations of the Cross on Fridays.

Thanks to all the parents who have come to read to our class!

Happy Spring!

### **Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks**

Second grade has been taking advantage of all the nice days to take our learning outside! In math we created a zoo to demonstrate our knowledge of measurement, perimeter and area. In Science we focused on Animal Characteristics and Adaptations.

Please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for our First Holy Eucharist. We are excited for all the fun events associated with this special occasion!

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

Third Grade took a lead in the Stations of the Cross for the primary grades and did a wonderful job. We enjoyed reading and doing activities in our little Lenten books. We read about the three temptations of Jesus in the desert. We very much enjoyed listening to Fr. John tell us a modern version of The Prodigal Son. We got to act out 2 little religious plays: The Good Samaritan and The Man Born Blind. At mass third grade very much enjoys singing with Mr. Ben Allen and his guitar on Thursdays. We have also learned a little geography about Russia and Ukraine. We said a special prayer in church that Pope Francis asked us to pray for the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### **Miss Gretchen Decker: Art**

Lots of new and different art projects were made this month! Pre-K got to learn about Andy Warhol and make their own artwork of where they want to go in the future. Kindergarten through 3rd Grade got to learn about Shel Silverstein and either make their own illustration of interests/people they like or make a fun poem with an illustration. 4th through 8th Grades got to finish their One-Point Perspective Projects before Spring Break and they are all hanging up in the hallways!

Starting at the end of this month rolling into April, all grades are preparing their Art Projects for the Black and Gold Auction! There is a lot of preparation and excitement happening with these projects and I can't wait for family, parents, staff, and all the students to see what they can come up with as a whole class!

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

4th Grade Religion: We are finishing our studies of the Ten Commandments. Next, we will be studying the Beatitudes. 4th Grade English: We are finishing chapter 5 which is the study of Capitalization and Punctuation. We will have a test next week. We are also working on a "How-To" writing assignment. 4th Grade Social Studies: We are learning about the regions of the United States and will be working on memorizing where each state is in this beautiful country in which we live.

5th Grade English: We just finished and took the test on Capitalization and Punctuation. We are working on a Personal Narrative writing assignment.

7th Grade Religion: We are continuing our studies for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these students in your prayers as they journey through this faith-filled commitment in the church.

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

Fifth Grade: The fifth graders have completed their study of the Sacraments. They worked on creating a Sacrament Book throughout the year that contains all the information they learned about each Sacrament. The book is now complete and they can look back at all they learned! During Math, the students learned about how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. In Literature, the students have been working on understanding character traits and how those traits affect the plot of a story.

Fourth Grade: The students have been working hard on relating decimals and fractions in Math. They also learned how to compare and order decimals. During Literature, the students started 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.

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

4th Grade Science students just started an experiment in groups to see if green bean plants actually grow better using Miracle Gro Potting Soil.

5th Grade just finished designing and constructing a Solar Oven to prepare a simple food (Pop Tart, S'more, Pizza Bagel, etc...) just need a nice, warm day in the forecast.

6-7-8th are working in groups and designing an egg cracking proof container for the Egg Drop Lab Activity relating to Newton's Laws of Motion.



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

Religion: In Sixth Grade we learned about the Judges of Israel and have begun looking at the Kings. Grade Eight students are studying the history of the Roman Catholic Church during the Renaissance.

Social Studies: Students in Grades 5, 7, and 8 continue their study of American history. Fifth and Seventh grade students are completing work on the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and the Sixth grade students are learning about Europe in the Middle Ages.

### **Mr. Zach Almeida: Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)**

Algebra 2: Students are solving equations using the common logarithm and natural logarithm functions.

Challenge: Students are working on solving multi-step equations by combining like terms.

Algebra 1: Students are solving problems by applying properties of radicals.

Pre-Algebra: Students are graphing linear equations using slope-intercept and point-slope form of a line.

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

Some of the students are reading novels that are written in the form of free verse poems. The 8th graders are about to begin a classic--*The Outsiders*. In our writing class, students are beginning to write essays. They have also worked diligently on their Civitas resolutions. Civitas is a model U.N. program here in St. Louis. It's free for middle school and high school students, and requires them to do a great deal of cross-curricular research, writing and problem solving.

Each student chose a country that's a member of the United Nations. Initially, they explored the geography, the culture and the government. As they learned more about their country, they learned more about the problems--or lack of--their country contends with. In the U.N. some countries--like the ones that are financially stable and aren't riddled with human rights issues or things like drought or flooding--help the needy countries.

The middle-schoolers started working on U.N. resolutions, which reads almost like a legal document. They collected data, created budgets for their plan (the budgets are in the millions of dollars), converted their country's currency into US dollars, and they devised a timeline and a way of evaluating their resolution's success.

When the students go on their field trip on April 8th, a few SRA students will present their resolution to the group (Maplewood-Richmond Heights students will also be there). Each resolution will be discussed and voted on.

This is a wonderful program for our students. It's the second year for the 7th and 8th graders, but when they began this process, the 6th graders felt they were not capable of writing a United Nations resolution. They've found they *are* capable...

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

We have finally started pickleball! I am excited to do this with the students. It is great to introduce them to new sports. Thank you to everyone for your support with the American Heart Challenge. We reached and surpassed our goal!

