

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

Dear SRA Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break. I hope all of our families were able to rest and find a little family time. Now that we are back for the final quarter of the year, I think things will be moving quite quickly. Kind of like, so many things to do and not enough time! It is good to be back, though.

I have completed my visits to all the K-8th Grade classroom discussing the **Safe Touch Program**. Even though it is a difficult topic to discuss with children, it is most needed in our world today. The curriculum and safety tips were sent home on the day your child met with me. As a follow-up, you may be interested in the invitation I received from St. James. I hear this is an excellent presentation.

"The Saint James the Greater Home and School Association is sponsoring another free presentation for parents and wishes to invite the school communities of Region 1.

On Wednesday, April 3, Tony Tramelli from West County Psychological Associates will be facilitating a discussion about the effects on children of the overuse of social media and online gaming.

The program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Father Flynn Room which is located on the lower floor of the school building. Entrance is through the Wade Avenue door on the south side of the building."

It is not too late to send in the school **survey**. Tomorrow will be a Dress-Down Day for all the families who returned a survey. We had a strong response so thank you for taking the time to complete the questions.

Every time we have an announce a **Dress-Down Day** I receive multiple questions as to what to wear. Basically, all the rules for Dress-Down Day apply. But the only difference being the students may wear jeans, sweatpants, modest shorts (No Short Shorts), t-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats. Leggings may also be worn with a long shirt which reaches their fingertips. Leggings are not appropriate with a short shirt.

This Sunday our 7th-graders will receive their bows for **Confirmation**. Please keep our 7th-graders in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their Confirmation on April 10th.

The month of April brings numerous event so I only mention a few in this note. **Scholastic Book Fair** "Buy One Get One Free" is returning April 10 through April 14, Doughnut Sunday. The **Science Fair** exhibits will also be on display in the Music Room on the 14th. **Homers for Health** will be April 12. You may remember we collected \$5 earlier in March for Mission Carnival and Homers for Health. All students in K-8th grade will participate in this very fun event. Finally, the 8th and 7th-grade students will lead Living Stations for the parish on Monday, April 15 and entire student body on Wednesday, April 17. All are welcome to both days.

The virtue for April will be JUSTICE-Being fair and giving each his due. We will be learning about St. Anthony of Padua, St. Katharine of Drexel, and St. Thomas More.

Parking Lot Reminder-- In the morning, parents need to walk their children to the double yellow line when dropping off in the morning. I am seeing more and more students walking by themselves. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child reaches the Safe Zone safely. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Today, Monsignor Stehly mentioned to the kids that Spring Training was for baseball as Lent is for Easter. Both are getting ready for the Big Day! May we continue to grow stronger in our love for Jesus during our Lenten journey.

Have a blessed April,

Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

April 4
Mass
St. Isadore
7th Grade Planning

April 11
Mass
St. Stanislaus
4th Grade Planning

April 25
Easter Mass
5th Grade Planning

Stations of the Cross
2:00pm
March 8
March 15
March 29

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



April Birthdays

Chase Sitzes-2
William Schneeberger-2
Emma Rooney-7
Simon Klein-11
Madelynn Schneeberger-14
James Browning-14

Mrs. Franz-17

Amelia Sensmeyer-20
Madilyn Wilkinson-25
Emillie Mountain-25

Pina Naeger-26

Mrs. Connor-27

Eva Thompson-28

Kallista Hiatt-28

Miss Jessie - 28

Alice Kaiser-30



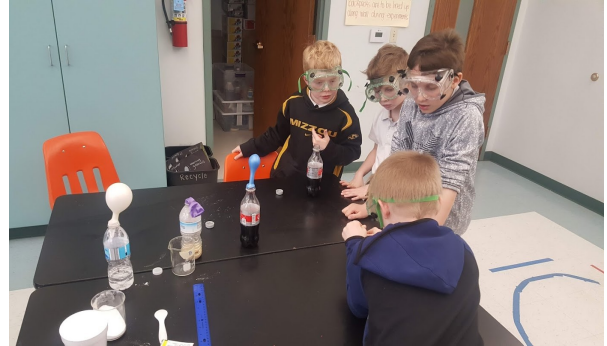
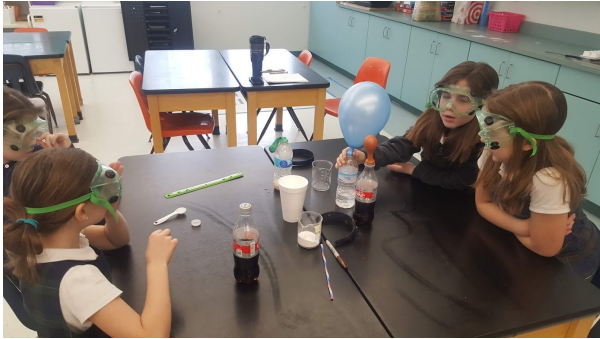


- April 2 3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal
- April 3 The Mythology Performance
- April 4 8:00am Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Reception
- April 4 Bring in a \$1.00 for Homers for Health and wear Cardinal accessories
- April 4 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- April 5 Lenten Retreat for 7th Grade
- April 8-12 Canned Food Drive
- April 8 Living Stations of the Cross
- April 9 3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal
- April 10 8:15am 4th Grade Reenactment of the Dred Scott Case
- April 10 7:00pm Confirmation
- April 10-14 Scholastic Book Fair - BOGO Sale
- April 11 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- April 12 Homers for Health
- April 14 Science Fair in school music room
- April 15 7:00pm Living Stations of the Cross - Church
- April 16th STUCO Interest Meeting for grades 5-7
- April 17 7th Grade Lenten Retreat
- April 17 2:00pm Living Stations of the Cross - Church
- April 18 HOLY THURSDAY NO SCHOOL PreK-8**
- April 19 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL PreK-8**
- April 21 SRA Easter Egg Hunt after 10:00am Mass
- April 22 EASTER MONDAY NO SCHOOL PreK-8**
- April 23 9:00-10:15am Little Angels
- April 23 3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal
- April 25 2:00-4:00pm Dance
- April 26 2nd Grade Activity Day Rectory Basement
- April 26th STUCO Elections
- April 26 Golden Egg Drawing
- April 28 10:00am Mass 2nd Grade Bow Sunday
- April 29-May 3 6th Grade Camp
- April 29 5th Grade BizTown Field Trip
- April 30 3:15-4:15pm De Angelis Children's Choir Rehearsal

April 8th-12th - Canned Food Drive
 April 12th - Homers for Health
 April 16th - STUCO Interest Meeting for grades 5-7
 April 26th - STUCO Elections

*Upcoming Student Council
 Events*

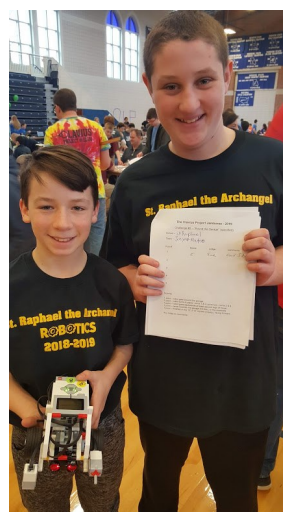
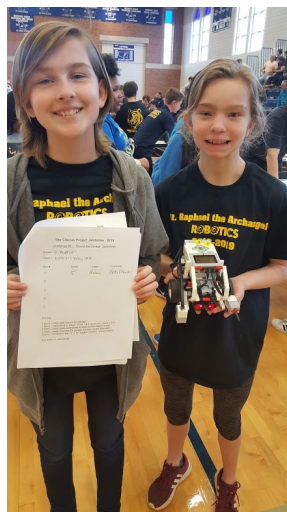
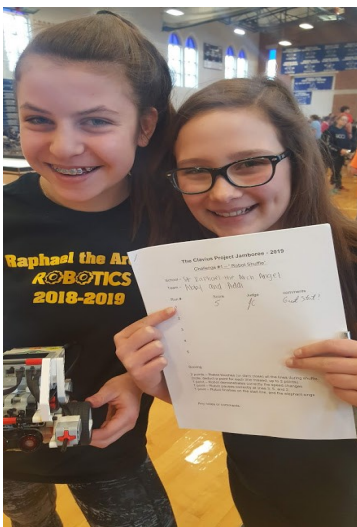
3rd graders tested the reactions of different substances with vinegar and Diet Coke! Which material do you think inflated the balloons the most?



Preschool B learned about density by making rainbows in a jar!



Our students received a Silver Banner for their hard work at the SLUH Clavius Project Robotics



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

The following are areas being covered in music

Pre K: circle dances, continued rhythms with rests, long and short sounds

Kindergarten: high and low sounds, identifying percussion instruments, Carnival of the Animals

First grade: rhythms with rests, Carnival of the Animals, brass family

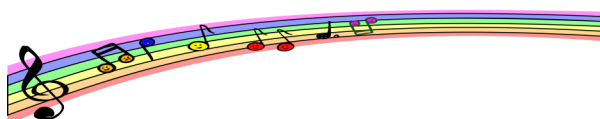
Second grade: brass and woodwind family, notes with the amazing dot, what's in a measure

Third grade: ballads, more about the staff, reading music and resonator bells

Fourth grade: time signatures with the 8 on the bottom, what's a key signature, how to build a scale

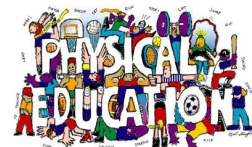
Fifth grade: various eras of music (similarities and differences), creating a rondo (form of music) using poems and songs

Sixth-Eighth grade: theme and variations, studying various songs/songs from movies with a character's theme, create a simple variation from a familiar tune (pitched and non-pitched instruments, vocals)



Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

I hope everyone had a good Spring Break. Over the last few weeks, the students worked on numerous rhythm activities and seemed to have a lot of fun. They got a chance to work both in small groups and on an individual basis. We finished with some folk dance movements. You just never know, we might have a future Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers or Gene Kelly in our midst! When the students return from Spring Break, they will have fitness and some team sports activities added to the PE curriculum. With the weather changing for the good, I hope to get outside more and conduct more group activities while enjoying some fresh air.



Miss Molly Preschool A

Preschool A has been very busy and having fun. The kids are working hard on writing the letters of the week, number, and having fun with science. The kids have worked on the letter U and the best letter of all the magic C. We explored under the ocean and went to the circus with our new letters. We did have a short month with the Spring Break, but the kids came back refreshed and ready to go. I hope everyone enjoyed the break, but it is nice to see the kids again. Next we will be preparing for Easter and more curvy letters. Thank You and God Bless



Miss Chris Prekindergarten

We hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. The Bears have had another awesome month, but we really wished that time would slow down just a bit. We have learned a lot this month with our themes of volcanoes and weather for our letters V and W. Our highlights have been the various science experiments we did on both of these topics. We created exploding volcanoes out of Sprite, water and Alka Seltzer. We also enjoyed creating a snowstorm in a jar, as well as a cloud in a jar. We continue practicing our kindergarten readiness skills and will be able to knock the socks off of our new teachers next school year!

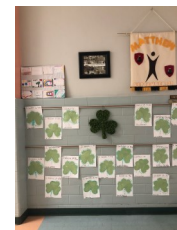


Kindergarten News: Lu Ann Domijan

During Lent we have tried to do “Acts of Kindness.”

We are filling our school wide charts every day. Also, we have been learning and discussing The Holy Trinity. We have a shamrock to help us understand ONE-in-THREE.

We have had so much fun with Dr. Seuss. We wrote our own rhyming books, played rhyming and vowel games, made crafts, and listened to many Dr. Seuss books. In math, we made a graph voting if we like eggs, another with goldfish, and addition problems.



Look at us in our Dr. Seuss photo!



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first graders came back from our break well rested and ready to finish our last quarter. In religion, we have been following our daily message from our Lenten series. Currently, we are studying the Corporal Works of Mercy. In math, we are just starting our money unit. In science, we are starting to learn about the water cycle and will be starting to plant some flowers. We just finished learning how to properly use articles when we write, and now we are learning about contractions. Happy spring to everyone and have a blessed Easter!



Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

Greetings from second grade. This month, second grade has been busy with various activities. We are continuing to learn about animal lifecycles in science, and we finished up our study of american inventors in social studies. We even got to create different inventions in class. In writing, we learned all about some our favorite topics to research by wrapping up the end of our unit on informative writing. In religion, we are getting ready for our First Communion at the beginning of May; continue to keep us in your prayers.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third graders are busy with their 40 Acts of Kindness this Lent in preparation for Easter. We very much enjoyed our time off over Spring Break with our family and friends. We sang beautifully thanks to Mrs. Doty at our Music Festival and it was fun hearing others sing songs! Ms. Polson read some wonderful Irish stories containing leprechauns. We have enjoyed learning about John Muir, father of our National Park system, botanist, conservationist, geologist, writer, etc. We are adept at dividing now and can multiply 2 digits by one. We celebrated National Pi Day on March 14th by learning decimals. March may go out as a bomb cyclone!



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)

In religion, the fourth graders are learning about the fourth Commandment, honoring your parents. In fourth grade English, the students are reviewing proper punctuation.

In fifth grade English, the students have just completed their compare/contrast essays and are now moving onto using and identifying adverbs correctly.

Sixth through eighth grade English students are working hard on a research essay of their choice. This will be complete with a bibliography and at least five sources.

Enjoy the nice weather we've been having!

Miss Amanda Imo: 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 how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. In literature, the students have been reading and analyzing various folk tales.

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 have read the book *Shiloh*. They then watched the movie and wrote a compare/contrast essay on the similarities and differences between the book and the movie. They did a great job figuring out how to organize their thoughts.



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

Religion: We are completing our study of the Judges with the last and greatest Judge, Samuel. We will then begin learning about the Kings.

SS 4: We are working on the various regions of the United States and are continuing to work on note-taking skills.

SS 5: The students in grade 5 are studying about the American Revolution. We also are working on note-taking skills.

SS 6: Sixth grade students are finishing up their study of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca people. We recently created the rules for an Aztec board game.

SS 7: Students in grade 7 have learned about some of the reforms that took place in the United States before the Civil War. This includes reforms in women's rights, political change, and improvements in education.

SS 8: We have completed learning about the Civil Rights Movement in the United States. The students have also studied how Civil Rights were brought about in St. Louis.

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

In standard math, I am introducing integers. This means students will be exploring negative numbers.

In challenge math, we are exploring area of various figures.

In pre-algebra, we are delving into systems of equations. We will practice solving them by graphing, elimination, and substitution.

In algebra, we finished with radical expressions, and are exploring rational expressions.

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

Return from spring break, we will begin our Shakespeare unit. Eighth grade will read *Romeo and Juliet*, 7th will read *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. 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 learned about various Protestant churches and religious orders of priests, monks, and brothers. This next month we will learn about our responsibilities as we mature in the church.

In addition to our Confirmation preparation, 7th grade religion has been continuing to learn about Christ's Passion, death, and resurrection. We will complete our Confirmation preparation and learn how we are called to serve others through the various gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Confirmation.

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 11 test is April 4th and Unit 12 test will be April 18th.



Mrs. Sara Carril: Art

The middle school grades really enjoyed making and eating the edible color wheel as a conclusion to our color unit. After Spring Break we will dive in to two-point perspective for middle school and one-point perspective for the younger students. I hope all of your students are learning and having fun in art. I have seen such a difference in each and every student as the year has progressed.

