

# Saint Raphael the Archangel

## The Guide

A weekly newsletter for the school community

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March 16, 2017



From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Kim Vangel

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

Thanks to so many of you for your well wishes as I begin my transition to St. Clare of Assisi School. I truly appreciate the heartfelt congratulations and support that I've received from so many parents and parishioners.

We will also be experiencing a faculty change in our PE program. It was decided that our school would be better served by having one full-time PE teacher rather than two part-time PE teachers. When presented with this decision and available options, Mrs. Martin elected to remain at St. Stephen Protomartyr School where she also teaches PE and Art. Mrs. Martin has been a generous and giving member of our faculty and staff for 7 years, and her crazy laughter and antics will be greatly missed by all of us. Please keep Mrs. Martin in your thoughts and prayers as she works through this transition. Mr. John Bruno will be staying with us at St. Raphael and will be moving to the full-time PE teacher here. Mr. Bruno is a certified PE teacher with many years of experience teaching Physical Education to all levels of students, from Preschool through High School. We are very happy that Mr. Bruno will be a full-time member of our faculty next school year, and we offer him our congratulations!

St. Raphael the Archangel School is doing its part to help raise money for the parish Lenten mission to "Buy a Van" for the Queen of Peace Center. Last week our Mission Carnival raised over \$800 to put towards the van purchase, and we have just started our next big fundraising project. We are challenging students to bring in change, dollar bills, and checks to donate in their "favorite" teacher and/or administrator's name. All teachers and staff whose jars reach the \$200 mark will receive a complimentary Pie In The Face at an all school assembly later this spring. Our Student Council created a wonderful display in the main school hallway with a school bus carrying pictures of all the faculty and staff who are participating. Our collection jars are set out each morning and the display is a popular stopping point for students as they make their way down the hallway. Take a look at the display if you're in the school building, and feel free to donate to your "favorite" faculty or staff member!

Our grade school is on Spring Break next week so there are no classes for Kindergarten through 8th Grade from Monday, March 20th through Friday, March 24th. Preschool will be open for play days all week. I hope everyone is able to rest and recharge over the break!

Peace,  
Kim Vangel  
Principal



Bishop DuBourg High School celebrates their Academy of Advanced Studies students, and we are especially proud of these recent SRA graduates who are in this program!

Back Row, L to R: Ryan Lampe, Henry LeGrand  
Front Row, L to R: Amy Marshall, Ben Khotsyphom, Mary Nelson



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

All School Mass  
8:00am  
March 30, 2017  
4th Grade Planning

Stations of the Cross  
Friday 2:00pm  
During Lent

Benediction 2:00pm  
First Friday of the  
month



March 16 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club  
 March 17 - 2:00pm Stations of the Cross  
 March 17 - Report Cards open on ALMA  
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 March 19 – 10:00am Family Mass Donut Sunday  
 March 20 – Bishop Dubourg Shadow Day 6th & 7th Graders  
**March 20-24 SPRING BREAK K-8 Preschool is open**  
 March 27 – 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club K-3  
 March 28 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club 4-8  
 March 29 - 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal  
 March 30 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club  
 March 31 - 8:30am-1:30pm 1st Grade Field Trip to  
 Missouri Botanical Gardens & Tower Grove Park  
 March 31—2:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Edward J. Naeger, Sr. and Karen (Jones) Naeger Scholarship Opportunity**

Two scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 school year - one for St. John Vianney High School and one for Nerinx Hall High School. Each scholarship is for \$1,000 and is based on community service that you have completed. This is open to 8th graders through juniors in high school who will be attending either of these schools for the 2017-2018 school year and meet the criteria. For more information and to apply, please go to [http://naegerins.com/scholarship\\_information](http://naegerins.com/scholarship_information)



**March Birthdays**

**Miss Imo-21**

Ava Stolte-22  
 Owen Abbott-23  
 Charles Dirnbeck-23  
 Miranda Sullenger-25  
 Cillian Sheehan-25

**Miss Woods-26**

**St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Scholarship**

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2017 SLH-NA Student Award for scholarship, leadership and service in school, church and community. Three one-time scholarships in the amount of \$600 will be awarded. The application deadline is Monday, April 24, and requires submission of a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter/ 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester report card. The applicant must be an eighth grade student or the daughter/son/ legal dependent of a St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association member living within the boundaries of St. Louis Hills. The applicant's family must have a current history of membership in SLHNA, including 2017. The scholarship award is for the freshman year of high school only; it is non-renewable.

For more information and an application go to <http://stlhills.com>, membership/benefits category.

Seventh Graders are in charge of safety patrol at the corner of Bishops Place and Highfield. Students should arrive by 7:30 in the morning and again in the afternoon at 3:10. Thank you!

**3rd quarter patrol schedule:**

**Week of March 27th**

Sean & Ardian  
Hannah & Lucy



**RECESS/LUNCH DUTY**

Want to spend an hour during the day helping out at recess or lunch duty at St. Raphael? We would love your assistance! The times of lunch and recess are as follows: 11:10am Preschool goes to lunch—11:15-11:40am (K-3) - 11:45-12:05pm Lunch (4-8). All volunteers must have completed their Protecting God's Children requirements. If you can help, please email Lori Stawizynski at [loristaw76@yahoo.com](mailto:loristaw76@yahoo.com)

Monday, March 27 Donna V. & Bobbie S.

Tuesday, March 28 Stephanie K. & Mary Anne P.

Wednesday, March 29 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, March 30 Mark P.

Friday, March 31 Gary P. & Katie M.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

The process for the 2017-2018 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2017. If you are interested in touring our school or would like to request a packet of information and the registration form you will need to complete, please call the school office at 314-352-9474. Registration packets may also be mailed if requested.



**Keep the two steps forward. Lose the one step back.**

**Summer learning loss puts students at a serious disadvantage.** This is when skills and knowledge are lost over the summer months, causing students to move backwards instead of progressing.

By spending just minutes a day with Summer Solutions, students get the practice they need to keep moving forward. It was designed to help students return to school after summer break confident in the skills they've already learned and ready to master new ones.

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St. Raphael the Archangel School

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iPad Mini Give-a-way! Order before May 16. Every customer who orders is automatically entered to win. The drawings will be on April 17 and May 17.

**Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant**

**INCREASING STUDENT READING TIME IMPROVES COMPREHENSION**

**Article taken from THE JOURNAL by Lelia Meyer 11/17/16**

The majority of students spend fewer than 15 minutes per day reading. Increasing their daily reading time to 30 minutes, can improve comprehension and boost student achievement according to Renaissance Learning's Accelerated Reader 360 software for managing and monitoring student reading. The report found that 54% of students read for less than 15 minutes per day and are exposed to approximately 1.5 million words. On the other end of the spectrum, 18% of students read for more than 30 minutes per day and are exposed to 13.7 million words throughout their K-12 schooling. This report found that all readers who put in extra time reading showed a significant improvement. Full report available as a free downloadable PDF from RENAISSANCE LEARNING site.



**Mrs. Peggy Martin: Physical Education & Art Grades Pk-3**

This week I will close out Jump Rope for Heart and order the students prizes. We are over \$1,700. WOW! I will give you a final count next week.

We are working on running for endurance and practicing skills for track and field: long jump, hurdles, and relays. T-Ball and baseball are right around the corner. I am going to be practicing batting skills with all the new tees Josh and Bob helped me build. Kickball is great to help children learn how to line up to take their turn at batting and excellent fielding practice.



**Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education—Grades 3-8**

This past week the students were introduced to a fun filled strengthening cardio vascular workout called The Wave Drill. This activity had the students in four rows performing high intensity exercises. These included jumping jacks, squat jumps, burpees, running in place, scissors and push-ups. It demanded a lot from each student and they performed well. On Friday, March 17, to start off March Madness, I will bring back a basketball activity that I think the students will enjoy.

I hope everyone has safe and wonderful spring break. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all students and parents.



### Miss Molly Preschool Room A

Happy Saint Patrick's Week!!! That is what we are learning about in Preschool A. We have made Shamrocks and a Pot O' Gold with a rainbow. We are going to try and trap a Leprechaun for the classroom. We will also learn the true meaning of St. Patrick with stories and activities. I hope everyone will enjoy their Spring Break next week and time with their families.



### Miss Chris Preschool Room B

We are on our letter U and the theme we are doing this week is "This Is Us." We are talking about how special and unique each one of us is and how when we are together, we create US. We are a unique and special class. We are United together to love each other, share, play, laugh and learn together.



### Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

The students have been learning about St. Patrick and how he described the Three Persons in One God as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The students created art projects that represented St. Patrick's teaching. We have been working on adding numbers with sums up to 10. Have a nice week!



### First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

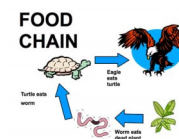
Friday fun in First Grade was in full swing. Students worked throughout the week to create Leprechaun traps. On Friday, students participated in STEAM activities related to St. Patrick's Day. We explored math, science, engineering, and ELA in a collaborative, exciting, hands-on way. While students and teachers are away during Spring Break, the Leprechaun traps will be set throughout our school. We are excited to see what we will find upon our return!



### Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade is reviewing their math skills in telling time and counting money.

In Science, we have researched many different animals and their habitats along with their food chains. We are now going to "discover" a brand new species. Each student will get to "discover" a new species of animal and create a profile to describe this new creature. Among last year's class a few of their discoveries included an "Elledog" and "Faberdion." Stay tuned for what we discover this year!



Continue to pray for us this Lenten Season as we prepare for First Communion on Sunday, April 30.

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

Third Grade loves to use our Chrome Books to drill for Math facts and read Raz-Kids. We are studying about Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. It is a good lesson in comparing and contrasting the personalities of these important men. The Louisiana Territory doubled the size of our country. We did a couple short plays in our Religion workbook on Jesus' Miracles. Our Lenten Journey posters are moving along nicely as we remember our sacrifices. It has been fun to learn about Irish folklore and St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We all look forward to having some time with our families and friends over Spring Break next week. Fourth Quarter has arrived!



### **Miss Patti Woods: Social Studies, Science, English (4-5)**

**In Fourth Grade** English we are working on proper capitalization and punctuation, specifically using proper nouns correctly. In Social Studies the children are excited to be beginning our unit on the Civil War and some key roles Missouri played. They were astounded when they found out they live in a state where slavery was legal and the people who lived in Missouri at that time wanted it to stay that way.

**In Fifth Grade** English we are finishing our unit on proper sentence structure. In Social Studies we are almost finished with the geographic regions of the United States and will soon be beginning our unit on the Revolutionary War.

Have a great Spring Break! Come back ready to get down to business and end the year strong!

### **Miss Amanda Imo: Reading, Math (4-5)**

**Fifth Grade:** The Fifth Graders have been discussing the Sacrament of Matrimony. We have talked about what it means to vow to love someone for the rest of their lives and how God gives the couple a special grace to help them work through the good and bad times. In Math the students have been diligently working on how to multiply and divide fractions and mixed numbers. During Reading the students have enjoyed discussing their latest Book Club book. There are a lot of great conversations taking place in our classroom.

**Fourth Grade:** The Fourth Graders have been working on adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. They are getting a clearer understanding of fractions and how they work. The students have been working on their compare and contrast paper for Shiloh. They are doing a great job figuring how to organize their thoughts.

### **Mrs. Christy Connor: Social Studies & Religion (6-7-8)**

**English:** Grades Six, Seven and Eight completed the unit on verbs this week. They are now beginning the unit on modifiers, including adjectives and adverbs. Students in all classes will also be working more on sentence diagramming.

**Social Studies:** Grade Six students are continuing their study of Europe in the Middle Ages. They are learning how people lived in those days, as well as how a young man became a knight. The class will begin working on their own coat of arms.

Grade Seven students completed the unit about Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery and will be starting the unit concerning Jacksonian Democracy.

Grade Eight students will begin their study concerning the Vietnam War. They will also be learning about some economic concepts, especially different types of taxes, and the concept of unemployment.

**Mrs. Laura Berns: Science (6-7-8) Standard Math (6-7-8)**  
**Miss Ashley Schaaf: Science (6-7-8) Challenge Math (6&7) Algebra 8**

**Sixth Grade Math**

In Challenge Math we are finishing up percents, and are exploring percent of change and simple interest. In Standard Math we are wrapping up our unit on area, perimeter, surface area and volume. We will have a test before we leave for Spring Break.

**Seventh Grade Math**

In Challenge Math we are finishing up our basic geometry unit. We are exploring transformations and symmetry. In Standard Math we are wrapping up our unit on ratios, rates and proportional relationships. We will have a test before we leave for spring break.

**Eighth Grade Math**

In Challenge Math we are continuing our work with polynomials - multiplying and factoring. In Standard Math we are investigating the difference between rational and irrational numbers.

**Sixth Grade Science**

We started a new book, *Environmental Science*. We are wrapping up Chapter 1 and will take a test before we leave for Spring Break.

**Seventh Grade Science**

Students are working on differentiating between the different parts of the ocean. They are also building an ocean habitat.

**Eighth Grade Science**

We are continuing our study of cells and exploring how they carry out the processes of photosynthesis and respiration.

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

**Literature:** This quarter we begin our journey to The Globe Theater and the works of William Shakespeare. We will learn about alliteration, assonance, consonance and iambic pentameter. We will also learn about Shakespeare's life and the Elizabethan Age.

**Vocabulary Workshop** schedule should be taped/stapled to their vocabulary book cover or in their assignments books. I've also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Our Unit 13 spelling and a vocabulary test will be Wednesday, April 12th.

**Religion: Sixth** - Lent and Stations

**Religion: Seventh** - Confirmation - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of the Church

**Religion: Eighth** - Stations of the Cross

**Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art**

All students have the same goal for Fourth Quarter. The goal is to be able to do the following steps as independently as possible:

I can...

1. Come up with an idea for my artwork
2. Select and gather my supplies
3. Develop a plan for making my art
4. Know when I am finished
5. Clean up supplies
6. Reflect/talk about my artwork



The students will be focused on mastering each of these steps for creating artwork and behaving like an artist.

**STUCO**

March 1 - April 13 - Lenten Mission Project - Queen of Peace Center

April 3-7 - Canned Food Drive - Dress in Decade Style



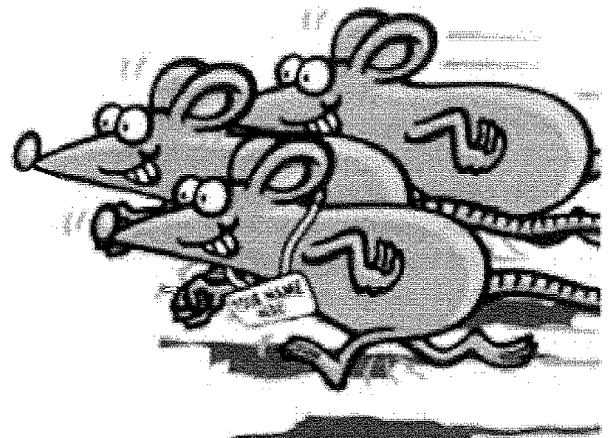


# A Night at the SRA Mouse Races

## Saturday, April 1, 2017

Benefitting the SRA 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

Beer and Soda  
Provided!  
Raffle Prizes!



**Location: St. Raphael Gym**  
6000 Jamieson Ave  
St. Louis, MO 63109

**Doors open at 6:30**  
**Races begin at 7:00**

**Coolers and Food welcome**

Contact: Lisa at [lisabrinkmann@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisabrinkmann@sbcglobal.net)

**\$15**  
per Person  
**\$150**  
per Table  
Checks payable to SRA

Table Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ Amt Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Challenge your gifted child!**

**Gifted Resource Council**

**Summer 2017 Academies for K-8**

*Pick one program from each session:*

**June 12-23**

**Math, Marvels & More** [completing grades K-2]

Equations, Energy and Expression

**ECO Academy** [completing grades 3-8]

ECO-nomics + ECO-logy

**June 26-July 7**

**Jr. Science Searchers** [completing Kindergarten] From Outer Space to Ocean Depths

**Ancient Academy** [completing grades 3-8] Ancient Egypt: Scarabs, Sculptures and Scripts

**GRC's Space Academy** [completing grades 1-5] Colonizing the Cosmos: Is There Any Place Like Home?

**GRC's Advanced Space Academy** [completing grades 6-8] Colonizing the Cosmos: Is a Galaxy in Your Future?

**July 10-21**

**Academy Americana** [completing grades 1-3] Colonial Times: Hamilton and Friends!

**Jr. Science Searchers** [completing Kindergarten] From Dinosaurs to Tropical Rainforests

**Ancient Academy** [completing grades 3-8] Ancient Egypt: Tales, Tombs and Tut

**GRC's Space Academy** [completing grades 1-5] Cosmic Catastrophes: Novas, Supernovas & Black Holes

**GRC's Advanced Space Academy** [completing grades 6-8] Cosmic Catastrophes: Natural & Human-made

***Kids Explore!***

**Ecology/Economics Math**

**Rocketry / LEGOs® Science**

**Ancient Egypt Colonial Times Physical Activity**

Held at Wydown Middle School Cost: \$475 per 2-week session

6500 Wydown Blvd. [partial scholarships available]

Clayton, MO 63105 9:00-3:30 M-F [*Extended care available*]

**Go to the GRC Web site:**

**[www.giftedresourcecouncil.org](http://www.giftedresourcecouncil.org)**



# Summer is right around the corner!

*Register for Creative Arts Camp today*



**July 31— August 4 &  
August 7— August 11**

- Campers entering Pre-K\*— 5th**
- Monday—Friday: 9am—3pm**
- New City School**  
5209 Waterman Blvd. 63108
- Drama, Visual Art,  
Movement & Music**  
Register by June 1, 2017 & Save \$20!

\* Children must be at least 4 years old on or before July 31, 2017.

**CLICK HERE** to register online

Creative discovery is what it's all about at Creative Arts Camp! Campers enjoy fun-filled days exploring drama, visual art, creative movement and music with professional teaching artists. Each Friday afternoon, campers share highlights of their week with family and friends! [Check our website](#) or [download the flyer](#) for more information.

## **Creative Arts Camp Sessions:**

**July 31-August 4 & August 7-August 11**

You can [register for Creative Arts Camp online](#) today! Want to give the details to a friend? Here's the breakdown:

- *Who:* Campers Entering Pre-K through 5th Grade
- *What:* Drama, Dance, Visual Art, Music, Creative Discovery
- *When:* Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
- *Where:* New City School, 5209 Waterman Blvd. St. Louis, MO
- *Cost:* \$250/week\*

\*You can save \$20 by registering on or before July 31, 2017