

# 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

Happy Spring to our SRA Families,

Yes, the weather is getting warmer, the days are growing longer, and Easter is quickly approaching. Yesterday, Palm Sunday marked the beginning of Holy Week. The school will be closed this week on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Please check the bulletin for confessions, adoration, Stations of the Cross, and Mass times.

We also celebrated Bow Sunday for our 7th-graders as they prepare for Confirmation on April 6. We are very honored to have Archbishop Rozanski coming to confirm our students at St. Raphael this year. As you drive through the neighborhood and see a red bow on the front door, be sure to say a prayer for our students.

**Once again, students are to quarantine from school for five (5) days from the return date. If your family is traveling over the Easter Break, your child may bring home their books for virtual learning this Wednesday. No Chromebooks will be sent home over Easter Break. Parents can pick up Chromebooks on Tuesday, April 6. Please contact your child's teacher if your child will be virtual the week after Easter Break.**

Spring brings the chance for severe weather, and we want to be prepared. The teachers are reviewing all of our safety drills through videos and, when possible, actual practice. Once we return from Easter Break, the teachers will review our active shooter procedures. We are mindful that the active shooter drill can be a sensitive topic, but the teachers will present in an age-appropriate manner.

The teachers in Grades 4-8 will also present the Family Life Program. Parents will receive further information about this program next week when we return from Easter Break.

Third-quarter report cards opened in ALMA on Friday, March 26. Overall, I was delighted with the learning growth of our students. It has been a challenging year, but our students are still learning!

Here is a Shout-Out to a few individual students from the 3rd Quarter. **Congratulations to all!!**

### Spelling Bee

1st Place - Clara T. - 4th

2nd Place - Henry C. - 7th

### History Day- Student moving onto State Competition

Brendan C. 6<sup>th</sup>, Lucas F. 6<sup>th</sup>, Will H. 8<sup>th</sup>, and Emillie M. 8<sup>th</sup>

### Bellarmino Speech League

Blue Ribbons for Ryan S. 5<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth K. 5<sup>th</sup>, and Eleanore G.

### Science Fair

#### 8th Grade

1st Place: Addi B.

2nd Place: Henry C.

3rd Place: Isabella P.

#### 7th Grade

1st Place: Anna Grace G.

2nd Place: Sophia V.

3rd Place: Margaret K.

#### 6th Grade

1st Place: Charlie D.

2nd Place: Lydia E.

3rd Place: Lucas F.

I will keep your family in my prayers during Holy Week.

Blessings, Mrs. Hayes

## Announcements



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



### April Birthdays

Chase Sitzes-2

William Schneeberger-2

Alex Kean-2

Emma Rooney-7

Simon Klein-11

Jack Watring-11

Sophia Sullivan-12

Audrey Primo-13

Madelynn Schneeberger-14

James Browning-14

Nora Anstey-17

### Mrs. Franz-17

Amelia Sensmeyer-20

Madilyn Wilkinson-25

Emillie Mountain-25

Pina Naeger-26

Olivia Queathem-26

### Mrs. Connor-27

Kallista Hiatt-28





April 1 Holy Thursday – No School Preschool-8  
April 2 Good Friday – No School Preschool-8  
April 4 Easter Monday – No School Preschool-8  
April 6 7:00pm 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
April 16 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Activity Day  
April 18 10:00am Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bow Sunday  
April 25 10:00am First Holy Communion



### Miss Molly: Preschool A

Preschool A has been preparing for Easter and the coming of spring. We have talked about Lent, the welcoming of Jesus and Easter.

It has been so nice to be able to get outside, take walks, and play on the playground. We have also been busy finishing our work on the letter C and moving onto the Letter G and O. We also had fun trying to find the Leprechaun in the room. He kept trying to find the golden coins!

Have a wonderful Easter Holiday and God Bless.



### Mrs. Liz: Prekindergarten

We have been busy in Preschool B! We worked on the letters V and W and recently completed an “All About Me” unit. We talked about the things that make us unique and made an “All About Me” book. Our favorite activity from this unit was making the members of our families out of popsicle sticks and creating houses for them using Play Doh and blocks. This was a great STEM activity and each one was different and full of innovation and creativity!

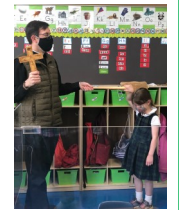
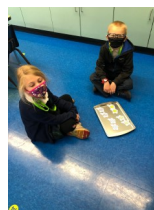


### Kindergarten News: Miss Lu Ann Domijan

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, many Dr. Seuss books.

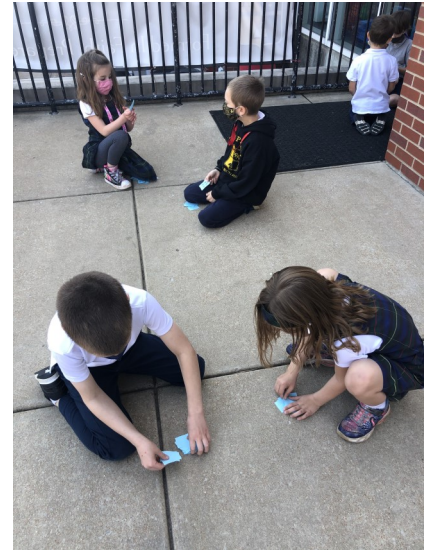
During Lent we have tried to do “ACTS of Kindness.” Everyday in kindergarten we are coloring a 40 Day Lenten path, reading books about Lent and Easter. Fr. John came to our classroom and taught us about The Stations of the Cross. We will pray The Stations of the Cross with the other elementary classes. We were are excited about Easter.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!



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

First grade is excited about the start of spring! We would like to wish everyone a blessed Easter!



**Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks**

Second grade has begun our Time unit! We are excited to use this new skill to keep our daily schedule in order. We also finished our Living Organisms unit by creating habitats for our “Desk Pets.” Each desk pet has a custom-made habitat to live in while they help us stay focused throughout the rest of the year.

Please keep second grade in your prayers as we continue our First Communion preparation!



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

Third Grade looked great all dressed up for our spring photo day! We are happy that spring has arrived. February was a COLD one this year. We learned about area and perimeter in math. Owen measured our classroom’s length and found it to be 10 yards long. We are learning USA and Metric units and comparing the two. In English, we are studying verb tenses. Lent is a good time for sacrificing and we get to lead Stations of the Cross in church for the primary students. We have taken on many leadership roles this year.



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

We all enjoyed our Spring Break, and we are eagerly awaiting the day of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead.

The fifth and sixth graders have been busy writing a comparison/contrast essay in English class. We will be sharing them this week.

In Social Studies, the fourth-grade pods each took a topic, researched it, and presented their information to the class. These included Thomas Jefferson, Missouri Laws, The Bill of Rights, The Missouri Constitution, and Missouri State Laws. They all enjoyed doing this and hope to do it again.

In fourth-grade religion, we are wrapping up our studies of the Ten Commandments, and we will then move on to The Beatitudes.

In seventh grade religion, we are continuing our work on Confirmation. They will be confirmed on April 6, 2021. Please pray for our 7th graders who are making a huge step in their Catholic Faith.

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

Fifth Grade: The fifth graders are studying the Sacraments at the Service of Communion. They are learning about how to listen for their calling and the various types of vocations. During math, the students are learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers and how to multiply fractions. The students read a humorous story about a cowboy that has outrageous skills during literature. They learned about hyperboles and then created their own creative story using hyperboles!

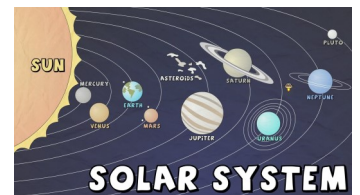
Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have been working on fractions. They learned how to find equivalent fractions, simplify fractions, compare/order, and, add/subtract fractions. The students have been working on comparing/contrasting along with sequencing in literature class.

**Mrs. Dana Lahm: Science/STREAM (4-5-6-7-8)**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade students are exploring the different types of forces and motion.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are studying our Solar System and the revolution of the planets around the sun. Students are learning about earth's movements of rotation and revolution and how the positions of the moon, earth, and sun cause the phases of the moon, eclipses, and tides.

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are learning about the chemical reactions of photosynthesis and cellular respiration, and the processes of mechanical and chemical digestion.



**Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education**

This month we have been working on throwing and catching skills with frisbees. We have started playing ultimate frisbee and other games to practice these skills. In the picture, you can see 6th grade playing frisbee dodgeball, with foam frisbees.



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

Religion: Grade six students have begun to learn about the Kings of Israel, and the students in grade eight will be completing their study of church history.

Social Studies: Grade six students are learning about the Middle Ages, and grade five students are working on the causes and effects of the Civil War. Students in grade eight are completing their study of World War I and will begin looking at the Great Depression and World War II. Students in grade seven are completing their study of the Bill of Rights.

History Day News: these are the students who participated in National History Day:

Papers: Henry C. Sputnik and the development of communication satellites  
Emillie M. Radio during the World War II Era (third place)  
Will H. The Navajo Code Talkers (second place)

Exhibits: Claire F. Samuel Morse and the Telegraph  
Dalila R.  
Brendan C. The Pony Express (first place)  
Lucas F.

I appreciate the effort that all the students put into their entries, especially in this year of virtual judging. Good luck to the students who are going on to the state competition.

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

In standard and challenge math we are exploring geometric concepts.

In pre-algebra we are exploring how to factor polynomials.

In algebra we are working with quadratic functions.

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

The 6th-8th graders have been working on writing essays. They've written several first drafts. They are going to choose one to add to, revise, and edit.

The students are also writing poetry. They're experimenting with free-verse poetry, along with imitation poetry and two voices poems. (April is National Poetry Month, so we're getting started early.)

