

# 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

Dear SRA Parents,

Spring is officially here, but the cold weather has continued to hang around a bit longer. It doesn't matter what the temperature is outside, the kids are ready for Spring Break! There will be no school from Monday, March 26 through Monday, April 2 for Pre-K to 8th-grade. Classes will resume on Tuesday, April 3.

Friday, March 23 will be a Dress-Down Day for the entire school. We can thank our Principal for a Day, Flora Borowiak for making this wise decision. Also on Friday at 2:00pm the 8th-grade class will be leading the students in the Living Stations. All are welcome to join the school community for the Stations.

Throughout March, we have been focusing on safety topics with the students. Along with our usual tornado and fire drills we viewed the intruder video and practiced an intruder drill. In addition, the Safe Touch Program information was presented to the kindergarten to 8th-grade classes this week. Hopefully, you were able to follow-up with a safe touch discussion with your child.

The 3rd quarter ends tomorrow, March 23. Due to our Spring & Easter Break, report cards will be open for viewing on Monday, April 9th.

The parish is in need of servers for Masses during Holy Week and Easter. Please let the rectory know if your child can serve.

The winner of The Pot of Gold will be announced tomorrow, Friday, March 23. Thank you to all who help support the Parish Mission Project. Hopefully, our donation will add many new red tiles to the roof!

This year the school will participate in the Cardinal's Homers for Health Home Run Derby to support Cardinal Glennon Hospital. For a \$5.00 donation, your child will participate in the Whiffle Ball Home Run Derby and attend the Mission Carnival on Friday, April 13. For an added bonus, your child will also have a chance to win four Cardinal baseball tickets for June 13 -Star Wars Night! Please help us support Cardinal Glennon Hospital and have some fun too!

It is time to register for St. Raphael's Summer Camp. Each week offers a new theme and new activities. If you are looking for summer camp opportunities for your child, please check out what we have to offer.

### *The Grail Prayer*

*Lord Jesus,*

*I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way.*

*I give you my eyes to see as you do. I give you my tongue to speak your words.*

*I give you my mind that you may think in me. I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.*

*Above all, I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind.*

*I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus,  
who live and work and pray in me.*

May you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter Sunday,  
Mrs. Hayes



# Announcements



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

All School Mass 8:00am

## **April 5**

Weekday Mass  
1st Grade Planning

## **April 12**

Weekday Mass  
8th Grade & Kdg. Buddies  
Planning

## **April 18**

Weekday Mass  
4th Grade Planning

## **April 26**

Weekday Mass  
3rd Grade Planning

## **May 2**

May Crowning

Benediction 2:00pm  
First Friday of the  
month



## **April Birthdays**

Chase Sitzes-2  
William Schneeberger-2  
Gregory Schlichting-9  
Simon Klein-11  
Madelynn Schneeberger-14  
James Browning-14  
Amelia Sensmeyer-20  
Madilyn Wilkinson-25  
Emillie Mountain-25  
Giuseppina Naeger-26  
**Mrs. Connor-27**  
Eva Thompson-28  
**Miss Jessie - 28**

## **Kindergarten Registration**

The process for the 2018-2019 Kindergarten registration is now open. Children who are to be registered must be 5 years old by July 31, 2018. 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.





- April 3 – School Resumes PreK – 8
- April 5 – 8:00am Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Planning
- April 5 – 2:00pm Dance
- April 5 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
- April 6 – 2:00pm Benediction
- April 6 – 6:30-10:00pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mouse Races in Gym
- April 8 – 10:00am Mass Confirmation Bow Sunday
- April 9-13 - Canned Food Drive
- April 9 - 8:30am-2:15pm Zoo Field Trip for 1st & 2nd Grades
- April 9 – Report Cards Open
- April 11 – 7:00pm 7th Grade Confirmation
- April 12 – 8:00am Mass 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Kdg. Buddies Planning
- April 12 – 2:00pm Dance
- April 12 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
- April 13 – Mission Carnival/Homers for Health
- April 15 – 10:00am Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Bow Sunday
- April 16-20 - 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grades at camp all week
- April 16 – 8:45am-2:30pm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to JABiz Town
- April 17 - 9:00-10:15am SRA Little Angels
- April 17 - 10:15am-2:00pm 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Old Court House
- April 19 – 8:00am Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Planning
- April 19 – 7:30am-2:00pm New Kdg. Screening
- April 19 – 2:00pm Dance
- April 19 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
- April 20 - 7:30am-2:00pm New Kdg. Screening
- April 20 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Activity Day
- April 21 – 9:00am-1:00pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Flea Market SRA Parking Lot  
Trunk Sale & BBQ
- April 26 – 8:00am Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Planning
- April 26 – 2:00pm Dance
- April 26 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess in Art Room
- April 26 – 6:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Pot Luck Dinner - Cafeteria
- April 29 – 10:00am Mass First Communion
- April 30 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade No School
- May 2 – 8:00am Mass & May Crowning



Hello! My name is Grace Goeddel and I am in eighth grade. As a service project for this year, I am again collecting aluminum tab tops which are the aluminum tops found on the tops of aluminum soda cans. These are for the Ronald McDonald House of St. Louis. The Ronald McDonald house helps those in faraway cities who are in need health care in St. Louis. It is also a place for families who need a place to stay near the hospital. The Ronald McDonald house takes the tabs to a recycling company and the recycling company gives back 100% of the money turned in. I have set up some containers by the main office for you to drop off any donations you have. I will be doing this project until May 4,2018. Thank you for your generosity and remember to bring in your tab tops!

**Summer Camp**

It's that time of year, time to think about summer camp. Come join us for a summer full of fun times. We have swim days, field trips, cooking, and a theme each week. Summer camp starts June 4th through July 28th. Pick a week or join us all summer; we would love to have you! Please go to our web site for more information. If you have questions, please contact Molly Indelicato.

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**Easter Egg Hunter**

It has been a tradition at Saint Raphael to have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 AM on Easter Sunday. This year we will need an adult volunteer and 10 of our older students to help stuff eggs and place them around the parish grounds. One lucky student/adult can even be an "Easter Bunny" helper, costume and all. Please call the Parish Office for more details and/or to volunteer to head up this fun activity.



**PTA FUNDRAISER**

Help the SRA PTA raise money for the school by shopping at Schnucks!! Every time you shop at Schnucks, scan your Schnucks SCRIP card and SRA's PTA will earn 1%-3%!! Pick up your card in the back of the church. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne Potts at [maryannepotts@gmail.com](mailto:maryannepotts@gmail.com), 314.482.1907, with any questions.

**Mr. John Burno: Physical Education**

**Jump Rope for Heart**

Jump/Hoopster for Heart ended with a grand total of \$3,575.50 collected. Wow, this is AWE-SOME! Thank you to all of our students and families for helping the event surpass last year's total. The awards and prizes have been ordered and we will receive them after spring break. A shout-out goes to Mr. Burno for organizing this event and creating fun activities for our kids while learning to keep our hearts healthy!



## Upcoming Student Council Events

April 9th - 13th - Canned Food Drive  
April 13th - Mission Carnival  
April 24th - STUCO Interest Meeting for grades 5-7

### Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

Kindergarten - We are studying different melodies; up and down.

First grade - Identifying rhythms and various music symbols.

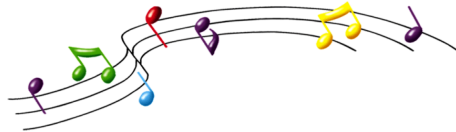
Second Grade and Third grade - Exploring melody, instruments of the orchestra, and playing resonator bells.

Fourth grade - Reading music; lines and spaces, sharps and flats.

Fifth & Seventh grades - Instruments of the orchestra, and "Be a Composer."

Sixth & Eighth grades - The students did a very nice job on their "Bones Composition."

Eighth grade will begin working on a new project when they return from spring break. More details to follow after break.



### Miss Molly Preschool Room A

From Preschool "A" - We had a great month. The children had fun learning about transportation, insects, St. Patrick, and the meaning of Easter. They were taught new letters this month, the letters "T, I, and U." They did some great science experiments with the STREAM teachers. They made a Skittles rainbow and baking soda art. In the classroom, we made a walking rainbow and made Irish sensory bottles. I wish everyone a wonderful and blessed Easter and I hope you enjoy your spring break with your families. Thank You and God Bless.



### Miss Chris Pre-K Room B

This month is flying by. We have had a great time in Pre-K B. The Bears have learned so much and are having a wonderful time. Our highlights of the month include a trip to the rainforest for letter R Week. The Bears loved turning our classroom into a rainforest with vines, trees, sloths, snakes, and tree frogs. They also learned the four layers that are in a rainforest. They know a song that talks about each layer and can sing it for you or tell you all about it. Another highlight was a STREAM activity we did with our STREAM teachers, called "Hugging Butterflies." We used butterflies that we created out of tissue paper, balloons and lots of static electricity. The Bears would like to wish everyone a wonderful spring break and a blessed Easter!



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

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten has been learning about St. Patrick and is excited for this day. The students continue to learn about 3D shapes and are building leprechaun traps to keep in our classroom to try and catch a leprechaun. The students have been working on their writing and constructing sentences. Hope everyone had a Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**Preschool B simulating what happens to clouds when it rains.**



**2nd Graders making unique inventions**



### First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

We are ready for spring in first grade. We just started studying plants and are eager to see all the wonderful flowers and trees that are starting to bloom. We just finished studying American symbols in social studies. In math, we are finishing up learning how to subtract and add double-digit numbers without regrouping. When we get back from spring break we will begin to study money. The students had a great time wearing crazy socks and hats to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. In religion, we have been studying Lent and this week we will be learning about Holy Week. The students did a great job leading the Stations of the Cross a few weeks ago. We hope that everyone has a safe spring break and blessed Easter!



### Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

March has been packed with many activities and learning experiences for second grade. The month began by celebrating Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd - Mr. Messmer and the other primary teachers dressed up as Dr. Seuss characters, and the students even got to listen to Mrs. Hayes read a few Dr. Seuss books. During the week of St. Patrick's Day, we honed in on our expository writing skills by writing leprechaun biographies, complete with portraits of our leprechauns. In science, we are completing our unit on animal lifecycles and are beginning to write about our own, imaginary animals. Finally, we are nearly finished with our study of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist in religion, and are gearing up for First Communion on April 29<sup>th</sup>.



### Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade greatly enjoyed their latest STREAM activities: Speed Ramp and Transport Pulleys. We went through all the steps of an experiment: question, hypothesis, background information, procedure, materials, variables (controlled, independent, dependent), trials, results, graphing, and conclusion. It was fun learning about simple machines and we extended our activities into our indoor recesses. Many of us successfully transported our egg buddies safely from one place to another, having invented interesting pulley systems to achieve this goal. However, some of us did not. If the result was cracked and damaged eggs, they went back to the invention Wheel and tried again. We had many educational March learning experiences here at SRA!





**Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)**

In English, sixth through eighth grades are working on research papers throughout the next weeks. Grade 5 will be joining them in an essay paper, but for them it will be an essay that compares/contrasts two things.

Fourth grade is finishing up the unit on capitalization and punctuation and will be taking their end of unit test. They will then write a persuasive essay. Along with English, they are working on memorizing their lines for the Dred Scott Reenactment field trip in April.

Have a great spring break!

**Miss Amanda Imo: 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. They have been reading about a folktale where the main character is searching for a cure. The students analyzed the plot and why the events happened the way they did. They also have enjoyed reading their latest Book Club book!

**Fourth Grade:** The fourth graders have continued their discussion on obeying the Ten Commandments. We have discussed why being respectful and truthful is essential. 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)**



**HISTORY DAY**

Eleven sixth grade students and one eighth grade student participated in the National History Day at UMSL on Saturday, February 24. These are the students and their exhibits:

Junior Group Exhibits:

First Place: "Conflict and Compromise: The Annexation of Hawaii" was completed by: Lucy Schlichting, Flora Borowiak and Madalene Cierpiot.

Second Place: "Working on the Panama Canal" was completed by: Rory Barnawell, Cate Guenther, and Abby Delf.

Second Place: "D-Day: The Secret War" was completed by: Thad Berta, Andrew Keller, and John Winkelmann

Second Place: "Dred Scott: Fight for Freedom" was completed by: Tom Finan, Jacob Sawyer, and Aiden Stawizynski.

These students will all advance to the state competition in Columbia, Missouri in April. All of these students have worked very hard on their exhibits and we should all be proud of them.

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

In Standard Math, we have been working with basic geometric shapes. This entails perimeter and area of parallelograms and circles. We are just not exploring three-dimensional shapes.

In Challenge Math, we are also exploring geometry. We have very similarly calculated perimeter and area of geometric shapes.

In Pre-Algebra, the students have been introduced to linear functions and equations. This encompasses arithmetic and geometric sequences, and graphing linear equations. We will be starting exponential and quadratic functions soon.

In Algebra, we have started work with quadratic functions. We started with graphing basic parent functions, and will be getting into solving quadratic functions.

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

Literature classes have concluded our holocaust journey and are ending the 3rd quarter with a poetry study in all grade levels. When we return from spring break, we will begin our Shakespeare unit. 8th grade will read *Romeo and Juliet*, 7th will read *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and 6th will read *The Taming of the Shrew*. Please encourage students to read every night and discuss the events that they read about. 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. After spring break, 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 13 test is April 17th.