

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

A weekly newsletter for the school community

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Kim Vangel

Dear St. Raphael School Families,

It's good to be back in school after a much needed Spring Break! We are now in the 4th and final Quarter of the school year and looking forward to finishing the year up strong.

There will be a lot of things happening between now and the end of the school year, so please make note of all of the following important dates:

- Saturday, April 1st Mouse Races to benefit this year's 8th Grade Class
- Week of April 3rd - Schoola Spring Clothing Drive and April Canned Good Drive
- Friday, April 7th Black & Gold Accessory Day
- Sunday, April 9th 2nd Grade Bow Sunday and Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday, Noon Dismissal K-8
- Friday, April 14th Good Friday, No School
- Saturday, April 15th Holy Saturday
- Sunday, April 16th Easter Sunday
- Monday, April 17th Easter Monday, No School
- Tuesday, April 18th, NCEA Conference No School K-8
- Friday, April 21st 2nd Grade Activity Day
- Sunday, April 23rd 7th Grade Bow Sunday
- Wednesday, April 26th 7th Grade Confirmation
- Thursday, April 27th No School for 7th Grade
- Sunday, April 30th First Communion for 2nd Grade
- Monday, May 1st No School for 2nd Grade
- Thursday, May 4th May Crowning
- Friday, May 5th Spring Music Program for K-7
- Week of May 8th Canned Food Drive
- Friday, May 12th No School K-8
- Friday, May 12th and Saturday, May 13th Parish Picnic
- Wednesday, May 17th Last day for 8th Grade
- Thursday, May 18th 8th Grade Mystery Trip
- Friday, May 19th 8th Grade Graduation Dinner
- Sunday May 21st 8th Grade Graduation Mass
- Monday, May 22nd Preschool Program & Graduation
- Thursday, May 25th Field Day & Last day for Preschool
- Friday, May 26th 10am Dismissal and Last Day for K-7

Thanks for your support and prayers as always, and enjoy this beautiful spring weather!

Peace,
Kim Vangel
Principal

Happy
Spring!

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

March

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

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

April

Stations of the Cross
Friday 2:00pm
During Lent

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month

April 1 - 6:30-11:00pm SRA Mouse Races
April 3-7 – Schoola Spring Clothing Drive
April 3-7 – STUCO Canned Food Drive
April 3-13—Golden Egg Raffle
April 3 - 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club K -3
April 4 – 3:15-5:00pm STEAM Club 4 -8
April 5 – 8:30-11:00am Lenten Confessions – Grades 2-8
April 5 – 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal
April 6 – 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
April 7 – Black & Gold Accessary Day/Cardinal Accessories
April 7 – 2:00pm Stations of the Cross/Benediction
April 8 – 9:00-11:00am 7th Grade Confirmation Service
Project at Our Little Haven
April 9 – 10:00am Mass Second Grade Bow Sunday
April 12 – 3:15-4:30pm SRA Schola Rehearsal
April 13 – Holy Thursday Noon Dismissal K-8
Preschool is open
April 14 – Good Friday No School Preschool – 8
April 15 - 10:30am-12:30pm Easter Egg Hunt at Francis
Park/Bicycle helmet sale/fetting
April 15 – 9:00-11:00am 7th Grade Confirmation
Service Project at Our Little Haven
April 16 – Easter Sunday
April 16 – 10:00am Mass Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
April 17 – Easter Monday No School Preschool – 8
April 18 – NCEA NO SHOOL PRESCHOOL – 8
April 19 – School Resumes Preschool - 8



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
Giuseppina Naeger-26
Mrs. Connor-27
Eva Thompson-28

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 April 3

Gillian & Billy
Hannah & Anna



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

Monday, April 3 Alana T. & Pam A.

Tuesday, April 4 Stephanie K. & Nicole R.

Wednesday, April 5 Missy W. & Patrick J.

Thursday, April 6 Susie I. & Leslie S.

Friday, April 7 Megan H. & Gary P.



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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.



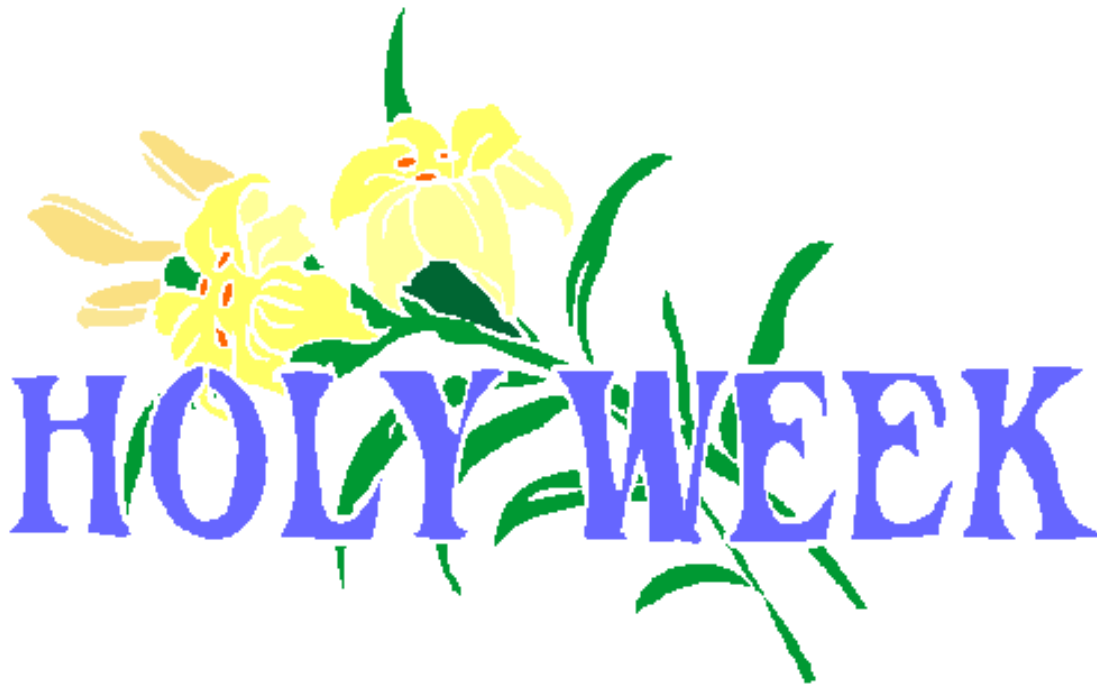
Edward J. Naeger, Sr. and Karen (Jones) Naeger Scholarship Opportunity

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

St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association Annual Scholarship

The St. Louis Hills Neighborhood Association is accepting applications for the 2017 SLHNA 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 3rd quarter/ 2nd 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.



SRA Holy week Schedule 2017

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14th

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th

Easter Vigil 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th

Mass 8:00am & 10:00am

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St. Raphael the Archangel School

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Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant

Study Finds More Than Two Hours of TV Affects Children's School Readiness

The study was published in February by the **Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics**. It reveals the association between television viewing and a child's math and executive functioning skills. Watching more than two hours of television appeared to be the tipping point when the effects were most apparent. In guidelines released last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that children ages 2 to 5 should be watching no more than one hour a day of "high quality" programming, such as "Sesame Street." The study is based on 5 year olds in Massachusetts in Kindergarten the fall of 2008. This was before the iPad, so this study captures only the hours spent passively viewing television-not the hours spent listening to the television in the background, or the time using interactive screen based electronics. The parents were to report how many hours their children watched television and then the children were given a battery of tests measuring their literacy, math and executive functioning skills.

Andrew Ribner, a doctoral student at New York University, said the findings suggest that parents should not worry too much about occasional viewing of age-appropriate programming, but should be mindful of how much television their children may be watching.

Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art

The intermediate grades are working on brainstorming techniques for subjects that are of interest to them that they can use in their artwork. They have been challenged to use one of their ideas to make a well thought out, nicely executed, finished artwork by the end of the school year. The goal is to engage and persist in art making.

There is also new artwork on display outside the office and in the atrium on the 2nd floor, including 3D masks made by 5th grade.



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

This week in PE will be continuing our work in Track and Field. We will work on conditioning, running for distance and endurance. Have a good week.

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

I hope all the students had a wonderful Spring Break! We will continue in our physical education class with fun filled small group activities that will keep the kids moving and working together. I will bring back some cardio activities that they performed back in the Fall and review some strength and conditioning, as well as team sports activities.

Since Spring is here and if the weather cooperates, I hope to take the students outside more often. I keep stressing to the students to always give your best effort and be considerate of each other in class.

Miss Molly Preschool Room A

Welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a nice Spring Break. This week and the next few weeks will be about Spring. This week is weather week. The children are learning all about the water cycle and clouds. We have made rain clouds with cotton balls and paint, fluffy white clouds with white paint and we also had a science day. They made their own cloud in a jar and we made rain clouds with shaving cream. All week we read stories about clouds, the rain and how it helps our earth. They have learned songs about the water cycle and clouds. Later this week we will make umbrellas to keep them dry.

Thank You and God Bless.



Miss Chris Preschool Room B

We have been talking about the letter V this week. We have learned all about vegetables and volcanos and have had a wonderful time creating projects, doing science experiments and watching videos of erupting volcanos. We have also been talking about how Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches during Jesus Club. It has been a very exciting week!



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten has been busy with adding numbers and counting by 5's. We are starting to learn about "sentence structure" and punctuation. We have been recording data on March weather, graphing our "lamb" and "lion" days. Have a great rest of your week.



First Grade News: Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith

First Grade is learning how to count coins up to a dollar. We made coin rubs and identified similarities and differences between coins. It is important for students to be able to identify coin values before they are able to actually count the coins. That nickel and quarter definitely try to trick us, but we are far too smart. This week we also began our Plant Unit in Science and will take our first field trip to the Botanical Gardens. This unit will continue throughout the year as we apply our knowledge and continue our learning in the school garden.



Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade is learning about measurement. We learned how to measure things using non-standard units like paper clips and snowballs. We furthered our understanding of measurement by learning how to use a ruler to measure an object using inches. We will continue learning how to use a ruler to measure feet and centimeters. Then we will return to non-standard units of measurement to estimate the length of various objects.

We have made many new "discoveries" in the animal kingdom. The students have "found" new species of animals and are working hard to determine their habitats and food chains. Soon we will learn about animal life cycles so that we can also determine the life cycles of the new species.

Keep praying for us as we continue to prepare for First Communion on Sunday, April 30.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade busily wrote all about their Spring Vacation and shared their personal narratives in small groups. We are on Unit 5, Capitalization and Punctuation in our English texts. Projected test date for that test is Wednesday, April 12. In Math we will be finished with Chapter 5, Division Concepts and Facts (text pages 161-188) and should be ready for a test on Thursday, April 13. We can find a missing number in a multiplication or division problem. We enjoyed a National Geographic video: Lewis and Clark; Great Journey West, narrated by Jeff Bridges.

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

In Fourth Grade English, we continue to work on Capitalization and Punctuation. By the beginning of next week, we will be getting ready for Unit 5 Test. This will cover all content included in the review on pages 189-193. In Science, we are working on some computer coding skills, as well as learning the major land forms and bodies of water found in the United States. In Social Studies, we are learning more about slavery and the Civil War. Fourth graders are beginning to learn what the Northwest and Western Regions of the United States are. They will be tested on each region individually. They are expected to know the placement of each of the fifty states.

In Fifth Grade English, the class should be ready for their end of unit test on March 30th. This will include all content on pages 234-237; pronouns. This will also include antecedents, which were covered in class, but is not addressed in their textbook. In Science, Fifth Graders are going to be practicing some coding skills. They will be learning more about our Earth Systems; waterways, landforms, regions, and topographical features of our planet. In addition, we are trying out a few experiments using eggs, water, milk, vinegar, salt, and sugar. In Social Studies we have been discussing issues we faced during the Revolutionary War.

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

Fifth Grade: The Fifth Graders are studying their last Sacrament, the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They have been learning about what it means to be ordained. In Math we have switched gears to Geometry. We have been working on measuring and drawing angles, reviewing line relationships, and determining polygon figures. Visualization was our focus during Reading. The students also worked on finding the main ideas in the story.

Fourth Grade: The Fourth Graders have been working hard on relating decimals and fractions. They also know how to compare and order decimals. In Reading, the students read a story about Ramona and Beezus written by Beverly Cleary. They worked on picking out the main ideas and finding the climax of a story. They also learned about adages and similes.

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

English: Grades Six, Seven, and Eight are finishing up on their study of modifiers. All three classes will begin the unit on pronouns next week.

Social Studies: Grade Six students are learning about Europe in the Middle Ages. They are learning about the role of the Catholic Church at this time as well as how people lived with the system known as feudalism.

Grade Seven students are learning about the effects of the War of 1812 on the United States as well as the administration of Andrew Jackson.

Grade Eight students are continuing their study of the Vietnam War era in the United States. They will also be looking at the roles played by Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon during this time.

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

6th Grade Math

In Standard Math, students are calculating measures of central tendency; mean, median, mode, range.

In Challenge Math, we are finishing up chapter 6 over percents, fractions, and decimals. Wednesday is the Chapter Test.

7th Grade Math

In Standard Math, students are beginning their geometry unit.

In Challenge Math, we are finishing up Chapter 7 over parallel/perpendicular lines and symmetry. The Chapter Test will be Thursday.

8th Grade Math

In Standard Math, students are using Pythagorean Theorem to calculate missing side lengths.

In Challenge Math, we are continuing with factoring polynomials. This includes trinomials with coefficients, and perfect-square trinomials.

6th Grade Science

We are identifying parts and characteristics of ecosystems and biomes.

7th Grade Science

We are wrapping up Chapter 5; ocean zones. They will have a test this Friday.

8th Grade Science

We are finishing up Chapter 2 over photosynthesis, respiration, cell division, and cancer. The Chapter Test will be on Friday after we review.

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

Literature: We have started to read our Shakespear plays: Sixth Grade - *The Taming of the Shrew*, Seventh Grade - *The Merchant of Venice*, and Eighth Grade - *Romeo and Juliet*. It's always a slow start, but the students do catch on and even begin to enjoy taking on the roles of the characters. I'll keep you posted on our progress.

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 a vocabulary test will be Wednesday, April 12th.

Religion: Sixth - David and Soloman

Religion: Seventh - Confirmation - Great Reasons to Be Catholic

Religion: Eighth - Stations of the Cross / Church Reformation

STUCO

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

April 3-7 - Canned Food Drive - Cardinal Accessories

April 3-13 - Gold Egg Raffle Sales to benefit the Lenten Project



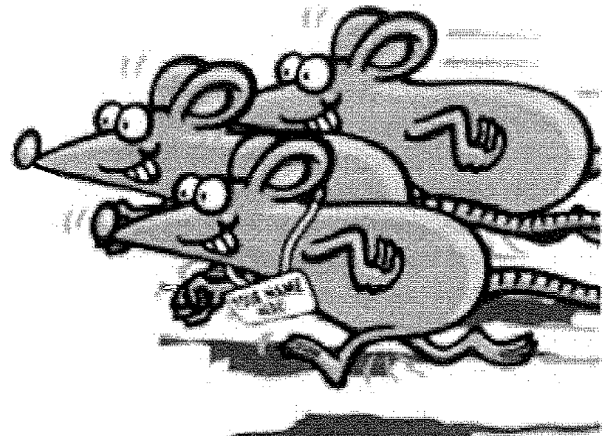


A Night at the SRA Mouse Races

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Benefitting the SRA 8th 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

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

Table Name: _____

\$ Amt
Enclosed: _____

Attendees:

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

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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