

# 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,

We are busy wrapping up our school year and really need your prayers and support to keep us all focused! Thanks so much for all you do to assist our school and community. These are our upcoming important dates and events:

- Week of May 8th, Last Canned Food Drive of the school year
- Friday, May 12th, No school for K-8 for Picnic Set-Up, Preschool is open
- May 12th & 13th, Parish Picnic
- Sunday, May 14th, 10am Family Mass
- May 15-17, Exams for 8th Grade
- Tuesday, May 16th, New Kindergarten Parent Orientation Meeting, 7pm, Kindergarten Classroom
- Wednesday, May 17th, Last day of school for 8th Graders
- Thursday, May 18th, 8th Grade Mystery Trip
- Friday, May 19th, 1st & 3rd Grade Field Trip to the St. Louis Zoo
- Friday, May 19th, 8th Grade Dinner
- Sunday, May 21st, 8th Grade Graduation, 10am Mass
- May 22-24, Exams for 6th & 7th Grades
- Monday, May 22nd, Preschool Program & Graduation, 6:30pm, Gym
- Thursday, May 25th, Field Day, Last day for Preschool
- Friday, May 26th, 8am Final School Mass, 10am Dismissal K-7, Last day of School

Peace,  
Kim Vangel  
Principal



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

All School Mass  
8:00am  
Thursday, May 18  
6th Grade Planning


Benediction 2:00pm  
First Friday of the  
month



### **May Birthdays**

Nahima Ramirez-13  
William Hotze-14  
Conor Finan-14  
Anna Videmschek-15  
Ethan Bradshaw-15  
Rocco Naeger-15  
Kristina Videmschek-16  
Jack Berry-18  
Natalie Davis-19  
Emma Yehlen-19  
Steven Irons-21  
Adam Fuhr-21  
Emily Fuhr-21  
**Mrs. Ruggeri-25**  
Liam McMorro-28  
Max Eberhart-29



May 12 – No School K-8   Preschool is Open  
 May 12 – 5:00-10:00pm Parish Picnic  
 May 13 – 10:00am Mass Parish Picnic  
 May 14 – 10:00am Family Mass/Donut Sunday  
           Happy Mother’s Day   
 May 15&16 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams  
 May 16 - 7:00pm New Kindergarten Parent Meeting  
 May 17 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day  
 May 17 – 3:15-4:15pm SRA Schola Rehearsal  
 May 18 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mystery Trip  
 May 19 – 9:00-2:00 Third & First Grades Zoo Field Trip  
 May 19 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dinner  
 May 21 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass – Donut Sunday  
 May 22,23,24 – 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams  
 May 22 – 6:30-7:30pm Preschool Program  
 May 24 – 3:15-4:15pm SRA Schola Rehearsal  
 May 25 – Field Day     Last Day for Preschool  
 May 26 – Last Day for K-7   10:00am Dismissal

### **June 2** – Report Cards Open

**Ms. Polson, St. Raphael Archangel’s Third Grade Teacher, is in need of a wheelchair for her 84 year old mother. If someone would like to donate a wheelchair, please call her at school 314-352-9474. Thanks, Ms. Polson**

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 May 15**

Ardian & Ellie  
Anna & Hannah

**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, May 15 Bobbie S. & Keith W.

Tuesday, May 16 Stephanie K. & Alana T.

Wednesday, May 17 Missy W. & Katie M.

Thursday, May 18 Dan S. & Linda K.

Friday, May 19 Gary P. & Alana T.



**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.



**Summer Camp**

Don't forget summer is just around the corner and our summer camp is ready to be filled with kids. Registration is now open to all families. So please go to the summer camp website and take a look at all the different themes we have to offer from May to July. Thank you and I can't wait to see you in the summer!

Ms. Molly  
314-606-5264



**SRA 2017 PARISH DIRECTORY**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO LET THE PARISH  
OFFICE KNOW OF:**

- Any telephone number changes
- Any e-mail address changes
- Any address changes

**We need this information as  
soon as possible, please.**

**Mrs. Diane Gewinner: Learning Consultant**

**Executive Functioning**

It is common for children to struggle occasionally with school work. Here are some signs to look for if your child exhibits some of the following behaviors. It could be a sign of executive functioning issues.

- Has a hard time making social plans
- Avoids and procrastinates
- Overreacts and takes things personal

The term executive functioning comes from neuroscience literature and refers to the brain-based skill necessary for the execution of tasks. Skills are innate—already hard wired into the brain at birth.

For more information check out the workshop opportunities on the Churchill Center and School web site. [churchillstl.org](http://churchillstl.org)

**Mrs. Kim Westrich: Art**

Fifth Grade students are learning about the process for making linoleum stamps. Students are creating an image of their choosing to carve into the linoleum. After carving the image and doing a few test prints with ink pads, students will use brayers and block printing ink to make their final prints. Students can print on paper or fabric to make designs.



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

This week in PE we are identifying Lacrosse Equipment and practicing some Lacrosse skills. We are continuing to practice skills by playing our favorite games.

**Things needed for Field Day:**

**Thursday, May 25th**

- Oreo Cookies-12 packs
- I will need **3-Tricycles** to borrow for the day.
- Bubbles
- Balloons
- Small Prizes and/or safe snacks to use for the winning teams.

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

During this past week, the students participated in various PE activities with some grades playing inside due to the weather. They worked in small groups on various skills through games. I really stressed to all the students how important it is to cooperate in small groups, and be able to interact positively with their fellow classmates and display good sportsmanship.

We have just a few weeks left, let's keep up the good work and really encourage one another.

### Miss Molly Preschool Room A

I hope everyone is having a great week. Preschool A is having a very busy week. The kids are busy with practicing their play and learning their songs. We are going over the alphabet and still reviewing what we have learned all year. The kids did make time to make a Mother's Day gift to give to all the wonderful moms on Mother's Day. I hope to see some of you at the school picnic and have a great weekend. **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**



God Bless.

### Miss Chris Preschool Room B

The Bears cannot believe we have come to our last letter. We are working on the letter Z, and are talking about the Zoo. We are also learning about the story of Zacchaeus during Jesus Club. We have also been busy preparing for Mother's Day and our Graduation performance.



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

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten is ready for our St. Louis Zoo Field Trip. The students are very excited to spend the day with their Eighth Grade buddies and see the animals. Since Mother's Day is around the corner, we have been talking about how important our mothers are to all of us.

Have a nice week.



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

This week First Grade has been exploring poetry. We are learning about parts of speech and rhyming patterns. We are even composing our own poetry.



### Second Grade News: Miss Stephanie Amsler

This week Second Grade is learning about polygons and how to find the perimeter of them. We know that perimeter is the total distance around an object.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our species discovery books. While we wait, we are learning how to pick out the main idea of a text and use supporting details to describe it.

In Science, we are learning about force and motion. We know that gravity is the force that keeps us down on Earth. We are also learning about different kinds of energy we use in our everyday lives.



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

Third Grade has really enjoyed presenting our State Reports/Posters with one another. We have learned a lot about the United States of America. Ms. Polson read us *The Scrambled States of America*, by Laurie Keller. We played a USA Bingo game to better familiarize ourselves with important products and resources from each state. We all learned about the State of Missouri and wrote some great sentences using prefixes on our Spelling Lesson 32 and key MO words. In Math we are doing fraction work as well as measuring to the nearest inch/centimeter.

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

**In Fourth Grade English**, we finished the unit on Capitalization and Punctuation and took the test. Next, we will be studying pronouns. In Social Studies, we are learning more about our great state of Missouri. In Science, we will be taking a closer look at ecology and how human activity has had an impact on our planet, both pros and cons.

**In Fifth Grade English**, we are working on Prepositions and Adverbs. In Social Studies, we will be identifying the role of technology in our economy and how our economy has evolved from basically an agricultural one to that of industrial. In Science, we are using science instruments such as microscopes and hand lenses to observe organisms that surround us.

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

**Fifth Grade:** The Fifth Graders are continuing discussions about communication during Family Life. During Math, the students had a great time playing a memory game that involved measurement conversations. We will begin working with perimeter, area, and volume this week. The students are sad that they are finishing up their last Book Club book. I have heard great discussions about the books and what meaning the students are gathering from the books.

**Fourth Grade:** Fourth Grade is working on measurement in Math. They are working with rulers and how to measure to the nearest whole,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\frac{1}{8}$  inches. During Reading, the students read a story entitled "Yagua Days." With this story, the students will be working with character profiles and setting descriptions.

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

**English:** Grades Six, Seven, and Eight are completing their study of grammar for the semester. Grade Six students will begin reviewing for their English exam. Students in Grades Seven and Eight will be learning about independent and subordinate clauses.

#### **Social Studies:**

Grade Six students are beginning to learn about the Pacific realm, including Australia and New Zealand.

Grade Seven students are completing their study of westward expansion. They will soon begin learning about some of the causes leading to the Civil War.

Grade Eight students learned about some of the issues facing us in the 21st century.

**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**

In Sixth Grade Standard Math, students are taking their test over geometry later this week. We will start reviewing for the final exam next week.

In Sixth Grade Challenge Math we are starting our introduction to geometric concepts. This includes planes, lines, and angles.

In Seventh Grade Standard Math students are wrapping up their geometry unit. We will take a test over this early next week.

In Seventh Grade Challenge Math we are finishing up our chapter on perimeter, area, and volume. The chapter test is Wednesday, May 17.

In Eighth Grade Standard Math students are reviewing for the final. They were given a review packet on Monday and have had all this week to complete it. We will go over the answers and any questions on Monday.

In Eighth Grade Challenge Math we are finishing up with quadratic functions. The chapter test is Tuesday, May 16.

In Sixth Grade Science students are taking a test over Chapter 4 this Thursday, May 18.

In Seventh Grade Science students are completing a project on the solar system.

In Eighth Grade Science we are finishing up the chapter on genetics, and the test is Tuesday, May 16.

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

**Literature:** Eighth Grade students are busy studying a scene from Romeo and Juliet that they will dramatize during the last week of classes. Seventh Grade continues to work through The Merchant of Venice and learn about the religious inequalities during Elizabethian times. Sixth Grade is enjoying reading The Taming of the Shrew, but they will quickly tell you that they are NOT fans of Petruchio, the male protagonist. Ask them why.

Religion: Sixth - Family Life - God's Gift of Self

Religion: Seventh - Family Life - God's Gift of Family

Religion: Eighth - Family Life - The Value of Life

**STUCO NEWS**

We want to thank our student body for supporting us throughout the school year with service projects and events. We will celebrate YOU with treats after school on Monday, May 15th.

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Student Council Officers:

President — Lucy Schlichting  
Vice-President — Gabbi Smith  
Secretary — Olivia Hotze  
Treasurer — Ben Kremer  
Publicity — Lanie Davis  
Spirit — Rory Barnawell  
Service — Abby Delf



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# Gifted Resource Council's Summer Academies

## Minds-on and Hands-on Learning for High Achieving Students



- Eleven 2-week academic day camps.
- In-depth study of Colonial Times, ecology, space science, Ancient Egypt and more.
- Students love these hands-on, thought-provoking summer camp sessions.
- Students get to interact cooperatively with other academically talented students.
- Students can attend 2, 4 or 6 weeks.
- The focus is on learning *how* to think rather than on *what* to think.
- Ages: Completing kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Dates: June 12-23, June 26-July 7, July 10-21
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Childcare: Available before and after camp
- Location: Wydown Middle School in Clayton
- Tuition: only \$475!!

### **What parents should know**

#### **For more information:**

- Visit <http://giftedresourcecouncil.org/pdf/S17.pdf>
- Call Gifted Resource Council at [314.962.5920](tel:314.962.5920)
- Email at [info@giftedresourcecouncil.org](mailto:info@giftedresourcecouncil.org)