

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

Good afternoon SRA Parents,

It is hard to believe this is the final *Guide* for the 2017-2018 school year. The end of the year brings about many emotions with graduations, leaving the teachers you have had all year, and sometimes just not seeing some of your friends for a few months, but I think summer also brings a new rhythm for families. Things can move at a little slower pace by maybe staying up later and sleeping in sometimes. A little more Little League, BBQ's, ice cream, watermelon, and time at the park are all a part of summer. Enjoy this wonderful season of Summer!

I want to take this moment to congratulate our Eighth Grade class. **A huge SHOUT OUT** goes out to Grace, Ellie, Annie, Bella, Jenna, Jack, Ardian, Elizabeth, Ben, Sean, Billy, Anna, Gillian, Max, Lucy, Gabbi, Miranda, A.J., Hannah, and Katelyn. They will be receiving their Certificate of Completion on Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 AM Mass. The entire parish community is welcome to attend. We wish all of you success and happiness in high school. You will be in our prayers.

With only one week left of school, I would like to highlight a few important events:

- **Exams for the 6th & 7th grades** begin tomorrow through Monday and Tuesday of next week.
- The **Preschool "End of the Year Performance"** will be on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6:30 PM in the gym.
- **Field Day will be Wednesday, May 23rd** in the morning. Students are to wear their family colored T-shirt on Field Day and dismissal time is as usual.
- **Thursday, May 24th** will be our **last day of school** for the 2017-2018 school year. Students in grades K-7th will attend Mass, and then dismissal will be at 10:00 AM. **There will be NO AFTERCARE on this day.**

The **2018-2019 St. Raphael the Archangel Year-At-A-Glance Calendar** is included in *The Guide* today. The calendar will most likely have new additions and updates later in the summer so always check to see you are viewing the most recent revision date to ensure accuracy.

Today we honored our children choir members and the altar servers with pins or certificates for their ministry during our school Masses. Thank you for volunteering! We also need to congratulate the SRA Science Fair winners! First Place: Cate G. 6th-grade, "What an Ironic Breakfast!", Second Place: Elizabeth H. 8th-grade, "Cookie Chemistry," and Third Place: Lucy S. and Ellie G. 8th-grade, "Swipe Away the Sharpie." We have such great kids here at SRA!

I will send a final message out next week. Enjoy the May flowers and the summer like temperature. Have a wonderful weekend.

*God our Father,
you call each of us by name, and you treasure each of us individually
as though no-one else exists.
Inspire us
to respect and value each person who comes into our lives this day.
Amen.*

Blessings,
Mrs. Hayes



St. Raphael the Archangel School Year-At-A-Glance Calendar 2018 - 2019

AUGUST

As of May 14, 2018

- 12 Back to School Sunday 11:00am - 12:00
- 15 First Day of School K-8 - Dismissal @11:00
No Aftercare
- 16 6:00-7:00pm PreK Meet & Greet at Francis Park
- 18 5:30pm Watermelon Festival
- 20 First Day for PreK
- 21 2:15pm Palmer Music Student Demo
- 24 6:30pm Home & School Back to School Night/Curriculum
- 28 Palmer Parent Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day, No School Preschool - 8
- 4 7:00pm History Day Parent Meeting
- 17-21 Iowa Testing – all week Grades 2-8
- 24 Iowa Make ups
- 28 **No School K-8 PD for Teachers**
PreK is open

OCTOBER

- 10 Uniform Picture Day
- 12 End of First Quarter
- 25 Noon Dismissal for PreK - 8 Parent Teacher Conferences for Preschool – 8 Report Cards
1:00 – 8:00pm
NO AFTERCARE
- 26 No School PreK - 8
- 31 Halloween Parties

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Holy Day No School K-8 PreK is open
- 9 **Noon Dismissal K-8 Faculty PD**
PreK is open Aftercare until 6:00pm
- 12 Veterans' Day Mass & Reception - 5th grade hosting
- 15 Uniform Picture Retake Day
- 21 No School K-8 PreK is open
- 22-23 Thanksgiving Break No School PreK - 8

DECEMBER

- 13 7:00pm Christmas Performance
- 21 End of 2nd Quarter
Noon Dismissal PreK-8 No Aftercare
Christmas Break Begins

JANUARY

- 3 School resumes PreK-8
- 8 ACRE Testing for Grades 5 & 8
- 10 Geography Bee 2:00pm
- 11 Report Cards Open
- 21 No School K-8 MLK Day
PreK is open
- 27 Catholic Schools Week begins
Open House 11:00-3:00
Registration begins for 2019-2020
- 29 2:00pm Spelling Bee

FEBRUARY

- 1 8:00am Mass & Grandparent's Day
Noon Dismissal PreK-8 Aftercare till 3:00pm
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties
- 15 **Noon Dismissal PD Day for Teachers No School K-8**
PreK is open Aftercare till 6:00pm
- 18 No School K-8 President's Day
PreK is open
- 23 History Day @UMSL

MARCH

- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- 12 Spring Pictures
- 15 Report Cards
- 18-22 Spring Break – PreK-8

APRIL

- 10 7:00pm Confirmation
- 18 **Holy Thursday No School PreK-8**
- 19 **Good Friday No School PreK-8**
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 22 No School PreK – 8
- 26 2nd Grade Activity Day
- 29 6th Grade Camp all week April 29 – May 3
- 29 5th Grade BizTown Trip

MAY

- 2 2nd Grade Pot Luck Dinner
- 5 1st Holy Communion
- 9 8:00am Mass May Crowning 8:00
- 10 **No School K-8 PD Day for Teachers**
PreK is open No Aftercare Parish Picnic
- 11 Parish Picnic
- 23 Field Day PreK last day of school
- 24 **Last Day for K-7**
No Aftercare
End of 4th Quarter
- 31 Report Cards open
- 8th Grade Activities & Graduation TBA**

Announcements



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

All School Mass 8:00am

May 24
Weekday Mass
Last Day of School
Kindergarten Planning

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month

STUCO News

Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Student Council Officers:

President: Lanie Davis

Vice President: Abby Delf

Secretary: Will Hotze

Treasurers: Tom Finan and Mateo Switzer

Archangel Spirit Coordinator: Gavin Smith

Service Coordinator: Addi Berta

Publicity Coordinator: Sam Koziacki

We will see you at the Watermelon Festival on Saturday, August 18th.



BOX TOPS FOR SCHOOL

Don't forget to save your box tops! The school earns 10¢ for each box top. We have earned \$282 since November; thank you! Place all box tops in the marked boxes in the back of church.

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.





May 7—June 7 Uniform Exchange

June 1 – Report Cards Open on Line

May 7th through June 7th

Bin in front vestibule of St. Raphael

Any new or gently used uniforms.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

For sale or donation contact
NicoleRomano@gmail.com
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT HSA

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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 at www.straphaelarchangel.org. If you have questions, please contact Molly Indelicato at indelicato@straphaelarchangel.org



Pre-K At SRA

We offer a Kindergarten readiness curriculum for children 3 to 5 years of age. We have 2 classrooms that each have 1 full-time lead teacher and 1 full-time assistant. We also have a part time floater between the 2 classes. We offer a place for children to LAUGH, LOVE and LEARN in a loving environment that allows them to explore, experiment and create! We offer very flexible options of full or half days, as well as aftercare available until 6 pm. We are now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year. Please contact Ms. Chris at federspiel@straphaelarchangel.org to schedule a tour or receive more information.



Mrs. Louise Balicki-Smith: Academic Intervention Coordinator

Looking for summer learning opportunities or camps? Contact Mrs. Smithicki! The area Learning Consultants have compiled an extensive list of options for all ages.

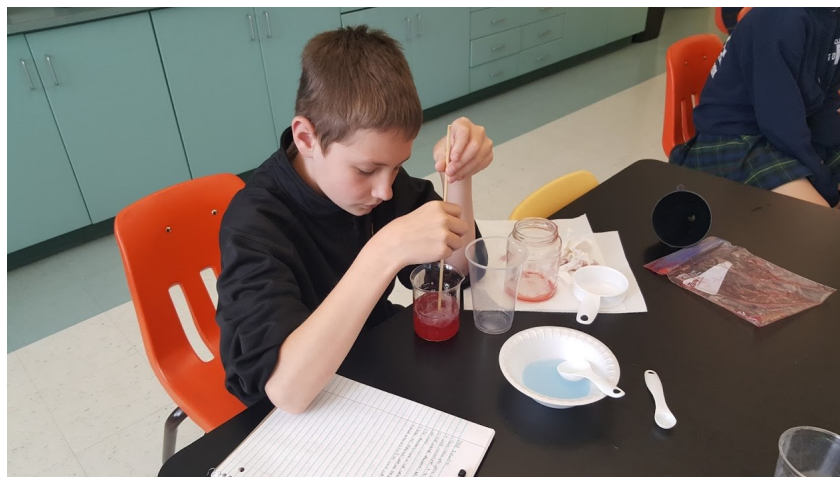
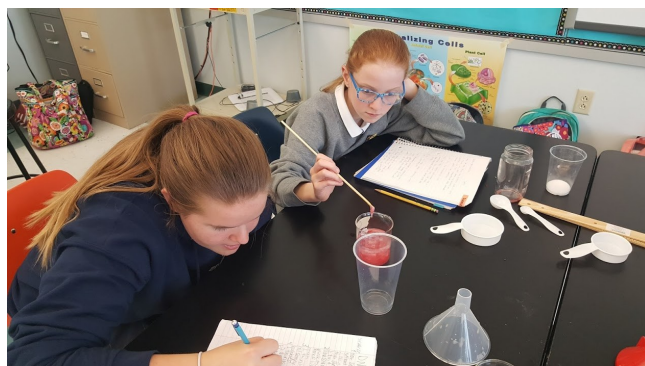
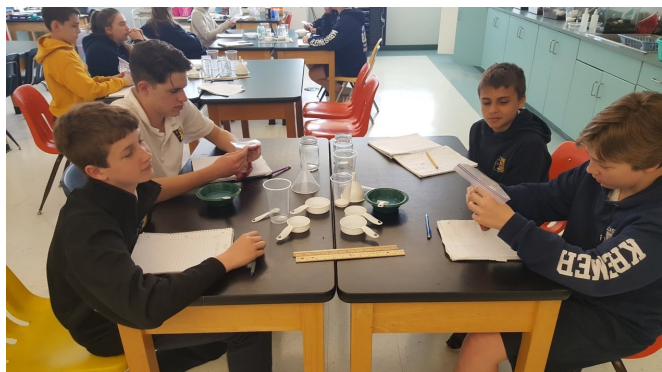
Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

During the last few weeks, the students participated in various PE activities. Some grades worked on baseball skills and other classes worked on hitting and fielding. Students used the batting tees, which helps develop their swing along with eye and hand coordination. I'm so proud of the preschool students. Throughout the year, the preschoolers have worked on and understood the difference between locomotor and non-locomotor skills. They have worked in small groups on a variety of skills through games and other fitness activities. I continue to stress to all the students the importance of cooperation in small groups, the ability to interact positively with their fellow classmates, and to display good sportsmanship. We have just one week of this school year left, so let's keep up the good work and really encourage one another.

I hope all students and their families have a wonderful summer.



6th, 7th, and 8th graders extracted DNA from strawberries. This lab activity allowed students to physically see the DNA of a plant. While it looks vastly different from human DNA, it helped students realize that all living organisms have DNA.



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

Preschool has been playing rhythms with long and short sounds, reviewing keeping the beat, following directions in a song, and doing the freeze dance.

Kindergarten have been finishing songs that change tempo and have high and low sounds. We will be reviewing songs with motions and directions (dances, Hokey Pokey, Looby Loo (using right and left as directions).

First Grade just completed a story board with their song "Brush Your Teeth." We will be doing activities with rhythm, using our classroom instruments and the African drums. We will discuss how the size of the drum makes a difference in how it sounds.

Second Grade just completed listening and comparing two Stephen Foster songs. We will be discussing staccato and legato for the remainder of the year and reviewing songs that we have already learned.

Third-Fifth Grade classes have been working in groups to create a "rap". One group member drew a card from the bag and that is the topic of the rap. They will be performing them next week in front of the class.

Sixth Grade is working in two groups due to the time of their music class. First period is creating a "Singing Game" which will be performed May 22nd. Third period will be creating their own "rap."

Seventh Grade created a "Singing Game" which will be performed in front of the class on May 22nd.

Eighth Grade reviewed songs that they wanted to sing and added rhythm instruments as well.

It has been a busy year for all music classes this year. The students did a wonderful job at their Christmas program. All classes have learned elements of music and it has been a joy seeing their creativity at work.

Miss Molly Preschool Room A

I would like to thank all my Amazing Animals and their families. Thank you for a terrific year. The class this year was wonderful and will be missed. Even though I will see most of them in Ms. Chris's class, it is not the same. I can't wait for some of my other friends to return to my class for another fun year. I wish everyone a relaxing and joyful summer and will see you in the fall.

Thank You and God Bless.



Miss Chris Pre-K Room B

The Bears have had a wonderful last month of school together. We have completed all of the letters in the alphabet and have reviewed all of their sounds. We celebrated Mothers' Day by reading stories about moms and creating presents for our very special moms. We are working on our End of the Year Performance by practicing our re-enactment of The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle, and are ready to go. Please feel free to join us at our performance on Tuesday May 22 at 6:30 pm for an evening of song and entertainment. We are excited about our upcoming Field Day with our buddies and our family group teams. These Bears have had a wonderful year and are ready for the new adventure called Kindergarten!



Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Charis Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten is busy preparing for first grade. We are excited to lead our school in Mass, on Thursday, May 24th. The students have been practicing very hard. We continue to learn new math concepts and practice our reading. We hope you all have a wonderful summer.



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

We had a wonderful year in first grade and we are ready for second grade. Have a fantastic summer!



Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

It is hard to believe this year is over already. These past nine months have flown by in second grade, and we have loved every moment. We wrapped up our year by receiving First Communion, learning about arrays, studying folk tales from around the world, and practicing letter writing skills to write letters to all the people who have helped us grow this year. Have a wonderful summer - we will see you in August!



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade has had a wonder-filled year. We have grown so much. We know so much more than we once did. We know there is no 19th story at Wayside School. We know Mrs. Zarves does not exist. Best of all we are lucky to be going on a joy-filled field trip to the nationally known best zoo ever on May 18. We hope to see the baby rhino, newly born cheetahs, and the big grizzly bear orphans; Huckleberry and Finley. A big thank you to Mrs. Fuhr for procuring us passes for the Stingray Exhibit, Carousel and Railroad. Thank you in advance to all our parent chaperones. Ms. Polson's daughter, Rebecca, is still coming to give us a lesson in Korean language before the end of the year. Rebecca spent two years in South Korea teaching English to 6th graders. We wrote many food poems and made a happy retirement book for our beloved SRA cook, Mrs. Ruggeri. We wrote and illustrated a class book, Our Forest of Stories, which is a great keepsake for us as we head off for summer.



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)

Everything is wrapping up here at school. In English, the sixth and eighth graders have all taken their final comprehensive exams for the school year. Everyone in grades four through eight have all been working on one last essay for the school year. Some of them are autobiographies (grades 5 and 8) and some are just stories left to their imagination (grades 4, 6, and 7). No matter what the content, they are all proving to be quite interesting. I'm sure everyone is ready for a break from the routine. I pray everyone has a wonderful summer filled with fun and relaxation. Happy summer!

Miss Amanda Imo: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

Fifth Grade: In religion, the students have been working on Family Life. We have been discussing communication, change, and the sacredness of life. During math, the focus is on finding the perimeter, area, and volume of shapes. The students worked on summarizing the beginning of the book Number the Stars in literature class. We are continuing to read the rest of the book.

Fourth Grade: During religion, the students are working on Family Life. Discussions have included the stages of life, dependability, and following rules. The fourth graders are continuing their work with measurement conversions. They created a "gallon man" to help them remember capacity conversions. The students are also working on finding the perimeter and area. During reading, the students read a story entitled "Yagua Days." The students worked on comparing and contrasting setting and describing events.



Mrs. Christy Connor: Religion (6) Social Studies (4-8)

Religion: We will conclude the year with the students learning about John the Baptist, especially as he prepared people for the coming of Jesus.

Social Studies 4: Students in Grade 4 are learning about Missouri's role in the Civil War. They are also continuing to work on note - taking skills and locating U.S. states on a map.

Social Studies 5: Students are completing their study of the American Revolution and the writing of the U.S. Constitution. They have been working on note-taking skills all year and have learned about the states and regions of the United States.

Social Studies 6: Sixth grade students are learning about Australia and Oceania. They were introduced to the aboriginal people of Australia and to the islands of the South Pacific.

Social Studies 7: Seventh grade students are learning about the events leading up to the Civil War. They have also completed research on the Lewis and Clark expedition and are learning about different ecosystems located in the United States.

Social Studies 8: Eighth grade students completed their study of American History this year. They also completed a research paper as well as different economics activities. I really enjoyed working with them this year, and I wish them all the best as they go on into high school.

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

In standard math, we have been continuing our work on the four operations with decimals, fractions, and integers. Next, we will be reviewing this past semester and prepping for the final exam.

In challenge math, we have been reviewing complex equations and inequalities with fractions. Next, we will be reviewing for our final exam.

In pre-algebra, students have finished up with factoring polynomials. We are currently reviewing material from this semester for the final exam.

In algebra, we just finished simplifying rational expressions, and tested over this content. Now we will review for the final exam.

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

As we come to the end of another great year at SRA, I want to thank my students for helping me to grow and learn in many ways, the parents for their continuous support, and fabulous co-workers for their countless hours and dedication to educating our students and me.

Literature classes have experienced various genres of literature this school year, including realistic fiction, historical fiction, science fiction, nonfiction accounts of Holocaust survivors, and the plays of William Shakespeare. We have covered literary elements, parts of literature, literary devices, summarizing, and vocabulary acquisition.

Religion has provided the platform for a great deal of discussion about Jesus' presence in our lives throughout the history of the Church, the Reformation of Church, Confirmation preparation, and how God plays a role in all areas of our lives.