

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 Families,

In some ways, it is hard to believe that next week will be our last week of school for the 2018-2019 school year, and in other ways, I think we are all ready for summer. Right now you are probably thinking about the day you won't have to make lunches or try to bleach the uniform shirts white. Come August, mark my word, you will be telling me, "Mrs. Hayes, we are ready for a routine again!" Students & parents, teachers & staff, and administrators think the same---we are ready for the freedom and joy of summer!

The **eighth-graders** will finish their year just a little bit earlier this week with exams, Mystery Trip and finally graduation. Our eighth-grade families will celebrate Friday night with a lovely dinner followed by the **10:00 AM Graduation Mass on Sunday, May 19**. We are so proud of our eighth-graders and all their accomplishments over the years. Mary Beth, Lilly, Katie, Jasmin, Olivia, and Mia, we send all of our prayers and blessings with you as you go on to high school. You are going to do FANTASTIC at your new school!

Next week, we wrap up the school year with the following events:

Preschool Performance on Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, May 23 will be Field Day for preschoolers through 7th-grade. Earlier this week, Mr. Bruno was still looking for parent volunteers to help with all the field day fun, so contact him if you are interested. **Thursday** will also be **the last day for preschool!**

The last day of school will be Friday, May 24. We will begin the day with **Mass at 8:00 AM**. The students will go back to their classrooms to finish packing up, and then the students will be **dismissed at 10:00 AM**. There is **NO AFTERCARE on Friday**.

Final Report Cards will open on Friday, May 31, through ALMA.

SRA Summer Camp begins June 3 and runs until July 26. Our themes this year are Wild West, Survivor Week, Pirates Cove, V.B.S., Reach for the Stars, Shark Tank Week, Art through the Stars, and finally, Mad Scientist. It is not too late to register!

The **Summer Office Hours** for the school will be 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. The school office will be closed during some weeks throughout the summer, but I will communicate those times through Flocknote.

The **2019-2020 Calendar-at-a-Glance** has been included in this edition of The Guide. Please note the calendar is subject to changes throughout the summer. The most up-to-date calendar will be available in August.

Finally, it saddens me to have to announce that a couple of our teachers and staff will be leaving us at the end of this year. We have been so blessed to have Miss Amsler and Mr. Messmer for the past five and two years respectively sharing their many gifts with our students. As this year draws to a close, we want to thank them for their service to our school and to wish them well as the Holy Spirit guides them to new opportunities in their lives. We also our saddened to announce that our preschool aide, Miss Jessie, and our kindergarten aide, Mrs. Adolph, will also not be returning for the next school year. They have brought so much love and joy to our little ones. Thank you both for sharing these and so many other gifts with our students. Know our prayers go with you as you begin this new journey in your life.

Changes to our school staff our always challenging. We appreciate your prayers for them and for our school as we begin our searches to fill these positions. Please know that we will be announcing our new faculty and staff members at the completion of these searches.

Thank you for another wonderful school year! Enjoy the summer months with your family and we look forward to hearing all about your summer fun when we return in August!

In His Name,

Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

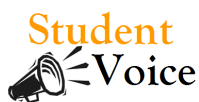
8:00am All School Mass
May 24
Last Day of School
Kindergarten Planning

Benediction/Adoration
2:00pm
First Friday of the month



Field Day

FIELD DAY May 23
All Are Welcome



STUCO News

On behalf of the 2018-2019 STUCO, I would like to extend our gratitude for your support of all of our activities throughout the year.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Calling all SRA Students...

Everyone is familiar with Facebook...right? Well, we want to introduce you to Faithbook! Jesus wants to add all of our wonderful SRA students as His friend on Faithbook! All you have to do is take the Flat Jesus that you will be making in our Family Group activity tomorrow (Friday, May 17) on any adventure you have this summer! Are you going to Camp? Great...Jesus loves going to camp! Are you going on vacation? Awesome...Jesus really loves to be invited to go on vacation with us! Wherever you and Flat Jesus go together this summer, please take a picture of the two of you together! Have your parents print out the picture and bring it up to church with you. Post your pictures on the Faithbook display at the Jamieson entrance to church! Tape will be available in the ushers closet for you to post your picture to the Faithbook Wall! You can also write a little blurb about your adventure! If anyone did not have the opportunity to make a Flat Jesus, please see Ms. Molly or Ms. Chris for one to make!



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Year-At-A-Glance Calendar 2019-2020



AUGUST

- 11 Back to School Sunday 11:00am - 12:00 pm
- 13 First Day of School K-8 - **Dismissal @ Noon**
No Aftercare
- 14 Home & School
- 15 Pre-K Meet & Greet at Francis Park 6:00-7:00pm
- 17 Watermelon Festival 5:30pm
- 19 First Day for Preschool
- 19 School Board Meeting
- 21 Palmer Music Student Demo 2:15pm
- 23 Home & School Back to School
Night/Curriculum 6:30pm
- 28 Palmer Parent Meeting 6:30pm

- 16 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- 18 Preschool Social
- 21 School Board Meeting
- 24 **Noon Dismissal for Preschool - 8**
1:00 – 8:00pm Parent Teacher Conferences
for Preschool - 8 Report Cards
NO AFTERCARE
- 25 **No School Preschool - 8 Fall Break**
- 27 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 Halloween Parties 2:00 PM

SEPTEMBER



- 2 **Labor Day, No School Preschool - 8**
- 3 History Day Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- 5 8th Grade Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- 11 Home & School
- 15 Alumni Sunday
- 16 School Board Meeting
- 16-20 Iowa Testing – all week Grades 2-8
- 23 Iowa Make-Up Day
- 26 High School Night at St. Mary's
- 27 **No School K-8 PD for Teachers**
Preschool is Open
- 29 SRA Feast Day

NOVEMBER



- 1 All Saints Holy Day - **No School K-8**
Preschool is Open
- 5 Uniform Picture Retake Day
- 11 Veterans' Day Mass & Reception - 5th grade hosting
- 13 Home & School
- 15 **Noon Dismissal K-8 Faculty PD**
Preschool is Open
Aftercare until 6:00pm
- 18 School Board Meeting
- 27 **No School Preschool - 8**
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Break **No School Preschool – 8**



OCTOBER

- 9 Uniform Picture Day
- 9 Home & School
- 16 End of First Quarter



DECEMBER

- 1 Breakfast with Santa
- 4 First Reconciliation 7:00pm
- 11 Home & School
- 12 Christmas Performance 6:30pm
- 16 School Board Meeting
- 20 End of 2nd Quarter
Christmas Parties 11:00am
Noon Dismissal Preschool-8 No Aftercare
Christmas Break Begins



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JANUARY

- 6 School resumes Preschool - 8
- 8 Home & School
- 9 Geography Bee 2:00pm
- 10 Report Cards Open
- 13 ACRE Testing for Grades 5-8
- 15 Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- 16 Class & Club Pictures taken in uniforms
- 20 **MLK Day No School K-8**
Preschool is Open
- 21 Preschool conferences
- 22 School Board Meeting
- 22-26 Pro-Life Trip
- 25 Robotics Jamboree & Coding Competition
- 26 Catholic Schools Week Open House 11:00-3:00
Registration for 2019-2020
- 28 Spelling Bee 2:00pm
- 31 Mass & Grandparent's Day 8:00am Mass
Noon Dismissal Preschool-8 No Aftercare

- 13 Report Cards Open
- 16-20 **Spring Break – Preschool – 8**
- 25 School Board Meeting

APRIL



- 6 PM Living Stations
- 8 Living Stations for school
- 9 **Holy Thursday - No School Preschool-8**
- 10 **Good Friday - No School Preschool-8**
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 13 Easter Monday **No School Preschool – 8**
- 17 2nd Grade Activity Day
- 19 2nd Grade Bow Sunday 10:00am Mass
- 20 School Board Meeting
- 23 2nd Grade Pot Luck Dinner 6:30pm
- 23 5th Grade Biz Town Trip
- 26 First Holy Communion 10:00am Mass
- 27 6th Grade Camp all week April 27 – May 1



FEBRUARY

- 5 First Eucharist Parent Meeting-School 6:30pm
- 7 **Noon Dismissal K-8 Teachers PD Day**
Preschool is Open Aftercare till 6:00pm
- 12 Home & School
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties 2:00pm
- 17 **President's Day No School K-8**
Preschool is Open
- 19 School Board Meeting
- 23 History Day @UMSL
- 26 6th Grade Camp Meeting 6:30pm

MAY



- 7 May Crowning 8:00am Mass
- 8 **No School K-8 PD Day for Teachers**
Preschool is open - No Aftercare
Parish Picnic
- 9 Parish Picnic
- 12 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30pm
- 13 Home & School
- 15 8th Grade Graduation Dinner 6:30pm
- 17 8th Grade Graduation 10:00am Mass
- 18 School Board Meeting
- 19 Preschool End of Year Performance
- 21 Field Day Preschool – 7th
- 22 **Last Day for K-7 8:00am Mass**
Dismissal 10:00am
No Aftercare
- 29 Report Cards open

MARCH



- 6 End of 3rd Quarter
- 10 Spring Pictures
- 11 Home & School

As of May 15, 2019



May 6th through June 7th

Bin in front vestibule of St. Raphael.

Any new or gently used uniforms.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE

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SUMMER CAMP

Come join the fun at S.R.A. summer camp! Enjoy all our theme weeks or pick your favorite. Join our young and energetic camp counselors for Water Wednesdays, Field trip Fridays, Cooking, sports and much more. MAKE IT A SUMMER TO REMEMBER!!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

June 3rd – 7th WILD WEST
June 10th – 14th SURVIVOR WEEK
June 17th – 21st PIRATES COVE
June 24th – 28th V.B.S.
July 1st – 5th REACH FOR THE STARS
(closed 4th&5th, half price)
July 8th – 12th SHARK TANK WEEK
July 15th – 19th ART THROUGH THE AGES
July 22nd- 26th MAD SCIENTIST

FOR CHILDREN FROM 3 YRS
TO 5TH GRADE

FULL DAY: 7:30 - 3:00
HALF DAY: 7:30 - 11:30

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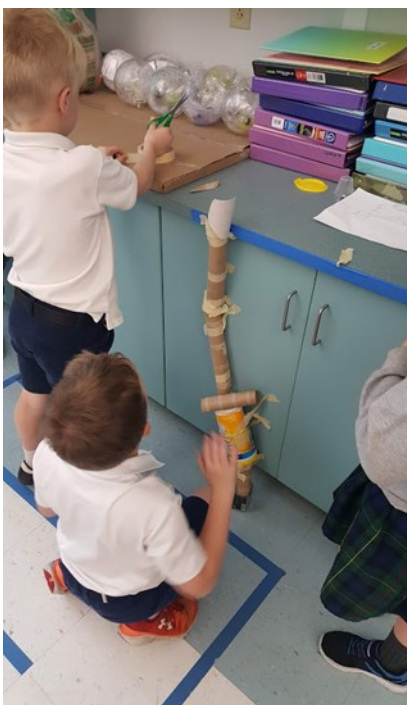
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7th and 8th graders created devices that can transport and filter water.



2nd graders had to create a unique slide using recyclables.



Miss Molly Preschool A

I can't believe this is the end of the year, but here we are. It has been a wonderful year again and I can't thank everyone enough. Working with such a great staff, wonderful parents, and especially the wonderful kids at our school makes my job that much more enjoyable. Have a great summer. Have fun, be safe, and we will see you next school year.



Miss Chris Prekindergarten

The Bears are continuing to work hard and play even harder. We have been reviewing all the letters and their sounds, as well as our numbers. We have worked hard all year and are all ready for Kindergarten! We have also been working hard on our End of the Year Performance, which we will have on Tuesday, May 21. All our welcome to come see us! The Bears hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer break!



Kindergarten News: Lu Ann Domijan

Kindergarten at the zoo with their Buddies
We had a great year in Kindergarten!
Have an AWESOME summer!



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

The following are areas being covered in music

Pre K: We have been reviewing songs that we have done throughout the year. Beat, tempo, types of rhythm instruments and long and short sounds.

Kindergarten: We have been reviewing tempo, rhythms using Ta and TiTi notes and listening to high and low sounds.

First grade: We have been reviewing verse, refrain, words that rhyme in a song, rhythm patterns with quarter, half and eighth notes.

Second grade: We have been reviewing music symbols, notes and rests, and how many beats they receive, sixteenth notes, and singing their favorite songs from the year.

Third grade: We have been reviewing the sounds of various rhythm instruments, ballads, The Carnival of the Animals, and what was your favorite song?

Fourth grade: We have been reviewing the staff, lines and spaces, styles of music, besides instruments how can we add rhythm to a song, (clapping, snapping, patting knees, etc.)?

Fifth grade: We have been reviewing vocabulary, presentation of rhythm scores with a poem (from ABA). They have worked in groups.

Sixth - Eighth grades: The students made presentations of their theme and variations. They chose a song from a list provided and worked in a group to create four variations based upon their song of choice.



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

First grade would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer break!

Second grade, here we come!!



Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

Thank you for all of your support and have a wonderful Summer!

Sincerely, Second Grade



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Our final field trip is planned for Tuesday, May 21 at the St Louis Science Center to see the Omnimax (Volcano show) and Pompeii exhibit. Third grade has been reading all about the travels of Lewis & Clark. It has been a journey this year in third grade, but we learned so very much. We look forward to a summer of fun and plan to continue our education by reading, writing, and doing some arithmetic to help us be successful in fourth grade. Thanks for a great year!



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)

Things are wrapping up here in school. The last of our essays in English have been written, published, and shared in all classes 4th through 8th. I am impressed with how far the children have progressed in their writing skills. I look forward to seeing how their techniques evolve in future years. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have all taken their comprehensive final exams.

It has been a wonderful year of learning and growing. I can hardly believe these are the same children who arrived at my classroom door last August, ready to begin their journey through upper school. We've had a good year, but everyone now has summer break on their minds.

Thank you, parents, grandparents, families and friends for all your support throughout the year. We couldn't do it without you! I hope you enjoy your summer. Relax, have fun, but stay safe!

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.

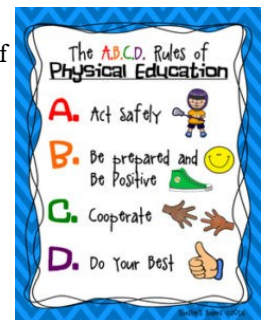
Fourth Grade: The fourth graders have been working with measurement conversions. They created a "gallon man" to help them remember capacity conversions. The students are also working on finding the perimeter and area. During literature, the students read a story entitled "Yagua Days." The students worked on comparing and contrasting setting and describing events. They also read a non-fiction story about a girl who had a sister with cerebral palsy. The students worked on questioning the text and determining the author's purpose.



Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

During the last few weeks, the students participated in a variety of PE activities. Different grades worked with small and large parachutes, stacking cups and fitness activities. I'm so proud of the preschool students! Throughout the year, the preschoolers have worked on and demonstrated an understanding of 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. The superheroes were an added plus to the classes this year. I continue to stress to all the students the importance of cooperation in small groups and the ability to interact positively with their fellow classmates. It's also very important to display good sportsmanship.

We have just one week of this school year left, let's use it to keep up the good work and to really encourage one another. My hope is that all students and their families have a wonderful and safe summer.



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

We had a wonderful time at Camp Manitowa! The weather didn't always cooperate, but the students really enjoyed their time at the camp. Every student conquered the rock climbing wall and the high-ropes course. They should be proud of all their accomplishments.

Special congratulations to the two entries that went to State National History Day. The group entry, an exhibit about the *Titanic*, created by Emillie M., Gavin S., and Alex S., received very good marks from the judges. Katie C. exhibit about the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 made it to the second round of judging. She also received very good marks from the judges, finishing in the top six exhibit entries in the state. These students put in extra time on their entries, and I am very proud of all of them.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer. See you in August. (Next year's History Day theme is "Breaking Barriers in History." Go for it!)



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

In standard, we are wrapping up simple equations.

In challenge, we are finishing up with multi-step equations and simple inequalities.

In pre-algebra, we have finished our chapter on ratios, rates, and proportions.

In algebra, we finished rational expressions and equations.

Soon, we will start reviewing for the final exam in all classes.

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. I want to thank the parents for their continuous support, and I want to thank my 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.