

# Saint Raphael the Archangel

## The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

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*When we give our hearts over to God, when we truly trust him with everything, it is then that we are storing our treasure in heaven, and where we find our peace. St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You" (Confessions 1:1).*

Dear SRA Families,

At the beginning of October, I attended and enjoyed a prayerful retreat just for Principals of the Archdiocese. It was perfect timing for a little respite after the opening of the new school year. The prayers that I'm sharing in this message are from that retreat. We all need a little peace on our journey to Heaven.

Now that we have completed the first quarter of the school year, we all can enjoy a little time off over the next few days. After celebrating at the Halloween Parties on Friday, October 27, we will begin our **Fall Break. Classes will resume on Thursday, November 2.**

**Monday, October 30 – K-8 Parent-Teacher Conferences—11:00 AM until 8:00 PM.** Parents in grades K-3 should have received their scheduled conference time from the school office, and in grades 4-8, parents can visit the teachers on a first-come basis. Keep in mind that the Home & School is providing dinner for the teachers at 4:30-5:30 PM. No conferences during that time.

**Tuesday, October 31 – HALLOWEEN – PreK- 8th Grade – NO CLASSES**

**Wednesday, November 1 – Feast of All Saints – PreK- 8th Grade NO CLASSES**

Second-grade families have two important dates to note on their calendars!

**Thursday, November 2, at 6:30 PM, will be the Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation.** This will take place in the cafeteria.

**Tuesday, November 28 – Second Grade First Reconciliation at 7:00 PM** in the church (Notice the change in the date!)

St. Raphael and the 5th-grade Class will honor our **Veterans** on Friday, November 10, at the 8:00 AM Mass, followed by a reception hosted by our 5th Graders. Please invite the veterans in your family or friends to attend this event. RSVPs are welcomed but necessary. This is one of my favorite events!

All this week, we have been celebrating "Red Ribbon Week" by focusing on healthy ways of living. The students seemed to enjoy the themed accessories each day, and the hallway's decorations are still happening for the final judgment day for the winning door! Other classroom competitions are taking place throughout the week, too. This week is always a fun week before our break!

**Uniforms- I sent home the Uniform Checklist for parents to review a few weeks ago.** This week, we are implementing the procedure of sending home completed forms for students exhibiting uniforms that did not meet the guidelines. A form will be emailed to their parents asking for assistance with the corrections. This procedure will continue throughout the year.

We all must come together to ensure that uniform policies are being followed. Our parents are responsible for sending their child to school in a uniform that follows the school's policies. Our students are responsible for following the uniform

policies throughout the school day, and our faculty and administration are responsible for ensuring that consistent uniform policies are followed during the school day. All three have to work together for success.

By using this form, I am providing parents an opportunity to help their children be successful in following the uniform policies before individual consequences occur. A date is listed on the form for parents to make the corrections on their part and notify the school. After that point, the administration will assume that the student has decided to wear the school uniform during the school day improperly.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with this matter.

**Report Cards** will be ready for viewing through ALMA by Saturday, October 28. Please contact the school office through email if you have any questions about accessing your child's report card.

Fr. Molini mentioned this week in the bulletin, but I also wanted to emphasize that St. Raphael the Archangel School will be open and flourishing next school year. This news is exciting as we can move forward in planning a great future for our school. Spread the good word to your friends and family to visit our school and see all we offer our students.

While Fr. Molini is away on his pilgrimage to Spain, Portugal, and France, he has been sending me photos of the trip every day this week. He took the time to draw a wall-size map and label the different destinations on his journey for the students to see. Early each morning this week, I received multiple photos so I could then print them out to correspond with the map. It was very kind of him to share his pilgrimage experience with us. All are welcome to follow along when you come in for conferences.

**Lord Jesus,  
You invited us, when tired, to come to you.  
Despite all your goodness to us, we do sometimes grow tired,  
Tired of our work  
Tired of life's routine  
Tired of our failure  
Tired of our sin  
Tired of even ourselves.  
We come to you for deliverance from our weariness.  
May we find in you the source of new life and a purpose in living it.  
Amen.**

Many blessings,  
Mrs. Hayes

## Announcements

Daily Mass Time: 8:00am  
Grades K-3 T/W/Th  
Grades 4-8 M/W/Th



THANK YOU!

South Side Optimist Club of St. Louis generously donated dictionaries to each third grader for their studies. Mrs. Carol Lohse, Dictionary Project Coordinator, assured us they are ours to keep after Ms. Polson gives her work assignments.

We appreciate you!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Everly Baker-2  
Hannah Kratky-3  
Leo Lantz-6  
Teddy Adams-6  
Maggie Niemira-8  
Cora Fitzpatrick-11  
Ava Christlieb-11  
Francie Berry-12  
Ms. Polson-17  
Mrs. Hayes-20  
Alexis Young-20  
Joseph Sullivan-21  
Frances Zouglas-25  
Patrick Meier-27



## **Important Calendar Dates and Notes:**

### **11/1-All Saints Day-No School**

11/2 - Reconciliation 2nd Gr. Parent Meeting

11/7-Picture Retake Day

11/10-Veteran's Day Mass

11/11-Trivia Night

11/14-Home & School 6:30pm

11/20-School Board 7pm

### **11/22-11/26—Thanksgiving Break**

#### **No School PK-8**

11/28-First Reconciliation

### Miss Molly: Preschool A



Pre K A Angels!!! are doing a great job with the alphabet this month. They worked on the letter L this month by doing fun projects and listening to letter L stories.

The preschoolers went on a field trip this month to the Pumpkin patch. They had tons of fun on the hayride and running through the corn maze ! They are looking forward to Halloween and lots of Fun and Candy !



### Ms. Tracy: Prekindergarten

October was a fun and busy month in the bears class. We learned several new letters and numbers. We watched skittles turn into a rainbow for the letter R.



The whole preschool went on a field trip to the pumpkin farm. Everyone had a great time and riding a school bus was a highlight. We are now continuing to talk about fall and get ready for Halloween!



### Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

We've been busy wrapping up 1st quarter! We're beginning to work on sentence structure as we prepare for kindergarten writing workshop. We have been learning about patterns in math as well as working on combinations of 5 and 10. We will be learning about bats this week, making a KWL chart!



### **First Grade News: Mrs. Jessica Klein**

First grade had a lot of fun learning about sound this quarter and ended the unit by making kazoos! We have moved on to learning subtraction in math and are expanding our writing skills to include more details. We can't wait to start our new social studies unit about government and hold a mock election!

### **Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks**

There has been a lot of excitement in the Second grade! We rocked our first Math test of the year (probably because we played Jeopardy to review). We also created our own board games to practice our Phonics skills! Second grade is learning about the Government and how our Democratic nation operates. We will do our own Fictional Character class election very soon!

First Reconciliation is at the end of November, Please keep the Second grade in your prayers as we prepare to take this step in our Faith journey.

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

Third Graders had a wonderful time at our School Picnic. We wrote about the festivities in our journal. We took our first set of NWEA Tests in class for four subjects. We continue learning about Jesus' 12 friends, the apostles. We made a little booklet of their symbols in Church Art. We read a short biography and learned facts about each man's life. We have also completed Chapters 1 and 2 in Math on Place Value and Addition. In English we finished Unit 1 Sentences and will begin Nouns. Soon we will be taking a test in Religion about the apostles.

### **Miss Gretchen Decker: Art**

October has been a busy month in the art room! The Upper Class Students are about to finish a three dimensional project where they created food! Then the Early Childhood Students had a very busy month with finishing up their art stations then rolled into some art history like *Starry Night*, *Mona Lisa*, and Prehistoric Art. They will finish their month off with some Halloween Masks. Hope everyone has a great Fall Break!

### **Miss Patti Woods: English (4 & 5) Religion (4 & 7) Social Studies (4)**

We are loving the trees full of colorful leaves and the temperatures cooling! The fourth grade had earned all the chips needed in their Classrooms Reward Jar and were able to go to the park for some afternoon fun in the sun.



In both 4th and 5th grade English classes, we just finished writing Halloween and/or Fall-themed Haikus. Fourth-graders are working on nouns in English, while fifth-graders have finished nouns and are working on verbs.

In fourth grade religion, we are beginning our studies of the Ten Commandments. In seventh grade religion, we are working on learning the meaning behind many of the parables Jesus told which tell us ultimately how to live a faith-filled life.

In fourth grade social studies we are learning about the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

days off school!

Everyone have a safe Halloween and enjoy the extra

### **Mrs. Katie Meier: Religion (5), Math (4-6), Literature/Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)**

5th Grade — Religion~We are planning our next special Mass on Veteran's Day. Mark your calendars for Friday, 11/10 at 8am! Math~We have been working on decimals and decimal place value. Literature~We started our next novel, Bud, Not Buddy. We have been practicing visualizing the story and creating our own illustrations.

4th Grade Math~We have been exploring the properties of multiplication and division by predicting outcomes and exploring inequalities.

6th Grade Standard Math~We are working through all things fractions! 6th Grade Challenge Math~We have been working on adding/subtracting/multiplying/dividing decimals. After the fall break we will attack fractions!

Special thank you to Mrs. Graff for being such a wonderful substitute for all of my classes while I am on medical leave! I should be back on 11/15.

### **Mr. Leonard Kraudel: Science/STREAM (4-5-6-7-8)**

4TH GRADE SCIENCE - We are finishing up different forms of energy transfer, and renewable energy sources. And will be going into studying WAVES (Sound and Light Waves) and the Parts of a Wave.

5TH Grade Science - We are finishing SOLUTIONS, COMPOUNDS, and MIXTURES. And will be going into Chemical Change versus Physical Change.

6.7.8TH Graders - Just TESTED over Cellular Respiration (Aerobic and Anaerobic) and Photosynthesis. And are starting the DIFFERENT STAGES OF CELL CYCLE, and MITOSIS and MEIOSIS.

### **Mrs. Christy Connor: Religion (6 & 8) Social Studies (5-8)**

#### Religion:

Grade Six students have discovered how the Israelites came to Egypt. They are going to learn about Moses and the Exodus.

Grade Eight students are learning about the four Marks of the Catholic Church. They are currently studying the mark of "Holy."

#### Social Studies:

Grades Five and Eight are working on American History. Both classes are exploring the area of the thirteen original English colonies.

Grade Six students are looking at the cultures and geography of Latin America.

Grade Seven students have completed their study of Ancient Egypt and are beginning to learn about Ancient India.

### **Mrs. Anne Stein: Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)**

In Middle School, the 7th Grade Challenge class is working on solving problems with integers, finding greatest common factors and least common multiples, and comparing rational numbers. The Pre-Algebra class is working on writing and graphing functions. The Algebra I class is working on solving inequalities and identifying and writing functions. The Algebra II class is working with systems of inequalities and equations.

### **Mrs. Sioux Roslawski: Literature & English (6-7-8)**

#### 6th-8th ELA

The 8th graders had the opportunity to do some community service, so on Saturday, Oct. 21 seven of the 8th graders took part in St. Louis' Trash Bash. They spent the morning helping clean up Willmore Park, armed with gloves and trash bags. We'll be doing a project every quarter.

The middle-schoolers are going to begin NaNoWriMo on November 1. NaNoWriMo stands for National Novel Writing Month, and is actually an international project. Writers from all over the world write at a frenetic pace. If you're 17 or older, your word count goal is 50,000 words. Students at SRA have the following goals:

6th grade--6,000 words

7th grade--7,000 words

8th grade--8,000 words

Students can write whatever kind of story they want--sci-fi, fantasy, historical fiction, etc. In our writing classes, we'll be doing nothing but working on our stories... because all the magic begins on November 1st and ends on November 30! Let the fun begin...

### **Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education**

This month, we have been working on basketball across all grade levels. The elementary students have been working on different basketball skills in small groups while the upper grade students worked on skills and played scrimmages. We finished off our basketball unit with scrimmages and an optional free throw competition.

