

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

October 31, 2024

Good afternoon, SRA Families,

Happy Halloween! It was fun greeting all the students with their Halloween accessories today. We also enjoyed seeing our third graders dressed up in a Saint of their choice to commemorate the **Solemnity of All Saints** tomorrow, November 1. Great job, third graders!

The school and parish offices will be closed on Friday, November 1, as we honor the Communion of Saints in heaven. Because November 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation, St. Raphael the Archangel parish will celebrate with Mass on Thursday (10/31) at 5:00 PM and Friday (11/1) at 8:00 AM.

Halloween is exciting because of the school parties and trick-or-treating in the evening. I hope everyone stays safe tonight and the kids share their candy with their parents!

We have a few events happening next week that I want to bring to your attention in this message:

Thursday, November 7—The sixth-grade class will participate in *The Summit*, a middle school event to learn about vocation. Our sixth-graders will attend the event with the sixth-graders from St. Gabriel's. They will be at this event all day and return for regular dismissal.

Friday, November 8 — Faculty Meeting- **Noon Dismissal and No Aftercare.**

Saturday, November 9 — Home & School - Matreci Trivia Night

Monday, November 11 — Veteran's Day—

We will celebrate our Veterans at the 8 AM Mass, followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Please invite the veterans in your family to join our school community on this day.

Of course, Thanksgiving Break is from Wednesday, November 27, to Friday, November 29. Classes will resume on Monday, December 2.

It's hard to believe we will begin celebrating Advent on Sunday, December 1, and our Second Graders will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 4. Time is moving along this school year.

Today marks the end of our Red Ribbon Week. It was fun to see the various accessories, hoodies, and sports team shirts this week. We also had a few Red Ribbon Week Contests throughout the week.

Congratulations to everyone! When we make good choices in our lives, we're all winners.

Here are the contest results:

- Door Decorations – 1st Grade Classroom
- Coloring Sheet – Leo in PreK B
- Bookmark — Rosie in 2nd Grade
- Poster — Kerry in 4th Grade
- Poem — Cate in 6th Grade
- Essay — Mark in 7th Grade

Congrats again to everyone. The Ambassadors had a difficult time deciding this year!

Thank you, also, to the many parent and grandparent volunteers we have each week at school. Helping Qi prepare and serve lunch is not easy, but our faithful volunteers keep coming back. To all our lunchroom and playground volunteers, thank you for donating your time. The kids love to see their parents at school, and so do we.

We now have a new display case for SRA spirit wear in the cafeteria near the music room. The Marketing Team has filled the case with various spirit wear styles that parishioners can purchase throughout the year. Enjoy shopping!

Thanks to the Home & School and the Men's Club, we also have new cafeteria chairs. There will be no more bent chair legs or broken seats that pinch the legs. The chairs are very comfortable, too. Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you, too, for the canned goods collection. If you forgot this time, we will catch you again in November. This is our largest drive to help out for the holidays.

That's all for now. Be safe tonight!

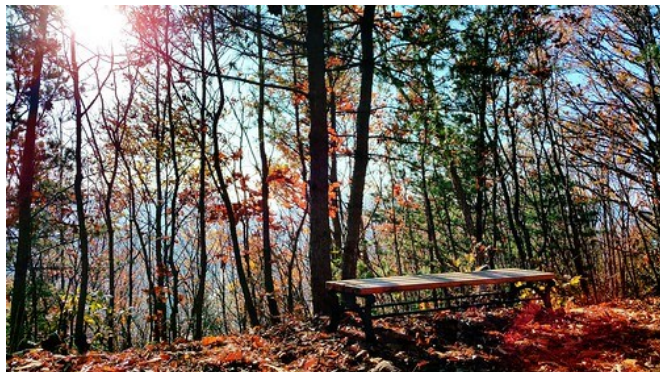
Blessings,
Mrs. Hayes



Announcements

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

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



November Birthdays

Daniel Gerau-2
Annabella Kane-2
Rosalia Savio-2
Everly Baker-2
Hannah Kratky-3
Leo Lanta-6
Maggie Niemira-8
Cora Fitzpatrick-11
Ava Christlieb-11
Francie Berry-12
Ms. Polson-17
Conrad Iovaldi-19
Mrs. Hayes-20
Alexis Young-20
Joseph Sullivan-21
Max Menzel-22
Rosalie Baker-23
Frances Zouglas-25
Patrick Meier-27

November

Important Calendar Dates & Notes:

11/1-No School-All Saints Day

11/8-Noon Dismissal-Faculty PD

11/9-Trivia Night

11/11-Veteran's Day Mass

11/12-Home & School 6:30pm

11/18-School Board 7pm

11/27-11/29—No School, Thanksgiving Break



Miss Molly: Preschool A



The Angels are having a wonderful month. They have worked on new letters L and F. We have studied about fall and the changing leaves and the new fall season. We had a visit from the fire station and the firemen gave a talk about fire safety. They have been busy making Bats, Ghosts and Jack-O-Lanterns to get ready for the big Halloween night!



Ms. Tracy: Prekindergarten



In the Bears class we continue to learn about letters, sounds, and numbers. We learned about fire safety and had a visit from the fire department. We reviewed the letters we have learned so far this year. We are preparing for Halloween and making some fun projects. We continue to learn about number sense and patterning as well.



Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

We had a great 1st quarter in Kindergarten! We learned about fire safety this month and had a fun visit from the St. Louis Fire Department. We have been working on sorting and classification in math and will continue to work on combinations of 10 and basic addition. We are beginning sight word practice now that we're into the 2nd quarter of school as we prepare for our guided reading groups after Christmas!



First Grade News: Mrs. Jessica Klein



First grade had a fun October! We wrapped up learning about addition strategies and are focusing now on subtraction. We are learning new spelling and phonics rules and to end our noun unit, we created Noun Town. We have been enjoying reading Halloween books and created our own Spookley pumpkins that were all different shapes and colors. We are excited for Halloween and to start our cookie election!



Second Grade News: Mrs. Toni Jackson

2nd Grade has been very busy settling in with new classroom jobs and organizing our learning space now that Mrs. Jackson has joined us as a teacher. Most importantly we are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have been learning the difference between a sin and a mistake, asking for forgiveness, and what is Penance. Please pray for us as we continue our preparation before receiving the Sacrament in December.

Next, in math we are adding 2 digit numbers. Then in Science we have been making observations and will see how different characteristics help make certain materials better suited for different jobs. Finally, we have been learning about the United States government. Learning about the three branches of government and the election process is very timely with a Presidential election occurring.

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Graders know a lot about leaves & trees! We wrote and typed stories about trees with problems. Ms. Polson read us three wonderful stories about Treehorn by Florence Parry Heide. We know some poetry around forest themes. We have read and written non-fiction articles on many interesting tree topics.

In math we have been subtracting and regrouping across zero. Our class has done estimation and rounding math problems in math. There was a fun activity on Mystery Doug about bones in our hands and wrists. Our window panes reflect our endeavors! Halloween is nearly here.

Miss Patti Woods

Mary, Mother of God,
Savior of the world
You are our life,
Our strength and our refuge.

You gave birth to Jesus
You didn't need to,
You chose to.

You carried your sorrows
To the foot of the cross.

You saw Jesus
Carrying his cross to Golgotha,
"Place of the skull".

You saw him taken down from
the cross
Then buried in the tomb.

Mary, Mother of God,
In the little town of Bethlehem
Traveling on a donkey
To find that the only place for you
and Joseph was in the stable
With all the other animals.

But yet, in the randomest places
"We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar"
The Magi, bring the gifts to baby
Jesus when he was born;
Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Mary, Mother of God
Of all women, God picked you.

Before you were born,
God had a plan for you
To be born without Original Sin.
You were born to be the mother
of God,

But when St. Gabriel came
All you had to say in a reply...
"No"
Easy as that!
But you didn't do that.
No, you said "Yes".
You took up that burden.
You picked up YOUR OWN cross.
That simple "Yes" is why you are
the mother of God.
That is how Jesus came.
Who knows how long it would
take for
Jesus to save us
IF you said "No".
Thank you, Mary.

Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us!

By: Mark B.
Grade 7

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

4th Grade Math is working on sums and differences of fractions.

5th Grade Math is multiplying and dividing fractions.

5th Grade Religion is learning about the different parts of the mass.

5th Grade Literature is halfway through our second novel, Bud, Not Buddy.
We are comparing and contrasting characters, analyzing settings, and playing with similes.



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

Religion:

In grade six religion, the students have learned about how the twelve sons of Jacob came to live in Egypt. In the next unit, they will find out about Moses and how he led the Israelites back to Canaan. Eighth-grade students have begun studying about the four Marks of the Church. They are currently working on the first Mark - one (or unity)

Social Studies:

Grades five and eight continue with American History. Both classes are learning about the English colonies and how the taxation of these colonies eventually led to the American Revolution. Grade six students are beginning their discovery of the geography and cultures of Europe. Students in grade seven are learning about the geography and history of ancient China.

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

In the 6th Challenge math class, the students are working on solving problems with ratios and unit rates and will be starting to work with percentages.

In the 7th Challenge math class, the students are finishing up their unit on proportional relationships and are going to be studying circles.

The Pre-Algebra classes are finishing their unit on proportional relationships and similar polygons and will be learning about linear equations.

In Algebra, the students are working on solving systems of equations.

The Algebra II class is beginning their work with polynomials.

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

6th-8th ELA

In literature, all three groups are either finished with their first book or are close. In English we are moving from memoir to informative writing. Students will begin a research piece.

And, with the beginning of November comes NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month). Students will be writing a long story (6,000-8,000 words in length, depending on the grade level). The students get to choose the genre, and the most important component is the story. Keeping the plot going, and keeping the characters interesting... That's the fun part! There will be after-school sessions during the month for students to work on their word count. Look for an email this week.

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

4th Grade Science are studying sound and light waves, the parts of waves and the different types of waves of the electromagnetic spectrum, along with a quick lesson on Identifying all the beautiful types of tree leaves of fall.

5th Grade Science are learning about Solutions, Homogeneous and Heterogeneous Mixtures, Colloids and Suspensions.

6th-7th-8th Grade Science are learning the Rock Cycle, the different types of rocks and names of common rock, and also learning about different minerals and the characteristics of minerals.

Miss Gretchen Decker: Art

Preschool: They finished Georgia O’Keeffe art topic then moved onto how color can be used to organize items and emotions! Then we finished off the month with how to draw a Halloween pumpkin and gluing together a Witch’s Hat!

K–3: These students finished MrDoodle artwork and learned about Op Art! For the end of the month, they learned about Day of the Dead and made “Sugar Skull” while watching Coco.

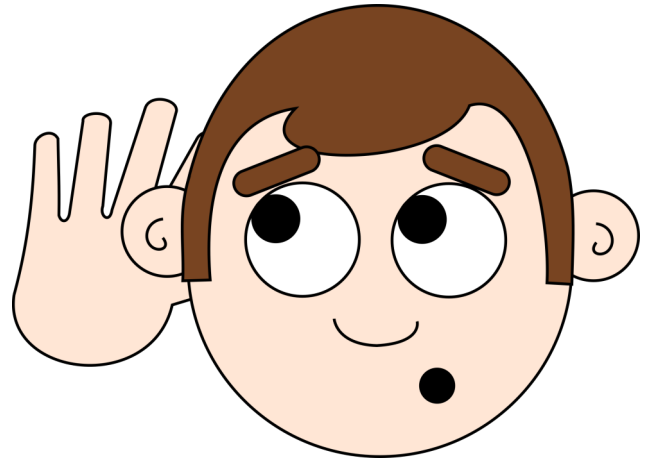
4–5: These students finished their Foil Figures with Paper Mache and paint. Now, they are working Day of the Dead artwork by making “Sugar Skull” Masks while watching Coco!

6–8: These students finished up their Foil Figures and have started to paint mini pumpkins! Other students are also working towards their Year-long projects. They’re really started to form well!



Mr. Jeff Klos: PE

Preschool A & B spent the majority of the month utilizing listening and directional skills while navigating through space and zones in the gym. They are doing a wonderful job!



Mrs. Jena Copeland: Music

We have been working hard advancing our skills in music in the month of October! Pre-K and Kindergarten have been using fruits and simple Halloween themed pictures to learn and feel rhythms. 1st grade explored body movements that coordinated with the songs they were singing (throwing scarves & tiny beach balls & doing "patty cake" hand claps with a partner). They also added the pitches DO and RE to their singing. 2nd and 3rd grade have both been hard at work learning half notes, whole notes, and the pitches DO and RE and singing them in various songs. We also explored the concept of singing while playing rhythms on drums that were different from the rhythm we were singing. 2nd and 3rd grade also explored coordinating "patty cake" hand claps to the rhythm of Hot Cross Buns. Last week, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade took on the challenge of learning the song Pumpkin Pumpkin and then rewrote the melody using the pitches DO, RE, MI, SO, and LA- so fun! 4th and 5th graders have practiced singing basic harmony, singing while playing a different, more advanced rhythm on a drum, and have started learning the names of the lines and spaces on the treble clef staff.