

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 St. Raphael Families,

Fall has finally arrived as I look out my window today. The mornings are cooler and the winds have become a bit brisker. With that thought in mind, I encourage you to check to make sure your child is wearing or bringing some type of coat or jacket to school. The students will be outside for recess every day except when it rains. It has been known in St. Louis to become cooler in the afternoon during this time of the year.

Parent/Teacher Conferences are this week on Thursday, October 26 from 1:00-8:00 p.m. School will dismiss at noon on this day. You should have already received your conference time if you have a child in Pre-K through 3rd grade. Conference times are scheduled in 15 minute sessions. The teachers in the upper grades are available for a conference during this same time. They do not have assigned times for conferences, but parents can meet with their child's teachers on a first come basis. All the teachers will have a dinner break from 5:00-5:45 p.m.

There will be no school on Friday, October 27 for Preschool and Grades K-8. Enjoy the short fall break! On Tuesday, October 31, the students will celebrate Halloween with a classroom party beginning at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints- no school for Grades K-8, but the Preschool will be open.

It is hard to believe November is just around the corner, so check the calendar for all of the November events. Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers because they will be making their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 8. We will also be celebrating with our Veterans on November 10 with Mass followed by a reception. Mark your calendar to join us for the annual SRA Auction on Saturday, November 11. I hear it is an awesome parish event!

Reminder: The Thanksgiving Holiday Break is Wednesday, November 22 through Sunday, November 26. No school on Wednesday through Friday that week for Preschool and Grades K-8.

Finally, I had a wonderful time on my trip to Ireland. It was a trip of a lifetime for me. I appreciate the many sincere inquiries about my trip. Thank you for your support while I was gone. I also want to publicly thank the faculty and staff of SRA for their support while I was gone. I could not have left without knowing the school was in mighty good hands.

May we take a few moments each day to express gratitude to God for His goodness in our lives, and remember the Saints who have touched our lives.

In God's goodness,

Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

All School Mass 8:00am

November 2

3rd Grade Planning

November 9

8th Grade Planning

November 10

Veteran's Day 5th Grade
Planning

November 16

6th Grade Planning

November 30

7th Grade Planning

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month



November Birthdays

Eleanor Giles-1
Flora Borowiak-3
Hannah Kratky-3
Jude Wulf-4
Joey Raymo-6
Teddy Adams-6

Mrs. Schmidt-8

Ava Christlieb-11
Thad Berta-12

Andrew Thompson-14

Rosalia Hogrebe-15

Grace Goeddel-17

Elizabeth Hurley-17

William Messmer-19

Mrs. Hayes - 20

Joshua Abbott-20

Alexis Young-20

Caroline Hahn-23

Emilia Hahn-23

Patrick Meier-27

Thomas Finan-29

My name is Grace Goeddel.

Last year, with the help of our school and parish, I collected 22 pounds of tab tops for the Ronald McDonald House. This school year I want to beat that number. Please collect tab tops from aluminum cans and bring them to Mass or send them to school. I will have containers at the entrances of church and at school. If you have a business that would like to collect tab tops, let me know and I will provide you with a special container.

Thank you for all of your support. I will collect tab tops until spring of 2018.

Congratulations to St. Raphael Graduates

for receiving scholarships at our semi-annual Renaissance Awards

Sophomore **Will Hannibal** (2016)
Christopher J. Grimaud Scholarship

Sophomore **John Hannibal** (2016)
Christopher J. Grimaud Scholarship

November

Nov. 1- All Saints Day No School K-8 Preschool is open

Nov. 2 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance

Nov. 2 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club Art Room

Nov. 3 – 2:00pm Benediction

Nov. 6-10 - Gym closed for Auction

Nov. 7 – 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Children’s Choir Practice

Nov. 8 – 7:00pm First Reconciliation for Second Grade in Church

Nov. 9 – 8:00am Mass 8th Grade Planning

Nov. 9 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance

Nov. 9 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club Art Room

Nov. 10 – 8:00am Veteran’s Day Mass & Reception 5th Grade hosting

Nov. 10 – 6:00-9:00pm Auction Preview Night - Gym

Nov. 11 – 5:30pm SRA Auction - Gym

Nov. 11 – 4:15pm Mass Children’s Choir

Nov. 14 – Uniform Picture Retake Day

Nov. 14– 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Children’s Choir Practice

Nov. 16 – 8:00am Mass 6th Grade Planning

Nov. 16 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance

Nov. 16 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club Art Room

Nov. 19 – 10:00am Family Mass & Donuts

Nov. 21– 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Children’s Choir Practice

Nov. 22 – No School Preschool – 8

Nov. 23-24 – Thanksgiving Break No School Preschool – 8

Nov. 28– 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Children’s Choir Practice

Nov. 30 – 8:00am Mass 7th Grade Planning

Nov. 30 – 2:00-4:00pm Dance

Nov. 30 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club Art Room



All veterans are invited to join the school community for a Veteran's Day Mass at church on Friday, November 10th at 8 am. Mass will be followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. Veterans interested in celebrating with us and attending the reception should contact the school office at [314-352-9474](tel:314-352-9474) and should leave their name and number of people coming. Please RSVP by Friday, November 3rd.

Participants are to gather in the back of church for a procession. We are looking forward to seeing you on November 10th.



Stephanie Amsler: STREAM/Coordinator (PK-8 Grade)

- Create a brand new type of candy by identifying the ingredients, designing the wrapping, and advertisements (including a slogan!).
- Create a pizza box representation of an element from the Periodic Table.
- Using USB Pluggable microscopes, identify different features of leaves.
- Using an interactive model of a watershed from EnviroScope, identify different pollutants and ways they enter our water source.

The week of October 30th, our STREAM Mobile Carts will be ready to use for all classes and grade levels. We're full STREAM ahead!

Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

Over the past few weeks the students in physical education class have been working on volleyball and frisbee skills. They practiced a variety of lead up games that broke down the skills of the two sports. The students worked with partners and in team games. The frisbee and volleyball activities were popular and all the students appeared to have fun. The primary students had a lot of fun working on the skills of volleyball with balloons.



The classes will we be working on soccer and football skills during the upcoming weeks. Hopefully the students will find the soccer and football activities easy to perform and enjoyable. As always, I will continue to stress to the students that the main objective of physical education is to get everyone participating and feeling like a part of the class. I hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween.

Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

Beginning in the Second Quarter Kindergarten - Eighth grade will be learning their songs for our Christmas program. Preschool-Kindergarten- We will continue to work on the beat of the music and tempo. We will continue playing our rhythm instruments as well. First Grade- First Grade has been learning about the use of the Voice: singing, speaking, whispering and shouting, times when you use the appropriate voice and practicing our best singing voices. We will be reviewing and doing a listening paper that shows faster and slower music. Second Grade- We are learning to identify musical symbols and calling them by different names. The note head is being added to TA (quarter note), TITI (Eighth notes), and TA-AH (Half Note). Rests will be introduced as the Beat of *silence*. Third Grade- Introducing the job of the TIME SIGNATURE, even and uneven rhythms. Rhythm instruments are being played and the drums (various types of hand drums), claves and resonator bells will be introduced. Fourth Grade and Fifth Grade- Syncopation (uneven rhythm and different ways for it to be written in music- half note, quarter note, eighth note (most common), adding the *tie*, *D.C.* -*Da Capo*. *Styles of songs and how they are similitar and different*. Sixth-Eighth Grades - Ostinatos (repeated patterns either vocally, rhythmically or melodically), learning to read music/playing resonator bells, Woodwinds/Brass/Strings and Percussion.

Miss Molly Preschool Room A

Hello from Preschool A,

This month has been filled with fun and excitement. We have worked on our numbers, shapes, and our body parts. We have learned about the five senses and what our body parts do. We had lots of fun at Stuckmeyer's Farm. The kids enjoyed the hay ride and all the fun activities that were offered. The room parents put on a great Halloween party for the three-year old's first classroom party. It was filled with great Halloween games and food. Thank You and God Bless.



Miss Chris Preschool Room B

October has flown by so quickly. We have had a great month in the Bears class. We have worked hard and learned a lot. We worked on our letters E, F, G, and H with themes such as Eric Carle's books, *Fall*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *Halloween*. We took a field trip with our entire Early Childhood floor to the pumpkin patch at Stuckmeyer's Farm and had a great time. We are looking forward to dressing up in our costumes for Halloween and having our class party!



STUCO News

Thank you for your generous support of the Canned Food drives and The Pink Balloon Project. Red Ribbon Week has been spent learning about the negative effects drugs can have on our lives and futures.

November 10: Veteran's Day - Bring a \$1 or more to be donated to Project Sunscreen (care packages to deployed soldiers) and wear red, white, and blue accessories,

November 13: Thanksgiving Food Drive - see the flyer that will be sent home on November 3rd for your assigned items.

Kindergarten News: Miss Abby Morris & Mrs. Doyle

Hello SRA Community,

Kindergarten has been busy this fall. We have been learning about the season of autumn. The students have been learning about the reason why leaves change color in the fall. We went on a walk to observe the changing colors of our neighborhood trees.

Kindergarten has been working on letter sounds, patterns, sorting, and writing letters and numbers. Also during the month of October, the students learned about pumpkins and went on a field trip to the pumpkin patch with Preschool and First Grade. Have a great Halloween.



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The First Quarter went by so quickly in First Grade. In Math we are working hard with our addition facts which means subtraction is right around the corner. We are continuing to improve on our reading speed, accuracy and understanding. The First Graders are working on learning about different types of nouns and will quickly move to adjectives. During the Second Quarter we will be working on writing strong sentences as their writing skills develop. Our first field trip of the year was a huge success! We visited Stuckmeyer's Farm and had a wonderful time on the hayride, Halloween maze, Fort Spooky and of course every child bringing home a pumpkin added to our exciting day.



Second Grade News: Mark Messmer

During the month of October, Second Grade has been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, learning about different types of writing, and expressing numbers in different ways. With Reconciliation just a few weeks away, students have begun practicing the Act of Contrition as well as learning about sin and forgiveness. In writing, we have discussed writing about our opinions - in the spirit of Halloween, we will be writing about whether candy corn is the best Halloween candy. After learning different ways to write numbers, we created "Place Value Monsters."



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Graders have opportunities for big leadership roles here at St. Raphael School on the Early Childhood floor. We put chairs down every morning in the cafeteria, lead classes indoors from recess, and hold doors for everyone. We buddied up with first graders to help them find where their school family meets on Friday mornings. Third Graders have taken individual reading inventories in different genres with Mrs. Smithicki and Ms. Polson. We now know our reading level and are anxious to begin Raz Kids on the chromebooks. Standardized Testing week was a challenge for us. We are awaiting the results to see how well we did. In Reading class, we read some scary stories this month. Two of our favorites include: *The Knight Who Was Afraid of the Dark* and *The Boy and the Ghost*. We took a math test after completing the place value chapter. In English, we completed the unit on sentences and took our test. It was fun creating a poster using the 4 kinds of sentences all about Halloween. Each of us read about our favorite saint and wrote a report. On Friday, October 20 we came to school dressed as our chosen saint, took photos, and presented clues to other classes. Hard to believe how fast this month flew by and First Quarter rolls right into Second Quarter.



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 8)

In English, all classes have completed unit 2, nouns. We are already into our first few lessons of unit 3 which is a comprehensive look at verbs.

In grades four and five, we have been working on a personal narrative and will be sharing these with the class over the next few days.

In grades six through eight, we have been writing a persuasive essay. We are finding out how important it is to check and recheck our own work, as well as have another person read it. Sometimes what we are trying to convey and what we are actually writing aren't always matching up. We need someone else to read every single word to make sure it is what we are truly trying to say, especially when it is something that spellcheck would not be able to catch.

It has been a great first quarter!

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

Fifth Grade: During Religion class, the students have been focusing on the Sacraments of Initiation. We started with Baptism, learning about how we enter into God's family. Then we discussed how we renew that faith in Confirmation through receiving the Holy Spirit. Finally, we talked about the first Eucharist and what happened during Passover and the Last Supper. In Math, the students have been working on long division. They are also learning how to write and solve expressions and equations. During Literature, the students have read a few short stories and focused on setting, sequencing, and summarizing.

Fourth Grade: In Religion, the students have been learning about how to imitate Jesus. We discussed forgiving, worshipping, helping, and praying like Jesus did. We also went into depth discussing the steps of Reconciliation. During Math, our main focus has been on multiplication. The students are working hard on memorizing their facts quickly. In Literature, the students have read a few short stories. With our short stories, the students have worked on sequencing, personification, setting, mood, and main ideas.

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

In Religion class, the Sixth Grade students have begun to learn about Abraham and how he is our Father in Faith. They will also be learning how the Israelites came to live in Egypt. During the month of October, we will be discussing the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Grade Four students are learning about some of the symbols of the state of Missouri. They have started with the state bird and state flag. They will be learning information about the Missouri state constitution during this coming month.

Grade Five students are studying the beginning of United States history. They have just completed a unit on the native peoples of North America and will be starting a unit concerning early exploration by the Europeans.

Grade Six students have begun the unit on ancient Egypt. They are learning about the geography of the region as well as the pharaohs and way of life of the people. During this month, the students will be figuring out how to create their names using hieroglyphics.

Grade Seven students are about to complete their study of the early colonization of the east coast by the British. They will be learning information that will lead to the American Revolution.

Grade Eight students are beginning a unit that involves progressive reforms in the United States. They will also be learning about the Spanish American War.

All Social Studies students are working with an interactive map program that is helping them accurately locate the states in the United States as well as countries in North and South America.

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

In Standard Math, we have covered decimals and fractions - comparing, ordering, and performing operations. We are preparing for our Chapter 4 test over number theory and fractions. Next we will get into all four operations with different fraction forms.

In Challenge Math, we are exploring rational numbers. This includes decimals, fractions, and integers. Next I will introduce functions and the coordinate plane.

In Pre-Algebra, we just finished Chapter 3, which covered functions, tables, and graphs. Now we are exploring exponents and roots in Chapter 4. Later in the quarter I will introduce percents.

In Algebra, we are finishing up Chapter 4 over equations and inequalities. Next we will look into different forms of functions and their representation on graphs.

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

During this last month, Eighth Grade Religion has focused on the unity of Church, witnessing to holiness, and the mystery of the Church. This month we will learn about the Marks of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic. We will also learn about Mary being the perfect example of what holiness looks like.

Seventh Grade Religion has been learning about the Nativity Narratives and the early life of Jesus. We have also been studying the Sacraments of Initiation. We will move on to Jesus Christ the Truth, where we will learn from teachings and example of Christ how to live according to the commandments, the Beatitudes, and his new law of love, the Gospel.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to your student's vocabulary book cover or in their assignment notebooks. I have also shared the schedule with each of them on Google Drive. Unit 5 test is Tuesday, November 7th and Unit 6 test is Tuesday, November 21st.

Miss Stephanie Amsler: Science Teacher (4-8 Grade)

Fourth Grade studied mixtures and compounds through creating a brand new type of candy. They had to design the wrapper as well as write a commercial and slogan to promote their candy. Finally, they wrote an essay explaining why their candy was going to be the best new candy. As a class, they voted that 'Blue Bids', created by Lauren, would be the best new candy. 'Happy Gummies', created by Conor, came in a close second.

Fifth Grade studied the water cycle, water treatment, and watersheds. They used Google Drawing to create a diagram of the water cycle processes. They furthered their knowledge about water, by studying water treatment processes to understand how water goes from a body of water to our faucets. After which, we were lent a model of a watershed from EnviroScape to study how pollutants enter our water and how we can minimize the number of pollutants in our water.

Sixth through Eighth Grades are studying the periodic table. They learned how it was organized into groups and periods by atomic number. Each student then had to choose an element from the periodic table to become an expert on to teach the rest of the class about. They could create a Google Slides presentation or a presentation using the website Haiku Deck to teach the class about their element. Finally, they created a pizza box representation of their element. On the outside of the box, they had to write a riddle about their element. On the inside of the box, they listed facts and pictures of the element. We will create a life-size representation of the periodic table using these pizza boxes.

Mrs. Sara Carril: Art

Art is going great. A lot of classes have begun painting already. I hope you enjoy seeing your student's art work. They are all very talented and keep busy in Art class. Thank you for all of your continued support. I would like to have students start practicing drawing facial features. This month I would like to start with eyes. Just looking in the mirror and sketching out the eyes. The mirror is very important so they can actually look at what they are drawing, rather than doing it from memory. Their end of year project will be a self-portrait, so it will all fit together by May.





Yoga for a Cause

11/17/17 | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



Support our 8th graders at SRA and do something amazing for yourself!!
It's a win win for all!

Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Friday Nov. 17th at Blue Sky Yoga. Annie Traschel will lead an hour-long donation based Gentle Flow Yoga class.

The money raised will help fund the 8th grade trip to Washington DC, their Mystery Trip, and Graduation!!

Get a group of friends and family and do something good for yourselves and others!!!
Donations will be accepted at the door - checks payable to St. Raphael.

Blue Sky Yoga | 3525 Watson Rd | St. Louis, MO 63139



Vianney Welcomes 8th Graders to Come *Soar With Us!*



Spend the day paired with a current Griffin, experiencing our innovative and hands-on curriculum, Family Spirit and lunch in the world famous Griffin Café! To Shadow, sign up online: www.vianney.com/admissions.

Join us for Open House, Sunday, November 5th from Noon – 4 p.m. Explore our state-of-the-art science labs, modern classrooms, nationally recognized baseball stadium and interact with our faculty and staff. For questions, please call Monica Sabatino at 314-965-4853 ext. 134 or via email at msabatino@vianney.com. We look forward to seeing you!

Open House at Rosati-Kain High School

Visit Rosati-Kain at our Open House on Sunday, November 5 from Noon - 4pm. Tour our school, meet faculty and staff and learn more about student life at R-K. Guided tours are available by our student and parent ambassadors. See for yourself what R-K has to offer. Register early to avoid the lines the day of the event by visiting www.rosati-kain.org.