

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

"Whoever, therefore, shall humble himself as a little child will be greatest in the Kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:4

Dear SRA Families,

Humility, accepting your limitations and God-given talents, is the virtue for the month of November. Wow, the virtue of Humility seems simple and straight forward, but in reality, it is a daily challenge for many of us. I have often shared with people that as a principal, I have had to practice the virtue of Humility daily. Once I accepted that God was calling me to live a life with Humility, all the daily tasks as a principal became easier to embrace. Let us take this month to help our children accept their limitations and God-given talents with grace.

The faculty is currently participating in a book study with the book by Carol Dweck- Mindset: The New Psychology of Success, which complements the virtue of Humility, perfectly. Dr. Dweck shows how success in school, work, sports, the arts, and almost every area of human endeavor can be dramatically influenced by how we think about our talents and abilities. *Mindset* reveals how great parents, teachers, managers, and athletes can put this idea to use to foster outstanding accomplishments. I would be happy to host a Parent Book Club. We would read Dr. Dweck's book and discussing the topic of Mindsets. Email me if you would be interested. I can then develop a schedule once I know the interest level.

Next week is Red Ribbon Week, along with Halloween and the Feast of All Saints. Last week, we sent home the Red Ribbon Week theme: Send a Message; Stay Drug-Free and the different accessories the students can wear each day.

Monday- Red Accessories
Tuesday- Sports Accessories
Wednesday- America Accessories
Thursday- Halloween Accessories

The Halloween Parties will begin at 2:00 on Thursday, October 31. As stated above, the students may wear Halloween accessories with their uniforms.

Calendar Reminders:

November 1- No school for grades K-8 for the Feast of All Saints. The preschool will be open for their play day.
November 5 - stdigital will return for Uniform Picture Retakes.
November 15- Noon dismissal for K-8. Preschool Open. Aftercare till 6:00 PM.

Join me thanking the Ladies Club and the Quilters for the new tablecloths in the cafeteria. The Ladies Club generously funded the tablecloths, and the quilters of the parish graciously redesigned and sewed the tablecloths to fit the large size of our tables. To keep the tablecloths looking great, I ask all organization remove tablecloths during craft or art activities. Thank you!

Today was the last call for the "Soul on Fire" spirit Tee-Shirts. The order will be placed next week. Contact the office or your child's teacher if you still need to place an order. On a final note, I would like to address the wearing of Leggings on non-uniform days. The handbook states leggings can only be worn with a dress or long shirt (same length as a dress or fingertips). Leggings worn alone are not appropriate for school. By my observation, this is not happening. I will begin signing demerit cards on "out of uniform days" when I observe the policy not followed. Parents, please help us in enforcing this policy. This clothing option will be removed from the approved clothing list if not improved.

Hopefully, I can see all of you today for conferences! Let me end this note with this prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to God's Living Word!

Blessings,
Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

November 11

Veteran's Day Mass
Reception to follow
5th Grade Planning

November 21

Mass
Presentation of
Blessed Virgin Mary
3rd Grade Planning

November 26

Weekday Mass
Thanksgiving
STUCO Planning

December 5

Mass
Advent Weekday
2nd Grade Planning

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



November Birthdays

Everly Baker-2
Flora Borowiak-3
Hannah Kratky-3
Jude Wulf-4

Mr. Spurgeon-6

Joey Raymo-6
Teddy Adams-6

Mrs. Schmidt-8

Celine Snodgrass-9

Ava Christlieb-11

Francie Berry-12

Thad Berta-12

Eleanor Kane-14

Rosie Hogrebe-15

Mrs. Hayes - 20

Joshua Abbott-20

Alexis Young-20

Fr. John-25

Patrick Meier-27

Thomas Finan-29

Dylan Bond-29





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

Nov. 5 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Choir Practice

Nov. 5 Uniform Picture Retake Day

Nov. 7 2:00pm Dance

Nov. 7 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club

Nov. 9 6:30pm Maria Matreci Memorial Trivia Night

Nov.11 8:00am Veteran's Day Mass & Reception

Nov.11 3:15-4:15pm SRA Garden Club

Nov.14 2:00pm Dance

Nov.14 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club

**Nov.15 Noon Dismissal Faculty PD Day Preschool is Open
Aftercare until 6:00pm**

Nov.15 6:30pm Alpha—Rectory

Nov.16 5:00pm Gratitude Dinner

Nov.19 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Choir Practice

Nov.21 2:00pm Dance

Nov.21 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club

Nov.27 No School Preschool - 8

Nov. 28-29 Thanksgiving Break No School Preschool - 8

Nov. 30 Advent Wreath Making



SRA School Volunteers

Volunteers are so important to the success of our school children, so that's why anyone who works or volunteers with children must be compliant with the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis set forth by the USCCB. (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

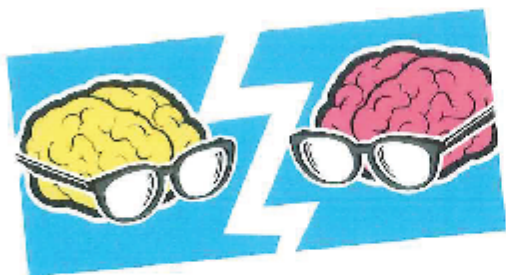
Compliance includes attending a Protecting God's Children Workshop, completing a Worker Registration Form to obtain a background check, and reading and signing a Code of Ethical Conduct. Each parish must have copies of individual background checks & code of ethics forms on file for all active volunteers and employees. Additional background checks may be necessary if you have lived out of state in previous years.

To register online for a Protecting God's Children Workshop, please visit www.archstl.org, scroll down and click on the Protecting God's Children link, then scroll down and click on View Workshops. You will be redirected to the VIRTUSOnline.org site to complete the registration process. The Code of Ethical Conduct and worker registration forms are available from your parish Child Safety Coordinator, Mary Steck (mary.a.steck@gmail.com) and may also be located on our parish website. If you have questions or need assistance with this process, please contact Mary or the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program at 314-792-7272.

Missouri Background Checks are obtained when you begin your ministry and are updated every even numbered year. Please let the parish office know if you would like to be removed from the list of active volunteers. You must also contact the Missouri Family Care Safety Registry at 1-866-422-6872 with address changes.

Please join us for the Home and School Association's Annual Marcia Matreci Memorial Trivia Night on Saturday, November 9. Gather your friends and reserve your table of 8 for \$180. Each table includes 3 mulligans, 2 table games, and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the fun starts at 7 pm. Please contact Sharon Yehlen at sharona66@aol.com or Louise Balicki-Smith at lbalicki.smith@gmail.com with any questions. We hope to see you there!

St. Raphael the Archangel
Home & School Association
10th Annual
Marcia Matreci
Memorial Trivia Night



WHEN...

Saturday, November 9, 2019

- ◆ **Doors open at 6:30 PM**
- ◆ **Trivia starts at 7:00 PM**

WHERE...

St. Raphael the Archangel Gym
6000 Jamieson Avenue / St. Louis, MO 63109

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICING...

- ◆ **\$180/table**

TABLES OF 8 ←

- ◆ **Includes 3 mulligans & 2 table games**
- ◆ **Includes beer, soda & snacks**

RESERVATIONS...

- ◆ **Make check payable to: SRA - HSA**
- ◆ **MUST be paid in full at time of reservation. No exceptions.**
- ◆ **Complete bottom portion**
- ◆ **Return bottom portion with payment to:**

SRA Rectory
6047 Bishops Place
St. Louis, MO 63109
314.352.8100

QUESTIONS...

- ◆ **Sharon Yehlen**
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Hello all, Happy Halloween (a bit early)! I can't believe it is nearly November. Below is what all of our classes are working on in science class.

4th Grade- We just finished up our research project/presentation on various famous scientists and inventors and the picture of "The Fridge" shows what 4th grade created. It was exciting and informative to learn about all these individuals in the science field!

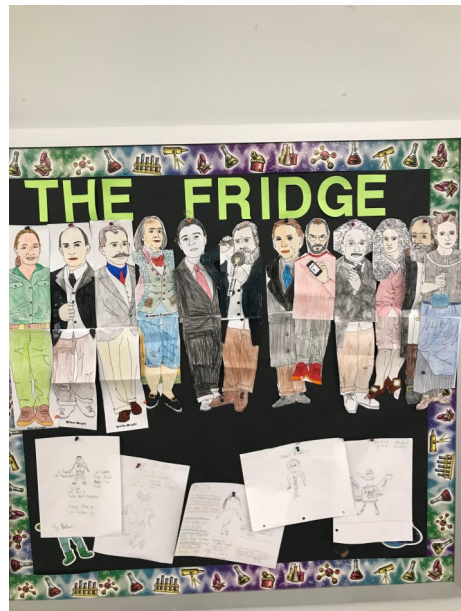
5th Grade- We are continuing our work on how the Earth, Sun, and Moon move through space. Be sure to remind your 5th grader that they should be checking the sunrise and sunset each day to compare how the Sun's location changes each day.

6th Grade- In class we are moving through a set of notes covering lots of information over plant and animal cells. In the next couple of weeks students will have a strong knowledge on the parts and functions of cells.

7th Grade- In class we are discussing the differences between living and non-living entities. Students are expected to know how to tell the difference between both and then describe the function and parts of different cells.

8th Grade- In class we have soundly covered required knowledge over both groups of cells. Students are beginning to recognize all of the functions and parts of cells and will be having a vocab quiz over them next week.

Hoping to see many of you soon!



Miss Molly: Preschool A

The little Angels are moving forward with great ease. They have been practicing the alphabet and now are learning their names. We went to the apple farm with the Bears and kindergarten. It's been such a busy month and the year is flying by so fast.



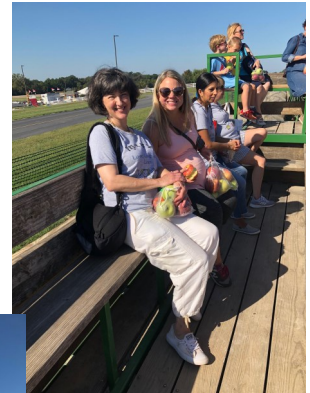
Miss Chris: Prekindergarten

The Bears have had a fun filled fall month and are eagerly waiting for Halloween. Our highlights this month included our Field Trip to Eckert's in Belleville for apple picking, enjoying playing on the new mulch on our playground, and taking a fall nature hunt. The Bears would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween!



Kindergarten News: Miss. Lu Ann Domijan

Thank you Home and School for sponsoring our field trip to Eckert's. We had a wonderful time!



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music The following are areas being covered in music

PreKA- singing songs and keeping the beat, finger poems about Autumn, Old MacDonald, and add on songs with rhythm instruments.

PreKB - keeping the beat with short and long sounds using rhythm instruments, and finger poems about Autumn.

Kindergarten- beginning our Christmas songs; short, long, short rhythm (Ti-Ta-Ti) Ta-ah (Rest); what do you hear?; steady beat/no beat.

First grade - "Five Little Pumpkins" song; rhythms that are alike and different using quarter notes and eighth notes; "Spelling Song"; added resonator bells-pitches going up (higher), down (lower); Christmas songs.

Second grade - call and response songs; singing, adding rhythm instruments, notation (quarter, eighth notes, rests (beats of silence); Christmas songs.

Third grade - syncopation (short-long-short) rhythm, ostinato (a repeated rhythm played throughout a song), following a listening map; practicing Christmas songs.

Fourth grade - review for upcoming test (study guide will be sent home). Practicing Christmas songs and syncopated rhythms, ostinatos,

Fifth - Eighth grade - rondo form, A-Rap, B- rhythm; working in groups on section C. (Each group will perform their rondo for the class.) practicing Christmas songs.

First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first grade had a great time at our field trip! We visited Purina Farm and Brookdale Farm. The students saw an amazing dog show, milked a cow, visited with many different animals, and went on a fun hayride to name a few of our activities we did. We brought pumpkins home with us and investigated them last week. We measured how many paper clips went around the pumpkins, how much they weighed, whether our pumpkins sank or floated, and used adjectives to describe our pumpkins. Lastly, we just had our first STREAM lesson with Mr. Spurgeon and learned all about sound and how it is produced using metal and wooden spoons. We hope everyone has a safe and Happy Halloween! Happy Red Ribbon Week as well!



Second Grade News: Mrs. Leslie Lewis

The second graders are excited to be getting ready for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in December. Father John has visited our class and will continue to work with us. We also have new books to help prepare us for the sacrament. We had an amazing, but cold, field trip to Purina Farms and the Pumpkin-Farm. We wrote stories about the adventure. We are improving our skills in story and letter writing using correct spelling, punctuation and grammar. Going to our library every week has been awesome. There are so many books to read! The second graders completed the first row of our Gold Star Chart and will have a special activity. We earn a gold star each time another teacher or adult gives the class a compliment!!

Second grade is GREAT!



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade has been hard at work studying about a saint they chose. On October 24th we get to dress up, visit classrooms, and see who can guess which saint we are. We also know many leaf shapes and have been writing non-fiction informational reports about tree topics. We have created some bar graphs (vertical & horizontal) about trees & leaves. Ms. Polson read aloud tree stories from places around the world from a book called *A Forest of Stories*. Preparing for Halloween has been fun as well. We look forward to our first party of the year with our room parents, Mrs. Koziacki & Mrs. Pfeiffer.

**Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 7)**

In English, grades 4-7 have all written, edited, peer-edited, submitted and shared their first formal essays of the school year. They have all expressed their opinions through this essay. All classes have also been working on nouns and verbs as we proceed with lessons from the textbooks.

Fourth graders are learning about the Louisiana Purchase and the roles that Lewis and Clark had in this purchase. The Louisiana Purchase was \$15 million dollars for 529,000 square miles of land which equals out to about 3 cents per acre. It was truly a great deal which almost doubled what was then the United States of America.

In religion, fourth graders are learning about the Ten Commandments and how we can and should apply them to our daily lives.

Mrs. Amanda Knauer: 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. The students did a great job with their saint projects. We invite you to visit our "Living Museum" on October 30th. 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: 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.

Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

Over the past week, the students begun activities with frisbees. They enjoyed the various frisbee games. We will continue to play activities such as: frisbee golf, ultimate frisbee and no outs frisbee baseball. Hopefully these games will continue to be enjoyed by all my students.

I hope everyone has a safe and not too scary Halloween!

As always, let's keep up the good work and positive Christian environment at St. Raphael.



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

Religion: We have begun looking at the patriarchs in the Old Testament. We started with Abraham and then learned about Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. We will be learning about Joseph and how the Israelites came to live in Egypt.

Social Studies 5: We are learning about absolute location in geography. In history, we are learning how the Europeans explored the Americas and claimed land for their home countries.

Social Studies 6: We have just completed a unit on the native people of the United States and Canada. We are working on creating a medicine shield that is similar to those created by the indigenous people of the United States.

Social Studies 7: We are learning about the English colonies in the United States. We will soon begin studying the causes and effects of the French and Indian War.

Social Studies 8: In American History, we are learning about the Gilded Age and the reforms of the Progressive politicians. We just completed an activity where we learned about productivity by creating our own assembly lines in class.

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

In standard math, we are working with decimal operations. Next, we will be comparing and converting fractions and decimals.

In challenge math, we just finished with integer operations. Next, we will be exploring rational numbers.

In pre-algebra, we are exploring exponents and roots.

In algebra, we are finishing up with complex and compound inequalities. Next, we will be looking in to functions.

In algebra II, we are starting work with polynomial expressions and equations.

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

Literature classes have been reading *The Alchemist* (8th), *Elijah of Buxton* (7th), and *So B. It* (6th). We have been working on character traits: round/flat, dynamic/static, and protagonist/antagonist, and narrators' point of view: first, second, third omniscient, third limited, and third objective. Students have also been working on reading fluency and expression. At the beginning of November, we will begin our third books of the year, *A Separate Peace* (8th), *And Then There Were None* (7th), and *Tangerine* (6th). All three are stories about mystery and life choices. Please encourage students to read every night.

During this last month, 8th 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. Unit 4 test will be Tuesday, October 29th, and Unit 5 test is Tuesday, November 12th.