

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

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Dear SRA Families,

The Guide is Back! Today we are sending you our first volume of the 2020-2021 school year. It has been quite a different start to the school year, but gradually we are bringing back some of our traditions...The Guide is one of them.

Charity

Each year we participate in the Virtues in Practice program, and this year our overarching theme will focus on CHARITY- and our community. September's virtue was Charity - Loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself. October's virtue is FRIENDSHIP - sharing a mutual love that seeks the good of the other.

Sacraments

Our third graders are receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday, Oct. 4. They have been preparing since last year, so the day is finally here! Our seventh graders will receive their red Confirmation bows on Sunday, Oct. 18. Their Confirmation will take place on Nov. 10. Please keep these students in your prayers this fall.

October Calendar Dates

- Oct. 4 3rd Grade First Communion
- Oct. 18 8th Grade Bow Sunday 10:00 AM Mass
- Oct. 22 Virtual Conferences 8:00 AM-8:00 PM
 No school for Grade K-8
 Preschool dismisses at Noon.
- Oct. 23 No School Fall Break
- Oct. 25-30 Red Ribbon Week

More information will be sent home about Accessory Day during that week.

Oct. 30 Halloween Event--No parties this year, but the teachers will plan a special activity during that time. Teachers will communicate with Room Parents with what they may need for this event.

Enjoy reading The Guide today!

Charity- Loving God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

Fall blessings,

Mrs. Hayes

Announcements



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

August Birthdays

Andrea Mense-1
Ethan Bozada-1
Mac Teeter-2
Lucas Mense-3
Lucas Felman-3
Alex Sullivan-8
Rosalina Maxfield-8
Daniella Giambrone-13
Jack Stein-14
Claire Fuhr-15
Caroline Fissel-18
Sophia Chrissos-21
Oliver Mask-22
Anna-Grace Guenther-23
Ryan Pinkerton-26
Miss Franks-27
Jack Delf-28
Lucas Fuhr-29
Mrs. Mechler-29
Samantha Zouglas-29
Mae Klein-30
Lily Schultz-30
Melissa Colin-31

September Birthdays

Kelly Farley-2
Lucy Howard-2
Adam Trachsel-4
Maxwell Winters-4
Archer Fissel-4
Miss Chris-5
Isaac Potts-5
Kasen Winkler-7
Ryan Schneider-7
Josie Spowal-8
Thomas Wilkinson-9
Linus Cyr-10
Grace Berta-11
Michael Gresick-13
Mateo Switzer-14
Ben Mense-15
Seamus Criscione-16
Kelly Farley-16
Liam LoBello-17
Lydia Bick-18
Nathan Donovan-20
Caroline Klein-20
Christian Bernadt-21
Rose Buckley-21
Adriana Kurtovic-21
Madelyn Liddy-23
Seamus Criscione-23
Maisy Cry-23
Noah Murphey-25
Anne Lee-25
Jack Lee-25
Gavin Smith-26
Sophia Villani-27
Allie Lowery-28
Mr. Bob -29
Mollie Dirnbeck-30
Mallory Jost-30



October Birthdays

Anna Wright-1
Julia Panka-2
Molly Fissel-2
Elizabeth Kleissler-2
Emmy Kleekamp-4
Nolan Fitzgerald-5
A J Christlieb-6
Amos Abramczyk-7
Royce Crocker-10
Vivien Smith-11
Natalie Mater-12
Lillian Benner-18
Quinn Zitko-23
Samantha Koziacki-25
Clara Thompson-26
Brendan Cierpiot-27
Anne Gresick-28
Henry Dirnbeck-30
Mrs. Carrill-31



- Oct. 4 10:00am Mass First Communion (3rd Grade)
- Oct. 8 3:30-4:00pm Pet Blessing on the Parking Lot
- Oct. 10 9:30-10:00am Pet Blessing on the Parking Lot
- Oct. 14 Home & School Meeting
- Oct. 16 End of First Quarter**
- Oct. 18 10:00am Mass Confirmation Bow Sunday (Current 8th Grade)
- Oct. 19 School Board Meeting
- Oct. 22 No School K-8 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00am-8:00pm
NOON DISMISSAL FOR PRESCHOOL**
- Oct. 23 No School - Preschool - 8**
- Oct. 25 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 29 2:00pm Halloween Event



In science, we have had a great start to the new school year! Grades 4th through 8th have learned the basics of how science is completed through the scientific method. Each student then applied their scientific skills while conducting M&M experiments tailored to their grade level.

Fourth Grade Science

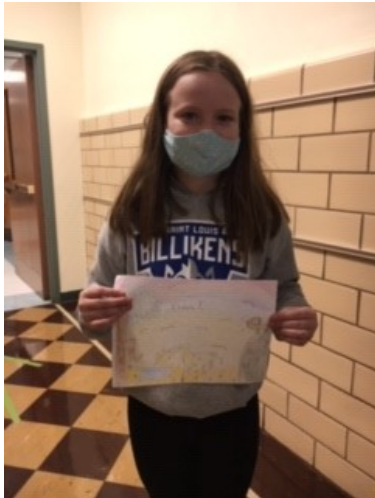
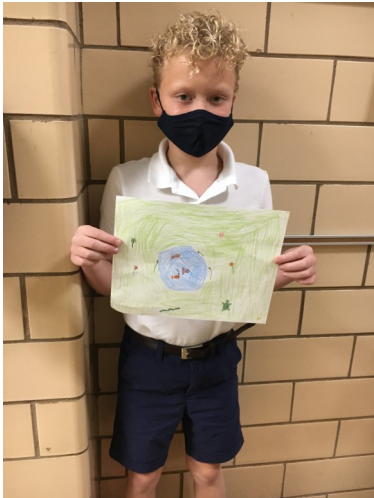
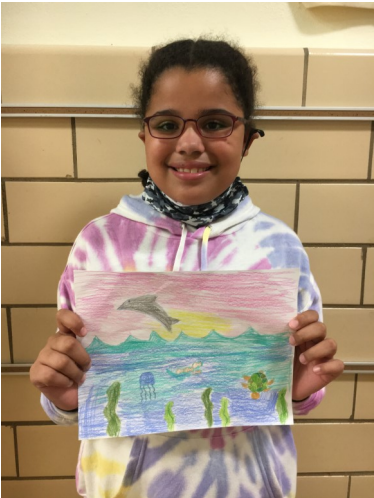
As part of the Ecology Unit, we are learning about different habitats and the characteristics and needs of all living things. Students then demonstrated their understanding by creating drawings of a particular habitat of their choice.

Fifth Grade Science

We are studying living organisms and the classification and differences of vertebrates and invertebrates. Students then researched and classified an animal of their choice before depicting the information in a drawing.

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grade Science

Students practiced their scientific inquiry skills by completing a project that featured a real-world interactive simulation on how to combat malaria. Then we conducted an in-depth study of the scientific method and metric system. Lastly, students learned how to: identify experimental variables, write hypotheses, create data tables and graphs, and interpret experimental results from written scenarios.



Miss Molly: Preschool A

The little Angels are doing a great job in school and we are having fun! We have worked on so many fun subjects. We are working on social emotional behavior, coloring, shapes, colors, numbers, and much more.

I am so glad we are in the classroom and can be with the little ones. There is nothing like a little smile to make your day! Thank you and God Bless.



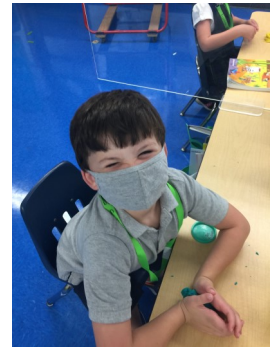
Mrs. Reck: Prekindergarten

The Preschool Bears are busy having fun and making friends. We are practicing good hand washing, safety rules, and writing the letters. We enjoy reading stories, singing, and doing activities with our new Smart Board. We are happy to all be together!



Kindergarten News: Miss Lu Ann Domijan

Kindergarteners are being creative and having fun with Play-Doh.





HALLOWEEN HUNT AT HOME




THE SRA CLASS OF 2021 FAMILIES WILL HIDE 24 HALLOWEEN EGGS FILLED WITH CANDY & GOODIES IN YOUR FRONT YARD FOR YOUR FAVORITE GHOSTS & GOBLINS TO FIND!



\$20 FOR 24 EGGS DELIVERED
\$10 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL DOZEN

YOUR NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____ ADDRESS: _____

PREFERRED DATE FOR EGG DROP: OCT. 9 OCT. 16 OCT. 23 OCT. 30 

DO YOU WANT US TO EGG SOMEONE ELSE?
EGG-EE NAME: _____ EGG-EE ADDRESS: _____

HAVE YOU BEEN EGGED? \$5 DONATION TO REVEAL WHO ORDERED YOUR EGGING.



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| 24 HALLOWEEN EGGS \$20 | _____ | _____ |
| ADDITIONAL DOZEN EGGS - \$10 | _____ | _____ |
| FIND OUT WHO EGGED YOU - \$5 | _____ | _____ |

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PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SRA 8TH GRADE CLASS MYSTERY TRIP & GRADUATION CELEBRATION

First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first grade is off to a fantastic start this year! They all are so excited about school and are very eager to learn new things. The students enjoy coming together as a whole class both virtually and in-person daily. All the students have adjusted well to the changes this year has brought.



Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

Second graders have been learning all about the world around us. In science, we have focused on natural disasters and landforms. We are making a brochure to show off our knowledge of all the landforms we “visit”! In social studies, we learned about voting and the difference between laws and rules.

We are asking thought-provoking questions and self-reflecting on how we can follow God better as second graders during this season. We have been focusing on being the best version of ourselves and have been earning “drops in our bucket” for outstanding classroom behavior and teacher compliments. They have even challenged themselves to get 25 drops before Halloween. I know they can do it!

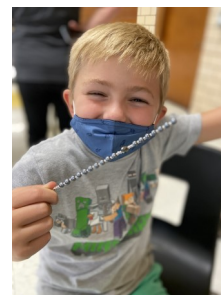


Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade has been working toward their First Holy Communion. We watched some religious videos from our workbook blessed. We are creating banners for the Communion Mass on Sunday, October 4 at 12:00. Mrs.

Lewis visited with us for our Activity Day, where we made our own rosaries and painted plates. Fr. John blessed the bread we received from Mrs. Hayes. This Sunday, Sept. 27 at 10:00, is our Bow Sunday Mass.

Please continue praying for our class as we prepare for this sacrament.



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

Welcome back to school! It's been a long time, but the kids seem excited to be here, and I know I am excited to be here as well. People have worked very hard to get our classrooms ready for us so we can attend class in person, and we are grateful! Thank you for all the prayers and hard work that went into making this happen.

In 4th grade religion the students are learning about how faith is believing without seeing, and how the pope is the leader of our church here on earth. They learned about the Incarnation of Jesus and about the sacrament of Baptism.

In 4th grade social studies students have been learning about how our country started, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

4th and 5th grade classes have both just finished the first unit in their textbooks and have taken the unit test. Both classes are now beginning their first essay which is a personal narrative.

In 7th grade religion the students are learning about books of the Bible, specifically the Gospels. They are also taking a close look at the early Christians.



Mrs. Amanda Knauer: Religion, Math, Reading, Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

Fifth Grade: We have had a fantastic start to the new school year! The students are getting into the new school routine. During religion class, the focus has been on how Jesus worships and how we can imitate Him. In math, our attention has been on place value and being able to compare and round numbers. We have also been working on multiplication. During Literature, the students have been working on summarizing, determining theme, and identifying cause and effect.

Fourth Grade: I have enjoyed getting to know the fourth graders in the classroom setting. In math, the students are learning place value and how to write numbers through the millions in standard, expanded, and word form. We are also working on comparing and ordering large numbers. During literature, the students read a short story about a small child going owl hunting with his dad. The students learned about similes and metaphors and how comparing two different things can help you make connections more easily. We also read a story about a princess and worked on comparing and contrasting characters within the story along with another story.

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

We have a new social studies program for the upper grades called Discovery Education Social Studies. This program replaced the old textbooks that we had been using. Discovery Education is a comprehensive program that covers American history from prehistoric times to the present time. Grades 5, 7, and 8 will learn about American history, and grade 6 will be discovering information about world cultures. I am very excited about the new school year and am very glad to be back with my students.



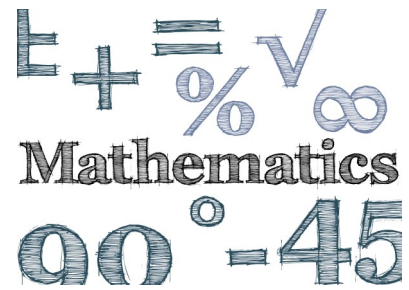
Miss Ashley Schaaf Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)

In standard math we are exploring decimals.

In challenge math we are working with integers.

In pre-algebra we will be exploring functions and sequences.

In algebra we are working with ratios and proportions.



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

The 6th-8th graders have been working on a variety of memoir pieces, including a memory map of their neighborhood. Here is one student's map:

