

# 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

*"Let us protect with love all that God has given us." Pope Francis*

### **The Virtue of the Month of November**

**Stewardship-** Returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent, and treasure

Hello SRA Families,

It's been a week filled with fun accessories to view each day. The school hallways have a festive vibe today with Halloween costumes and decorations. The anticipation for the Halloween parties is rising throughout the day. Exciting times in an elementary school!

Thank you to all who were able to attend our virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences. Hopefully, you were able to gain insight into your child's progress this year. The offer still stands to contact the office if you were unable to view your child's report card. Many times that is the only way to know if logins and passwords are accurate.

You may have heard from your children that they have some new classroom furniture. That is true! We were able to purchase flexible seating furniture arrangements with special funds to help with social distancing and creating new spaces within the classroom. It's awesome having a new look!

Now that we are entering cooler weather, please make sure to send your child with a jacket or coat because we will continue to go outside unless raining, snowing, or temperatures below a 25-degree wind chill.

### **November Calendar Change**

**Trivia** has been rescheduled for the spring.

**Veteran's Day- November 11-** The 5th grade will still host the Mass to honor our Veterans, but the reception in the cafeteria has been canceled. Instead, the 5th-grade class will stay in church after Mass with the Veterans as they share their rich experiences.

### **Special Schedules Days for November**

**November 1- All Saints Day --** No School for both Preschool and K-8th

**November 12- Noon Dismissal--** K-8th. Preschool open and Aftercare open until 6:00 PM

**November 24-26--Thanksgiving Break--** No school for both Preschool and K-8th

Last week, I wrote in my message that we would be sending home additional reading and math assessment results for our students in K-8. Those results will now be sent home in the early part of next week. It's been a little crazy around here with Red Ribbon Week and Halloween!

Have a safe Halloween weekend and we will see everyone back on Tuesday, November 2.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Hayes

## Announcements



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



### October Birthdays

Anna Wright-1

Julia Panka-2

Molly Fissel-2

Elizabeth Kleissler-2

Emmy Kleekamp-4

A J Christlieb-6

Amos Abramczyk-7

Wilson Pendry-8

Royce Crocker-10

Vivien Smith-11

Allison Colin-14

Sasha Winters-16

Brett Cronin-18

Lillian Benner-18

Quinn Zitko-23

Clara Thompson-26

Brendan Cierpiot-27

Mr. Almeida-27

Anne Gresick-28

Henry Dirnbeck-30





## Important Calendar Dates and Notes:

**November 1—All Saints Day—No School Preschool-8**

November 9—Home & School

November 11—Veterans' Day Mass —  
5th grade planning

**November 12—Noon Dismissal—Faculty PD**

Preschool is open—Aftercare until 6:pm

November 15—School Board Meeting

**November 24-26—Thanksgiving Break**

**No School—Preschool—8**

November 28—1st Week of Advent



## Miss Molly: Preschool A

The Angels are having fun learning the alphabet and working on their individual letters. We are learning about the leaves and how they change in the Fall. We are having a great time with all the Halloween activities!! We have made monsters, pumpkins, ghosts, and creepy crawly spiders!! We had a wonderful Halloween party and the kids had wonderful costumes. Thank you to all the parents that made it fun and exciting!



## Mrs. Tate: Prekindergarten

The Pre-K Bears have had a very productive and fun October! We have learned several more letters and are beginning to write numbers. We did a science experiment with skittles and water, making them turn into a rainbow. We had our first fire drill with the alarm. The class did fantastic following the rules on where to go. Every week the class is getting better and better sitting in church. I'm so proud of them! Finally, we are preparing for Halloween with stories and crafts and fun!!



## Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

We've been busy enjoying fall activities, working in our math and literacy centers and beginning sight word work. We learned about the Rosary in religion and completed a packet where we practiced the order of the prayers as well as discussing the Joyful Mysteries. We will be conducting a pumpkin investigation this week in preparation for Halloween!





### First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

Halloween is in the air! The students enjoyed bringing in their own pumpkin for our pumpkin investigation day. We measured our pumpkins with paper clips, figured out whether our pumpkins floated or sank, and weighed ourselves and our pumpkins. Next, we estimated how many seeds we thought were in our pumpkins and then cleaned out our pumpkins to see how close we were to our estimation. Last, we wrote about the steps we took to carve our pumpkins using transition words. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Halloween!



### Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks



Second grade has had a busy, busy month! We took our first ever IOWA tests and did very well! In Social Studies we enjoyed learning about the importance of American Symbols and our role as citizens. We spent the last of the season's warm days doing math and phonics lessons outside whenever possible! We are looking forward to our upcoming Halloween celebration.

Please keep Second grade in your prayers as we prepare for our First Reconciliation.

### Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third grade had a lot of fun with reading Spooky Stories & poems. We did some great plays also. It is fun to practice different voices and dialects as we read our plays aloud. We have finished our Tree & Leaf Projects and know many leaf shapes! Sadly we all had to quarantine so we missed being AT school for Red Ribbon Week but our door is a Winner in our minds! And we took on the challenge of Virtual Learning using Google Classroom for 2 weeks. Ms. Polson is very proud of each one of her third graders!!!



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



**We are loving our new dry erase tables and standing desks in fourth grade! We can practice spelling words and math problems. Group work will be fun too!**



**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. Next, we will be learning about the Parts of the Mass. In Math, the students have been working on 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.**

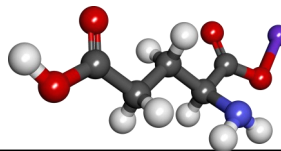
**Fourth Grade: During Math, our main focus has been on multiplication. The students are working hard on memorizing their facts quickly. In Literature, the students have read a few short stories. With our short stories, the students have worked on sequencing, setting, mood and main ideas.**

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

**Fourth grade just finished learning how to measure using the Metric System, meters, centimeters, millimeters, etc...and metric conversion.**

**Fifth graders are learning molecules and compounds, and are doing an Electrolysis Lab splitting water molecules.**

**Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Graders just learned how to program EV3 Lego Robots completing Challenge 1 and Challenge 2 maneuvers, and are just starting to build spaghetti towers to test if they are Earthquake Resistant on a Shake Table.**



**Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education**



**This month we finished volleyball. We practiced bumps, sets, serves, and spikes. We also did full scrimmages with the upper grades. We are currently doing basketball. We will be working on dribbling, shooting, and other skills.**

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

**Religion:** Students in 6th grade have learned about Jacob and Esau and are beginning to learn about Joseph, the favorite son of Israel.

**Eighth grade students** are working on the Marks of the Catholic Church. They have just completed “One” and are beginning to learn about “Holy”.

**Social Studies:** Students in grades 7 & 8 are continuing their study of American History. The 8th graders are beginning to look at the period of Reconstruction following the Civil War, and the 7th graders are learning about the start of the English colonies.

The 6th grade students have completed a unit on Ancient Egypt and are starting one on Ancient India.

Grade 5 students completed their unit on Roanoke and Jamestown and are beginning to learn about early colonial history.

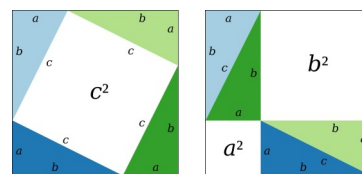
**Mr. Zach Almeida: Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)**

**Challenge:** Students are working on solving equations containing fractions.

**Pre-Algebra:** Students are solving problems using the Pythagorean Theorem.

**Algebra 1:** Students are using direct and inverse variation to write an equation.

**Algebra 2:** Students are factoring polynomials using special patterns.



$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

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

### **Red Ribbon**



The middle school students celebrated Red Ribbon Week by writing essays (7th and 8th graders) and poems (6th graders). We also prepped for NaNoWriMo, a month-long writing project. The 8th graders will be writing a 7,000 word story, The 7th a 6,000 word story and the 6th a 5,000 word story.

They prepped by plotting out their story, choosing the main characters and deciding upon the setting for their piece. It should be an exciting month!

