

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

"Learning the Virtue of Studiousness, In the Christian vision of things, study is neither a personal lifestyle choice nor a habit of self-care--it's a moral virtue. Study is the way we feed our hunger for knowledge. And because this desire is God-given, study itself shares in the urgency of our lifelong search for happiness.

From the article "Giving God Our Attention" by Sr. Dominic Mary Heath

September 26, 2019

Dear SRA Families,

As we continue in the year of HOPE, our October virtue of the month is **Studiousness- seeking knowledge to grow closer to Truth**. I, personally, have never thought of studiousness as a virtue, so I have been enjoying learning more about the act of studying as a way of living out a virtue. The students will be learning about three Saints who lived their lives through being studious: St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Albert the Great, and St. Edith Stein. May I challenge all of us to learn more about this virtue and the Saints during the month of October.

We finished testing last week, and I know the students are happy to have that week behind them. I know it is back to reality with homework again. Thank you for your support in making sure your child was as school last week.

Uniform School Picture Day is Wednesday, October 9th. We have switched to a new photographer this year, STLDigital. Information was sent home a few weeks ago through the Friday packets. Apparently, our previous company, LifeTouch, has continued to send families information about picture day. We are no longer using this company. They have been contacted to discontinue sending our families information, but in the meantime, please disregard. If you did happen to purchase a product through Lifetouch, they would reimburse you. Please let me know if I can help.

Today, a Dress-Down Pass for Friday, October 4, is going home to the families who completed the Home and School Association's survey. Thank you for your participation.

The October calendar is packed with a wide range of events, so be sure to review the important events listed in The Guide. Blessing of the Pets will be Friday, October 4 at 2:50 PM on the parking lot. Second Grade Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM. Finally, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on Thursday, October 24. You should have already received the sign-up forms for conferences.

Finally, the second-grade teacher, Ms. Higgins, is no longer teaching at St. Raphael. We appreciated her time here, and she appreciated your support. Welcome, Ms. Lewis, as she is sharing her gifts with our second graders.

Hopefully, Fall weather is coming soon!

Blessings,
Mrs. Hayes



Announcements



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

October 3

Mass
Holy Guardian Angels
2nd Grade Planning

October 10

Weekday Mass
8th Grade Planning

October 17

Mass
St. Ignatius of Antioch
7th Grade Planning

October 24

Mass
John Paul II
6th Grade Planning

October 31

Mass
All Saints
4th Grade Planning

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



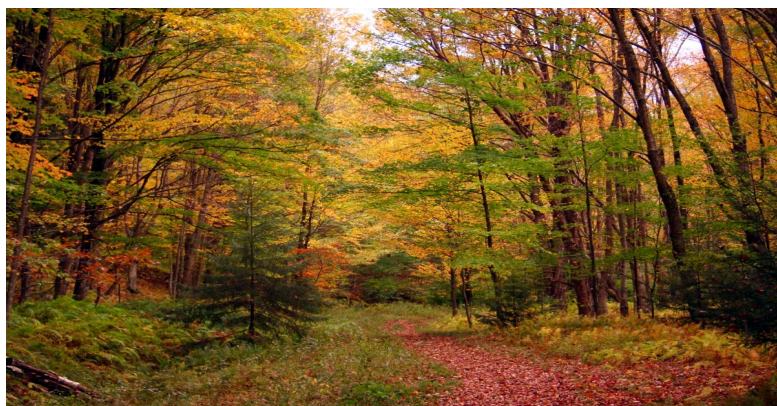
October Birthdays

Anna Wright-1
Julia Panka-2
Molly Fissel-2
Emmy Kleekamp-4
Francesca Naeger-5
Marco Naeger-5
A J Christlieb-6
Amos Abramczyk-7
Royce Crocker-10
Scarlet Canan-10
Vivien Smith-11
Natalie Mater-12
Nora Nolle-13
Lucille Mattingly-17
Lillian Benner-18
Mrs. Doty - 20
Rory Barnawell-22
Quinn Zitko-23
Theodore Nolle-24
Samantha Koziacki-25
Clara Thompson-26
Brendan Cierpiot-27
Elena Davis-30
Henry Dirnbeck-30
Mrs. Carril-31



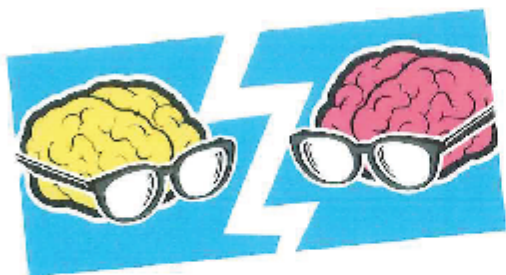
- October 3 2:00pm Dance
- October 3 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- October 4 2:50 Blessing of the Pets—School Parking Lot
- October 7 3:15-4:14pm SRA Garden Club
- October 8 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Choir Practice
- October 9 Uniform Picture Day
- October 10 2:00pm Dance
- October 10 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club
- October 13 10:00am Fall Sports Mass & Blessing
- October 14 3:15-4:15pm SRA Garden Club
- October 16 End of First Quarter**
- October 16 6:30pm 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- October 17 2:00pm Dance
- October 18 Preschool Social
- October 19 6:00-8:00pm Trunk or Treat School Parking Lot
- October 22 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Choir Practice
- October 24 NOON DISMISSAL PK-8 Report Cards**
1:00-8:00pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 25 NO SCHOOL PK-8**
- October 27 Red Ribbon Week
- October 31 2:00pm Halloween Parties

November 1 All Saints Holy Day No School K-8 Preschool is Open



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**
sharona66@aol.com

Contact Name, Number, & Email: _____

Table Members: _____

Come join our SRA Garden Club!

Grades 2 - 8 are invited to learn gardening tips with Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Reck while we plan, prepare, plant, and harvest our school garden.

Our first two dates are **Monday, October 7 and October 14, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.**
(Then 2nd Monday of each month.)

Free to join! Just bring an after-school snack and a change of clothes.
(Yes, you will get dirty!)



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.



Family Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

of children participating: _____

Submit form and payment to school office. Checks payable to SRA.
Questions, contact Brenda Thompson at 452-9813, Gen Bradshaw at 456-6357, or Stephanie Davis at 239-5199.

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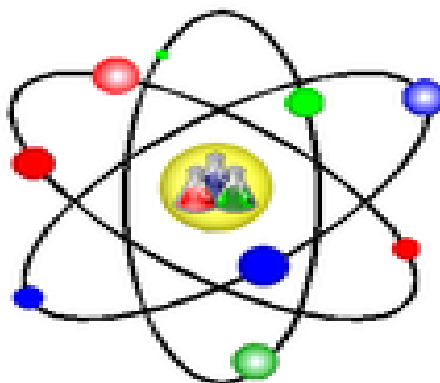
Hello all! As we wrap up September and move on into October, the individual classes have all but nearly wrapped up their unit on Scientific Inquiry and Investigations and will be moving on into individual content. The 6th-8th grade classes do follow the same curriculum map, but will move at varying paces. Each grades upcoming work as we enter October are as follows:

6th-8th Grade: 6th-8th grade will be completing a “simulation” in which we act as health investigation teams try to determine a local middle school’s health outbreak. Students are expected to analyze varying pieces of evidence (like student attendance rates, student symptoms for individual illnesses, and school calendars) to conclude what health outbreak had arisen at the schools. Many of the students, will narrow down the outbreak to either being the flu passed between students or a massive food poisoning problem. The students are expected to write various testable questions moving throughout the investigation to conclude on which illness they think caused the outbreak and review their work as investigators. Moving forward the 6th-8th grade classes will begin working on plant and animal cell structures by being able to differentiate between the two and identify various organelles and their function.

5th Grade: 5th Grade just completed their ACHOO Lab Report (their first lab report with more to come!) in which our problem focused on which tissue brand was stronger between Up & Up and Simply Done by seeing which could hold more pennies when wet. Students wet the tissues to mimic using a tissue and then tested its strength. Students were expected to come up with a hypothesis on which would hold more. After conducting the experiment, students recorded the data and had to give a real life application of the data and explain which tissue they would choose to buy. Now, in the 5th grade class, we are introducing the Simple Solutions quizzes that the older grades currently use to mark how well they understand the covered content. Students will have a quiz every two weeks on Wednesdays. The 5th grade class will be looking at the earth, moon, and sun. This should lead to plenty of hands-on activities for the students to dive into the content.

4th Grade: 4th Grade just completed their ACHOO Lab Report (their first lab report with more to come!) in which our problem focused on which tissue brand was stronger between Up & Up and Simply Done by seeing which could hold more pennies when wet. Students wet the tissues to mimic using a tissue and then tested its strength. Students were expected to come up with a hypothesis on which would hold more. After conducting the experiment students recorded the data and had to give a real life application of the data and explain which tissue they would choose to buy. Now, in the 4th Grade class, students will be looking at various scientists and inventors over the next couple weeks. After selecting a scientist, students will research into their life, findings, and accomplishments. Once finished, students will be giving a presentation to their fellow classmates.

I cannot believe we are moving into October already. I hope the students are enjoying science as much as I am and learning a lot. Hope to see everyone around and keep on learning in the classroom.



Miss Molly: Preschool A

The Little Angels in Pre K A have been very busy learning all sorts of new things. We have had fun learning number, shapes, colors, and being a good friend to all our classmates. We sing songs have fun with paint and love to read books. The angels have started attending church with their fifth grade buddies and are doing a wonderful job sitting quietly like little angels. They also made a wonderful card for the quilting ladies with the bears. They generously paid for the new mulch going on the playground.

They can't wait for new mulch!! The kids are truly a joy to have at our school and we are going to have a great year.



Miss Chris: Prekindergarten

Happy fall from the Bears! We are continuing to do a wonderful job as we have settled into our routines at school. We have been focusing on our hand strength by completing a lot of projects that require us to use scissors to cut, hole punches to squeeze and punch holes in paper, crayons and markers to color, and pencils to write. We have been working on our names by completing various activities involving the letters in our names. We also worked on our letters C, D and E and had fun exploring themes such as caterpillars, dinosaurs, and the excellent books by Eric Carle. We are blessed to have our wonderful Pre-K family and are grateful for all of the love and support of our awesome parents.



Kindergarten News: Miss. Lu Ann Domijan

The Kindergarten class is looking forward to our field trip to Eckert's Farm with the Pre-K classes on Oct. 1, 2019, sponsored by Home and School. We have been studying about apples and doing all kinds of apple projects.

We also have a bulletin board to remind us to "Keep Jesus at the Core!"



Mrs. Kathy Doty: Music

The following are areas being covered in music

PREK-A and B- We have been exploring the sounds of rhythm instruments (shakers, scrapers, and tap), also and keeping the beat.

KINDERGARTEN- We have been learning about Ta (quarter notes), TiTi (eighth notes) and Ta-ah (half notes), and keeping the beat and "The Little Green Frog."

FIRST GRADE- We have reviewed the music symbols, quarter, eighth and half notes. We are creating a speech piece using their birthday month, date, and year, as well as the days of the week. Rhythm and beat have also been discussed.

SECOND GRADE - We are reviewing second line G and D below the staff, what is a staff, rhythm, beat, rhythms that are the same and different (Riddle Ree speech piece).

THIRD GRADE - With "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," we are listening to different versions and comparing how the songs are alike or different. (tempo, solo, choir, instrumentation).

FOURTH GRADE- We are comparing a traditional song from England and the USA to the folk song style. The lyrics, telling a tall tale, tempo, and rhythm.

FIFTH - EIGHTH GRADE - In class they learned the pattern of a RONDO, and listened to several Rondos and added instruments. The students handed in a list of 4 or 5 places they went this summer or things that they did which is section A of our Rondo (Rap), section B they are working on now in groups. The subject matter is about Saint Louis (attractions, styles of music, kinds of food etc.) and creating a rhythm piece.

First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first grade is excited about the start of the fall season! The students began the month of September with a tour of the church with Father John. We are now studying the parts of the mass. In grammar, we are learning how to write a strong sentence. We enjoyed creating our "noun town" and are now busy adding verbs to the town. First grade is doing a wonderful job learning how to read independently and using our reading strategies when we are struggling with a word or meaning. In phonics we are continuing to review short vowel sounds. In social studies, we just finished working on a unit on maps. In science, first grade will begin a unit of light and sound next week. There is so much to learn in first grade and the students enter the room excited and ready to learn every day.



Second Grade News: Mrs. Leslie Lewis

This has been a busy week. The second graders did an excellent job taking the ITBS last week. We are working hard every day and we are ready to learn. We are learning about gifts from God, adding doubles plus one and less than one, spelling, writing sentences, and improving our reading skills.



Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Graders worked very hard filling in dots to show all our knowledge on the standardized tests. We look forward to getting the results at parent conferences. Ms. Polson read us *Testing Miss Malarkey* by Judy Finchler. We have been studying the three elements of a story: characters, setting, and plot/problem. We wrote some wonderful tree stories and will be typing them on the Chromebooks. Our apostle booklets are completed and our test will be Oct 4. In math, we have finished the first chapter on place value. We cannot wait for snow cones to celebrate the Feast of St. Raphael!



Miss Patti Woods: English (4 - 7)

We would like to thank everyone for making it possible to get our own new Chromebooks! We are so excited!!



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

Fifth Grade: During religion class, the students have been looking up and reading passages from the bible and learning about the sacrament of Baptism. In math, the fifth graders have been studying estimating numbers, comparing and ordering large numbers, and multiplying multi-digit numbers. In literature, the students have read a few short stories and they focused on the literary elements of similes and metaphors, questioning, sequencing, and summarizing.

Fourth Grade: During math, the fourth graders have worked on comparing and ordering large numbers, estimating sums and differences, and calculating the sum and difference of large numbers. The students worked with a few short stories during literature. With those stories we focused on connecting to the text, comparing and contrasting both within the text and with another text, summarizing, and visualizing.

Mr. John Bruno: Physical Education

Over the past few weeks the students have been working on volleyball skills. The three main skills include the following: bumping, setting, and spiking. They worked with partners learning to bump, set, and spike to one another. At times I started class with a warmup/conditioning exercise called the "M Drill." This drill is designed to increase agility and endurance, which is definitely required in the game of volleyball. In addition to working with partners, they also played "King of the Court" and scrimmage. The primary students also worked on skills of volleyball, with PK-2 using balloons and working on the bump set and spike. They really had a lot of fun with the balloons, while at the same time learning the three basic skills of volleyball.

Let's keep up the good work! St Raphael school is a fun, faith filled environment for both teachers and students.



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

Religion: We are working on the virtue of Hope for the month of September. We are also completing Unit 1 and have begun to learn about the Mysteries of the Rosary.

Social Studies 5: Students continue to work on note-taking skills and are learning about the early people of North America.

Social Studies 6: We have begun looking at the cultures the United States and Canada. Learning about the physical features of both countries is included in this unit.

Social Studies 7: Students are beginning to learn about the early English colonies in the United States. They will also be creating a brochure describing the kind of business they would like to own.

Social Studies 8: We are studying about further expansion in the western part of the United States after the Civil War. The students have also begun working on their research paper.

English 8: We are working on reviewing types of sentences as well as complete subject and complete predicates.

History Day students should be starting their research into their chosen topics.

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

In standard math, we are wrapping up expressions and equations, and will begin work with decimals.

In challenge math, we are just starting to explore integers.

In pre-algebra, we are practicing our operations with rational numbers such as fractions and decimals.

In algebra, we are working with multi-step equations and their solutions.

In algebra II, we are wrapping up compound and absolute value inequalities.

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

Literature classes have been reading *To Kill a Mockingbird* (8th), *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* (7th), and *The Giver* (6th). We have worked on character development, figurative language, and inference. Students have also been working on reading fluency and expression. At the beginning of October, we will begin our second books of the year, *The Alchemist* (8th), *Elijah of Buxton* (7th), and *So B It* (6th). All three are heartwarming stories about life journeys. Please encourage students to read every night.

8th grade religion has learned that We are the Church, the responsibilities we have as members of the Church, and about the various models of the Church. We will continue to study the history of the beginning of the Church and influence of the Holy Spirit.

7th grade religion has been discovering the friendship that we have in Jesus through the Gospels. We will continue to research the Gospels and learn from the events of Jesus' life.

Vocabulary Workshop schedule should be taped/stapled to your student's vocabulary book cover or in their assignment notebooks. Unit 3 test is Thursday, October 3rd, Unit 1-3 Cumulative test is Tuesday, October 15th.

The 8th grade writing class has been working on personal narrative stories. We will complete those and move on to persuasive writing in October.