

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

Hello SRA Families,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of St. Raphael, St. Michael, and St. Gabriel the Archangels. May the Archangels heal us, protect us, and announce God's blessings to our community. In honor of our parish Feast day, the school children received a special treat today at lunch. Snow cones!! Thank you to our Home and School Association for this gift.

Remember the Impact Blood Drive is today from 2-7 PM in the cafeteria. Your donation is very much appreciated.

As I look back through the month of September and the list of activities, you can tell we are back to the way we used to be a few years ago. Just last week, we had the IOWA testing week and the parish picnic both in the same week! Our school family groups are back in action, too. It has been wonderful seeing the students sitting together during Wednesday's Family Mass and gathering together again either in the gym or the family classroom for a weekly prayer service led by our eighth graders. By the way, our eighth graders are doing a great job and embracing their new role in our school community.

As I look forward to October, we once again have a schedule filled with events to go along with the cooler weather. With the cooler temperatures, I want to remind families that students can only wear sweaters and sweatshirts that follow the uniform guidelines in the Parent/Student Handbook. Students may wear whatever outerwear when at recess, but in the classroom, they must wear only uniform-approved items. The uniform exchange through the Ladies Club may be able to assist you if you are in need of uniform outerwear.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Parent Teacher Conference appointment form for Conference Day on October 20. The school will dismiss at Noon for Preschool-8th grade with no aftercare on that day. Conferences are scheduled from 1:00 PM through 7:00 PM. There is no school on Friday, October 21, to give us a very short Fall Break.

Please mark your calendar that in two weeks, Thursday, October 13, is Make-Up Uniform Picture Day, and Friday, October 14, marks the end of the First Quarter of 2022-2023.

This year at school, our overarching theme is **FAITH**. Pope Francis has a beautiful message for all of us to think about, pray about, and live in our daily lives. Invite Jesus on your journey.

***To live by Faith means to put our lives in the hand of God.
Especially in the most difficult moments.***

Blessings,

Mrs. Hayes

Announcements

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



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

Miss Decker-23

Clara Thompson-26

Brendan Cierpiot-27

Mr. Almeida-27

Anne Gresick-28

Henry Dirnbeck-30





Important Calendar Dates and Notes:

10/11-Home & School 6:30pm

10/13-Make-up Uniform Picture Day

10/14-End of 1st Quarter

10/17-School Board 7pm

10/20-NOON DISMISSAL

P/T CONFERENCES; NO AFTERCARE

10/21-NO SCHOOL PK-8; FALL BREAK

10/23-Red Ribbon Week

10/26-1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6:30pm

10/31-Halloween Parties 2pm

11/1-ALL SAINTS DAY; NO SCHOOL PK-8

Miss Molly: Preschool A



September has been a very busy month for the Angels! They have worked on shapes, colors, counting and the Alphabet. They had a special visit with Fr. John at the church. Of course they all had a great time at the picnic!! The Angels are doing such a great job and I'm so happy for them.



Mrs. Tate: Prekindergarten



We have been very busy in the pre-k bears class. The students are learning their letters, sounds and writing words on the word wall. We have learned about apples and did a fun science experiment. Fr. John met us in church and showed us the relic of the real cross Jesus died on.



Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

It's hard to believe we've already been through 6 weeks of school! We are in a good groove in Kindergarten and we've been busy learning our new routines and finding our rhythm as a class. We've been working on greater than/ less than in math and have been doing fun math challenges with estimating. Most recently we filled a jar with Skittles and estimated the total number. We began writing short sentences this week and continue to work on our letter sounds using our Zoo phonics rhyme.



First Grade News: Mrs. Jessica Klein

First grade has been busy learning about maps and nouns, practicing addition math facts using candy and adding new sounds to our sound wall! We are also having fun learning more about our weekly star student, having mystery readers and hearing about the adventures that our class pet, Fuzzy, goes on every weekend when he goes home with a different student!



Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

Second grade has had a great month of school and learning is officially in full gear! In math we worked on Place Value and used some sweet treats (Candy Corn) to compare numbers! In Reading we used Rollercoasters to learn about Plot! We look forward to our next Fun Friday math activity and we especially look forward to leading our first All School Mass.

Please keep us in your prayers as we enter this Fall season.

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third Grade has had fun drawing Leaf Shapes and talking about seed pods from various kinds of trees. We have worked on horizontal and vertical bar graphs with the autumn theme. We read about how Legos were invented and long ago were made from wood, not plastic. We read two great stories in our anthology: *Miss Nelson is Missing* and *Esmeralda and the Pet Parade*. We really enjoy Cursive Handwriting this year. In Math we can read lengthy story problems and write 2 number sentences using multiple operations to solve for x .

Miss Gretchen Decker: Art

Lots of art has been going around school! Upper class students have their first assignment artwork hung up in the halls if you ever stop by the school. These students for the past month have been learning about "Still Life", creating artwork with food and using their observational skills to see every detail in objects. Early Childhood has been learning about the order of the rainbow, an artist named MrDoodle, then ending the month learning about different art museums. October will be an exciting time for the students with Halloween coming up (hint)!

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

In 4th grade religion we will soon be in the beginning of our study of the Ten Commandments. In 4th grade English we have just completed our first unit, and our test on sentence types and structures will be next week. We've finished our first essay and enjoyed listening to our friends read their essays. In 4th grade social studies, we are studying the beginning of our country and events leading up to it.

In 5th grade English we have also just completed our first unit, and our test will be next week. Our first essay has been written and shared with our classmates.

In 7th grade religion we have finished our studies of the Infancy Narratives.

Enjoy the beautiful weather!



Mrs. Connie Holbrook: Religion (5), Math (4-6), Literature/Vocabulary/Spelling (4-5)

Fifth Grade: In Math, they have completed Chapters 1 and 2 in the textbook, which was mostly a review of concepts from last year. They will move onto working with decimals. They had a good start with the project that they completed in September called 'A Road Trip'. It was not only a great math activity, but they got practice working together on a shared goal. Now that we have finished the book study in Reading, we will move onto reading short stories in the textbook. Please remember that the students have book reports every month for the rest of the year. This month in Religion the students will work on covering their Bibles which will go with them through the years until 8th grade. The cover that they will make will help protect their Bibles throughout the years. More information will come home soon.

Fourth Grade: During Math class, the students completed Chapters 1 and 2. They will begin working on adding and subtracting larger numbers for a short time, then move onto multiplication. During Literature class they are finishing the book study on *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. They have watched the movie and will compare and contrast the book and the movie, while reviewing reading strategies. After that, the students will move into reading stories in their textbooks.

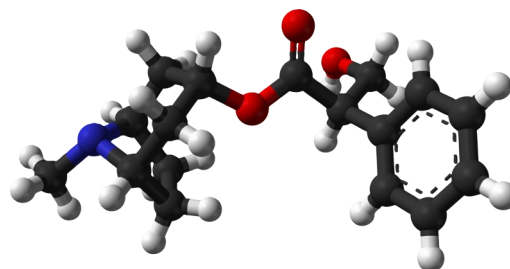
Sixth Grade Standard Math: Chapters 1 and 2 were completed last month, and the students will work on reviewing basic decimals while moving onto more complex decimal concepts. The students are working in their Simple Solutions workbook and have been reminded to take their time and not rush through their work.

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

4th Grade is learning Newton's Laws of Motion and inertia.

5th Grade is learning the parts of the atom and how to understand the Periodic Table, and how elements bond to form molecules and compounds.

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade are learning Balancing Chemical Equations and starting with the new Spike-Prime Robot Kits learning programming.



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

Religion: 6th Grade is reviewing some of the stories in the Book of Genesis and will soon be learning about Abraham. 8th Grade is looking at different aspects of Church as a people of prayer and are about to begin the Church as a people of service.

Social Studies: 5th & 8th Grades continue to study American history. 5th Graders are learning about the early European explorers, and 8th Graders are learning about events leading up to the Civil War. 6th Grade continue their work with world geography and cultures. They are currently exploring Latin America. 7th Grade is discovering the history and cultures of Ancient Egypt.

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

Algebra 2: Students are solving linear equations by graphing.

Challenge: Students are applying rules for negative numbers to simplify expressions involving integers.

Algebra 1: Students are solving word problems using the Pythagorean Theorem.

Pre-Algebra: Students are graphing coordinates, equations and functions on the coordinate plane.

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

The students have been working on memoirs. Our first project: a text-dense piece that included a childhood photo of the author-student. We then created memory maps. Some students (the 6th graders) crafted memoir menus—pieces that focused on memories that had food as the core. The 7th and 8th graders are dipping their toes into poetry (random autobiographies) and all the grades will be revising or already have edited and revised their memoir (a prose version).

The 6th graders are reading *The Tiger Rising* (Kate DiCamillo), the 7th graders are reading Agatha Christie's bestseller *And Then There Were None* and the 8th graders are reading the classic *A Separate Peace*.

Soon, we will have our country roster for Civitas...and that research can begin!

On a final note, the 8th graders are doing a phenomenal job with their kindergarten buddies. They love helping out the little ones...and the feeling is mutual.

Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education

In PE we have just finished our volleyball unit. We will be starting ultimate frisbee soon with other frisbee games leading up to ultimate frisbee,

