

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

Hello St Raphael School Families,

This is my first message for *The Guide* in the 2017-2018 school year! I hope the beginning of the school year has been smooth for your family. Every new year can bring many changes and some confusion, but this year was especially different with a new Principal, new teachers, new schedules, and returning teachers moving into new and different roles. Making these transitions go as smoothly as possible for your child has been our main focus. I would also like to take this moment to personally thank the faculty and staff of St. Raphael for their time and talents in making this a wonderful new start of the school year.

This year the frequency of *The Guide* has changed to a monthly newsletter instead of a weekly edition. Today you are reading a shorten version of *The Guide*, however in the future, it will contain the usually entries by each of the teachers. Today's message will only include the important events for the month of September. As Principal, I will continue to send out a weekly message through Flock Notes on Thursdays with important information and reminders for the week.

Our school's theme this year is "Sonshine for All to See", and our theme song is "Cry the Gospel with your Life". You may have seen our theme posted in each classroom during the Back to School Open House earlier in August. The theme and song were chosen to emphasize to the students that Christ put all of us in charge of sharing His Light with the World, bringing mercy and peace to every person, and proclaiming His love to all. From the lyrics of the song, "Yes, Lord, we come to do your will."

I will usually send home a few keys points in bullet points each week. Please be sure to read because there will be particular details or facts I want you to know.

- **Parking Lot-** Thank you to all the families for helping us safely dismiss the children at the end of the day. I know some families are new to the school, and the parking lot procedures may not have been explained clearly in the beginning of the year. Overall, things are going well, but I do feel as though I need to clarify a few procedures. I am seeing more families parking on Bishops Place alongside the parking lot. **This is NOT allowed.** We have a number of students walking home in the neighborhood, and they cross this street. For safety reasons, families are to park on the parking lot and be dismiss in the orderly fashion guided by the faculty. I have noticed some families parking across on Highfield and Bishops Place in the neighborhood over by the rectory. It will then be the parent's responsibility to walk over to their children, and walk them back to the car. Thank you for following these procedures.
- **SRA Curriculum Night**—Friday, September 15- 6:30- 8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar! Come see what your child will be learning throughout the year and what their school day is like for them.
- **Lunch and Playground Volunteers**—We are always in need of parent/grandparent volunteers to help with monitoring the lunch room and playground. Grades 4-8 have lunch and recess between 11:00- 11:40, and grades K-3 have lunch and recess between 11:25-12:10. The preschool have their own times, and the pre-school aides assist the children daily. Please considers volunteering a little of your time with us.
- **RCIA** – If anyone among your family or friends who might be thinking about becoming Catholic and wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, the first RCIA session will be on Wednesday, September 13. Please call the rectory for more information.
- **Safety Tips**—Back to school time is always a good time to review safety tips with your child when they are walking or playing alone outside. As a school, we will present the SAFE TOUCH program, which addresses student safety, to grades K-8 each year. You will be notified once the program has been scheduled.

Have a very blessed Labor Day Weekend, and school will resume on Tuesday, September 5th!

Mrs. Hayes

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

All School Mass
8:00am
September 7
6th Grade Planning
September 14
8th Grade Planning
September 21
4th Grade Planning
September 28
5th Grade Planning
September 29
St. Raphael Feast
Day
October 5
2nd Grade Planning
October 12
4th Grade Planning
October 19
7th Grade Planning
October 26
4th Grade Planning

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the
month



September Birthdays

Rose Humiston-2
Adam Trachsel-4
Thomas Niermann-4
Maxwell Winters-4
Miss Chris-5
Isaac Potts-5
Kasen Winkler-7
Ryan Schneider-7
Mr. Bruno-8
Linus Cyr-10
Grace Berta-11
Mr. Josh -13
Lucy Schlichting-14
Mateo Switzer-14
Benjamin Mense-15
Lydia Bick-18
Gabrielle Heitert-19
Christian Bernadt-21
Adriana Kurtovic-21
Madelyn Liddy-23
Anna Mersinger-23
Gavin Smith-26
Mr. Bob -29
Mollie Dirnbeck-30

August Birthdays

Andrea Mense-1
Christian Concepcion-2
Katherine Cyr-2
Mac Teeter-2
Piper Leiendecker-2
Andrew Kellar-3
Lucas Mense-3
Lucas Feldman-3
Maxwell Winters-4
Jack Hotze-6
Riley Villicana-7
Alexander Atchison-8
Daniella Giambrone-13
Jack Stein-14
Connor Mann-14
Claire Fuhr-15
Caroline Fissel-18
Oliver Mask-22
Anna-Grace Guenther-23
Abigail Delf-25
Ryan Pinkerton-26
Isabella Hoglebe-28
John Delf-28
Lucas Fuhr-29
Mrs. Mechler-29



SEPTEMBER

Sept. 2 - 4:00pm GateWay Cup Francis Park on Nottingham
Sept. 4 - Labor Day No School Preschool - 8
Sept. 5 - 3:15-4:15pm Church De Angelis Practice
Sept. 5 - 7:00pm History Day Parent Meeting
Sept. 7 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room
Sept. 7 - 7:00pm 8th Grade Parent Meeting
Sept. 11 - Canned Food Drive all week
Sept. 12 - 3:15-4:15pm Church De Angelis Practice
Sept. 14 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room
Sept. 15 - 6:30-8:00pm in gym SRA Curriculum Night Preschool-8
Sept. 18-22 - Iowa Testing Grades 2-8
Sept. 19 - 3:15-4:15pm Church De Angelis Practice
Sept. 21 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club Art Room
Sept. 25-26 - Iowa Make ups
Sept. 28 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club Art Room
Sept. 29 - 8:00am Mass & Reception St. Raphael Feast Day



THE STAENBERG GROUP MISSOURI'S TOP CYCLING EVENT
GATEWAY CUP
LABOR DAY WEEKEND GATEWAYCUP.COM

KIDS' BIKE RACE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd
AT 4:10 PM

After watching the excitement of the Gateway Cup Professional Bike Race from the sidelines, the neighborhood children will have a chance to race against kids their own age and enjoy the thrill of crossing the Gateway Cup's finish line. This is a great way to introduce tomorrow's cyclists to the sport of bicycle racing. The race is fun and easy to complete. Parents, bike racers and fans go wild making sure every child crosses the line with a smile on their face.



TO REGISTER: All registration for the kid's races will be done on site the day of the race. The registration tent will be on Nottingham, just east of the food vendors. Registration is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the T-shirt plus a suggested donation to **Big Brothers Big Sisters**, the official charity of this year's Gateway Cup. All participants will receive an official race number, a T-Shirt. Age groups are as follows: Big Wheel, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12.

JUNIORS Racing Category. Boys and girls ages 9 -18 can officially enter the Gateway Cup as a competitive racer. They will start at 11:00 am and ride the course for 25 minutes. The field is limited to 50 riders. Medals will be awarded. Entry fee = \$20. Register online at: <https://www.usacycling.org/register/2017-1661>

