

Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Guide

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Julie Hayes

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Hello SRA Families,

I don't know about you, but I felt like August dragged on, and September flew by quickly. As we enter into the Fall, October brings the end of the first quarter, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and of course, Halloween.

This weekend we have two special events. Tonight, the School Board is hosting the **Preschool Social** at school for our preschool families. We could not have this event last year, so we are excited to offer it again this year. **Alumni Sunday** is also happening this year on October 3. Alums can gather together in the cafeteria after Mass and reminisce about the great times at SRA.

Fr. John will **bless our pets on Wednesday, October 6 at 2:45 PM** in the safe zone of the school parking lot.

The following week, **Make-Up Uniform Picture Day is on Wednesday, October 13**, so if your child was absent on picture day in September, be sure to note this day on your calendar.

The first quarter ends on Friday, October 15. It is hard to believe we have completed a fourth of the year--which means Parent/Teacher Conferences are just around the corner. On October 21, we will host 15- minute virtual parent/teacher conferences with homeroom teachers. **The conference sign-up sheet is going home today.** Parents can contact department/subject teachers if they need to schedule a virtual conference or would like to meet in person.

The **2021-2022 Student-Parent Handbook** is ready for viewing. It will be attached to the Flocknote with The Guide and posted on the school webpage. Please note the updated policies concerning discipline, cell phone usage by students, and Smartwatches.

Thank you to all the families who donated to the blood drive yesterday. Impact Life was very appreciative. The piles of canned goods lining the hall today was also great to see. The generosity of our SRA families is genuine.

In addition, thank you to all our families for working together with the school to keep our students in school and healthy!

Let me end with a quote I read this week from Pope Francis that spoke to what we are trying to create here at SRA.

"Our generation will show that it can rise to the promise found in each young person when we know how to give them the space. This means that we have to create the material and spiritual conditions for their full development; to give them a solid basis on which to build their lives; to guarantee their safety and their education to be everything they can be."

Enjoy the month of October,

Mrs. Hayes

Announcements



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



September Birthdays

Kelly Farley-2
Lucy Howard-2
Clayton Floyd-3
Adam Trachsel-4
Maxwell Winters-4
Archie Fissel-4
Isaac Potts-5
Gus Boxdorfer-7
Ryan Schneider-7
Thomas Wilkinson-9
Linus Cyr-10
Lorelai Farley-10
Grace Berta-11
Michael Gresick-13
Ms. Hopfinger-14
Ben Mense-15
Liam LoBello-17
Nathan Kuenzel-18
Caroline Klein-20
Christian Bernadt-21
Adriana Kurtovic-21
Madelyn Liddy-23
Maisy Cyr-23
Noah Murphey-25
Sophia Villani-27
Allie Lowery-28
Mr. Bob-29
Mollie Dirnbeck-30
Mallory Jost-30



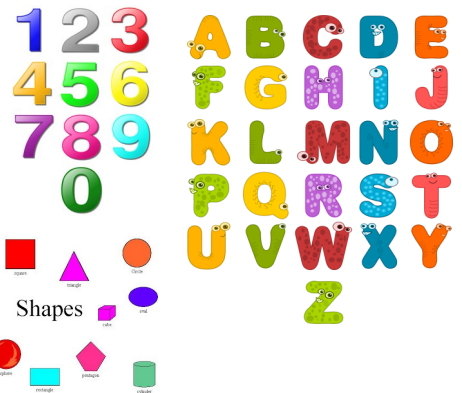


Important Calendar Dates and Notes:

- October 3-Alumni Sunday**
- October 12-Home and School**
- October 13-Make-up Uniform Picture Day**
- October 15-End of 1st Quarter**
- October 21-NOON DISMISSAL P/T Conferences**
No Aftercare
- October 22-NO SCHOOL-Fall Break PK-8**
- October 24-Red Ribbon Week**
- October 26-1st reconciliation parent meeting 6:30**
- October 29-Halloween Parties 2:00pm**

Miss Molly: Preschool A

The angels had a great September! They are working hard learning shapes, numbers and the alphabet. We took walks around the neighborhood and then we had a visit with Fr. John at the church. The Angels and the Bears made a thank you card for the neighbors next door that donated money for new playground toys. We can't wait for Halloween and the changing of the fall leaves. There is so much to do next month!



Mrs. Tate: Prekindergarten

We have been very busy in the pre-k B class this month. We started learning a new letter each week and writing words on the word wall. We did a science experiment with apples and painted with glue. We took a nature walk and used our senses to observe our surroundings. The parachute came out in PE class! That was a ton of fun.



Kindergarten News: Mrs. Liz Magee

We've been busy in Kindergarten! We're working on basic number sense in our math centers with various math games using dice and counters. We've been focusing on letter sounds, beginning sight words and are working our way through all of the lowercase letters using our Learning Without Tears program. This week we will be learning about apples through math and literacy activities!



First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

First grade is excited to be officially in the fall season! In religion, we have been learning about prayer and the different ways we can pray. We also enjoyed a wonderful tour of the altar with Father John. The students had so many great questions for him. In math, we are working on addition math facts and the many strategies we can use to solve those facts. We are really enjoying our doubles facts and the doubles plus one facts this week. In phonics, we are finishing reviewing short vowel sounds. In science, we just started learning about light and sound. Finally, in social studies, we will be learning all about maps in the next couple of weeks. Please pray that we all stay healthy and we will pray for you as well. Happy Fall!



Second Grade News: Miss Hayley Franks

Second grade has hit the ground running this year! Throughout the first month of school, we have been hard at work. We have enjoyed the nice weather by working outside whenever possible-our favorite activity is called SCOOT! After a week of IOWA testing, we enjoyed Fuzzy Sock Movie Day in class! Second Grade is looking forward to beginning our preparation for First Reconciliation! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue our school year.

Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson

Third grade has taken on a keen interest in the Mysteries of the Rosary. We have made little booklets on each of the four: Luminous, Glorious, Joyful, and Sorrowful. We are learning to reflect well. For example: What are the joyful/sorrowful times in my life (as an 8-9 year old)? We have also been “meeting” the 12 Apostles. Our first experience with standardized testing was a success and accomplishment for us. Onward to October...



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

We are all glad that testing week is over and our schedule is returning to normal. We missed going to all our specials and definitely missed going to the library! We ended the week with a field trip to the park with everyone from the upper grades.

4th grade Religion: We are talking about God offering us eternal life with Him.

4th grade Social Studies: We are beginning our studies of The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

4th & 5th grade English: We are beginning the unit on nouns and will be writing a story to entertain.

7th grade Religion: We have been focusing on the Infancy Narratives and will to into Mary and the Apostles.

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

5th 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 5th 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.

4th Grade: During Math, the 4th 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. Leonard Kraudel: Science/STREAM (4-5-6-7-8)

4th Grade Science is learning the LAW of Conservation of Energy—"Energy can NOT be created or Destroyed. Only converted from one form to another".

5th Grade Science is learning the Periodic Table and how it's arranged.

6-7-8 Grade Science is learning about Alfred Wegener's Theory of Continental Drift and Professor Harry Hess's Theory of Sea-Floor Spreading merging into today's modern Theory of Plate Tectonics.

Mr. John McDermott: Physical Education

We just finished our unit on ultimate frisbee. It seems like most of the students are excited to move on to volleyball next. In this unit, students will be learning the rules and skills required to play volleyball. We will work on setting, bumping, spiking, and serving. This change is a departure from the curriculum guide posted at the beginning of the year. This change was made in accordance with the CYC schedule.



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

Religion: Students in Grade 6 are completing the first unit in their book. This unit covered many of the stories found in the Book of Genesis. Grade 8 students are also about to complete their first unit as well. They have learned about the images and models of the Catholic Church.

Social Studies: Grade 7 & 8 students are working on American History. 7th grade students are learning about the early Spanish explorers to the New World, and the 8th grade students are learning about the Civil War. As one of their activities, the 8th grade students are also creating their own sewing kit that would have been similar to those used by Civil War soldiers. 6th grade students will begin a unit on Ancient Egypt; students in Grade 5 are learning about Christopher Columbus as well as early Spanish explorers.

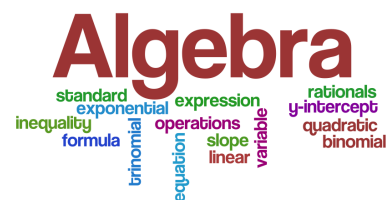
Mr. Zach Almeida: Standard Math & Challenge Math (6-7-8) Pre Algebra, (7-8) Algebra (7-8)

Challenge: Students are working on comparing rational numbers by converting between fractions and decimals.

Pre-Algebra: Students are graphing linear equations using tables.

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

Algebra 2: Students are graphing linear equations in standard form by finding x and y-intercepts.



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

Middle School ELA

The students are currently working on rough draft memoirs. They will choose one so they can finish, revise, edit and put the finishing touches on it. We will then have a writing buffet. Which is a kind of “buffet” that doesn’t involve food but instead involves delicious stories.

In our literature classes we’re reading a variety of books. We’re reading classic novels like *A Separate Peace*, classic mysteries like Agatha Christie’s *And Then There Were None*, beautifully crafted novels like Kate DeCamillo’s *The Tiger Rising* along with a few other titles.

