

January 25, 2018

## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you at our Open House this **Sunday, January 28th from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm** in our school. Bring grandparents, friends, neighbors - everyone whom you would like to have visit our wonderful school! The week that follows is filled with daily activities that our Student Council and teachers have planned. Every day has something special and unique that our students will enjoy! Please see the full Catholic Schools Week Schedule attached for more information.

Open House season is a great time to remind everyone that we have a **terrific incentive plan for parents who successfully refer another family to our school!** If one of our currently enrolled families refers a new family to St. Raphael Catholic School and the new family is in attendance for at least four months, both the new family AND the referring family will receive a **\$500 tuition credit** in January of the year the new student is enrolled. So....let all of your friends know about our Open Houses!!!

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

In His Service, Doug Ballinger, Principal

## Upcoming Events

- Sun. 1/28 - **Open House - Kick-off Catholic Schools Week**, School Open House 9:30-12:00
- Mon-Fri 1/29-2/2 - **Catholic Schools Week**, see attachment for details
- Fri. 2/2 - **Family Evening Dance, 6:00-7:45 & Jr. High Dance, 8:00-10:00**, see below for details
- Tue. 2/6 - **Open House** - 6:00-7:30 pm
- Wed. 2/7-Fri 2/9 - **5th & 6th grade to Long Lake Conservation Center**
- Fri. 2/9 - **St. Raphael Spirit Wear Day & Medical Explorer Program** starts (grades 5-8)
- Tue. 2/13 - **Robotics** starts (grades 5-8)
- Wed. 2/14 - **Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday Mass** at 8:00

## Open House Schedule and Information

Our parents are the best marketing agents for our school. Please share these dates with other families who may be interested in sending their children to our amazing Catholic school.

### **Sunday, January 28, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm**

- **Family Open House**
- Open for both current and prospective families
- Tour classrooms, visit teachers and gather with St. Raphael families and friends

### **Tuesday, February 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

- Classroom tours and an opportunity to meet with our teachers

## December Students of the Month



Congratulations to our November Students of the Month:

**Grades K-4** Greta Finne and Joe Davis

**Grades 5-8** Nathalya Kryshmaru and Tim Nguyen

We are also proud to recognize those who were nominated: Bella Ringle, Jonathan Beauchaine, Natalie Black, Nolan Andersen, Katie Ringle, Tyler Hillenbrand, Jacob Redden, Gabby Kytönen, Claire Hanson, Ella Sand, David Weber. Thank you for your exemplary leadership in virtue and effort to do your best!

## Catholic United Financial Raffle

Tickets have been distributed and hopefully students are selling! **As tickets are sold please turn in the ticket stubs and money daily. When you fill out the name of our school on the ticket, please add the city CRYSTAL so our school receives full credit.** We have prizes that we hope to attain throughout the Raffle. The entire \$5 from each raffle ticket comes back to the school so this is a wonderful fundraising opportunity. Thank you to Sarah Gerads for serving as our Chairperson by managing ticket sales, encouraging students with prizes and incentives, marketing the raffle, and keeping us well-connected with our sponsor, Catholic United Financial.

## Athletics

St. Raphael School is in need of Softball and Baseball Coaches for our spring sports. If you are interested please call our athletic office or email Mr. Johnson, [david.johnson@srsmn.org](mailto:david.johnson@srsmn.org) or 763-504-9450 ext. 321.

## February Box Tops Plus School Fundraisers

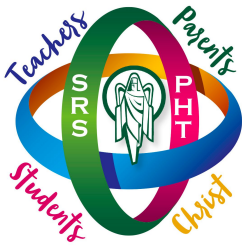
Our next box top submission date is March 1st. For every 25 items (\*see below) turned in between Feb. 5 and Feb. 28th, the student may choose a piece of Valentine candy. Bring completed sheets or baggies to the office. Please label them with name and grade. Thank you for your support.

\*Items that count: Box Tops, Coke product codes, Country Hearth bread slice UPCs (loaves4learning), Tyson Project A+ UPC labels, Nature's Touch product caps and bag tops and (NEW!) Kwik Trip Milk Moola.

**February Lunch Menu** Please see the attached lunch menu for February.

## SCRIP

To order SCRIP cards complete the attached form, send it to school with your payment and the gift cards will be delivered to you. Any questions, please contact Sheryl Jacobsen at 763-545-2963.



## PHT Pulse

Come dance the night away at the **SRS Winter Dance** - Sports Theme!! Wear your favorite sport attire, enjoy ballpark food for a small fee, have fun posing for the camera, and get your dancing feet moving!

**Date: Friday, February 2nd**

Where: School Gym

All Grades: 6:00 - 7:45 PM & 6th - 8th Grades: 8:00 - 10:00 PM

**Dining for Dollars - Buffalo Wild Wings, February 7th all day!** A portion of your bill will be donated back to St. Raphael School! Please come out and support our school! Make sure to mention to your server that you are there supporting St. Raphael or bring the attached ticket.

**Schwan's Fundraiser - This fundraiser is continuing until March 31st!!** It is really easy and the school can benefit from you and your family purchasing and enjoying the wonderful Schwan's food items. More details at this link <https://srsmn.org/events/pht-schwans-fundraiser-december-30-2017/> and on our school website.

### Save the Dates -

- **American Heart Association Family Night - March 1st, more details to come.**
- **St. Raphael Family Day at the MN Twins! - April 28th, \$11 per ticket, order forms to come.**



## 2018 Spring Gala ~ Save the Date!!

St. Raphael School Spring Gala - Hawaiian Luau

**Friday, April 27th, 2018**

6:30 - 10:30 PM

Marian Hall

Silent and Live Auctions - Hors d'oeuvres - Games - Beer & Wine Raffle - Flare Bar

If you work for a company that may be able to donate or you yourself have some basket items or something to offer in the live auction, let us know! We'd be so grateful and nothing is too big or small: games, sporting items, grilling gear, a weekend at your family cabin, tickets to a game, a dinner date night! The items do need to be new, need to include a value when submitted, are tax deductible, and can be dropped off at the St. Raphael Church or School offices.

If you are interested in helping put this fun event together, please contact the school or email Mike Durand ([mikeyd006@yahoo.com](mailto:mikeyd006@yahoo.com)). Take your pick on how you'd like to help: Games / Beer & Wine Raffle / Decorating / Baskets / Marketing / Solicitations.

We thank you in advance for helping make this event (the biggest fundraiser of the year) so much fun and successful! Thank you to those who attended our planning meeting this week.

## 2017 Tuition Tax Statements

It is that time of year again! 2017 Tuition Tax statements are now available. Your January 2017-December 2017 statement can be accessed from TADS directly.

Please follow these easy steps to access Tuition Tax Statements in TADS:

1. Log into your TADS account at [secure.tads.com](https://secure.tads.com).
2. Click on the Billing tab at the top of your homepage.
3. Your billing account(s) for the current school year (as well as any previous years) will be listed. Click the 7-digit account number on the left-hand side of the list.
4. Navigate to the Reports tab. From here, you can generate the tuition tax report (details payments made during a given tax year) and the billing summary report (provides an overview of your billing history for the school year).



## Mystery Artist in the Art Room

Monthly information is displayed on a bulletin board in the art room about a famous artist. There is a picture, famous piece of artwork, and a paragraph about the artist. Students can look this person up on their own time and put their guess in the red folder the next time they have art class.

The Mystery Artist of last month was Charles M. Schultz. Thank you for all of the guesses that were turned in. Congratulations to these students who got the artist correct! 7th grade - Noelle Franke, 6th grade - Railey Gerlach, Kira Gerlach, Sadia Fallah, Monica Ruddy; 4th grade - Maia Lahr, Johan Finne; 3rd grade - Tenley Douglas, Frisco Hudak, Greta Finne. The new mystery artist is up!