



February 15, 2018

## Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

We are very excited as our Medical Explorer and Robotics Programs have begun! We have 7 nursing students from St. Kate's spending time with us on Friday afternoons. Our Robotics Team worked on setting up their Science and Innovation lab this week. We have more offerings in the works. Please be on the lookout for information on Karate, Art Club and Chess Club!

Also, coming home this week is information about next year's registration process and tuition. Please read this thoroughly as I have also included our NWEA MAP testing results - our students are doing great!

In His Service, Doug Ballinger, Principal

## Upcoming Events

- Fri., 2/16 - **Stations of the Cross**, each Friday during Lent at 1:00 pm in Church
- Mon. 2/19 - **No School** - Presidents Day
- Thur. 3/1 - **American Heart Family Night**, more details coming
- Fri. 3/2 - **End of Trimester 2**
- Fri., 3/9 - **St. Raphael Spirit Wear Day**
- Thur., 3/15 - **Parent Teacher Conferences**, 3:00-7:00 pm
- Wed., 3/21 - **Living Stations of the Cross**, 9:00 am
- 3/26 - 3/30 - **Spring Break**

## Lenten Almsgiving

Lent has begun. As part of the Lenten pillar of almsgiving, we will be participating in the **40 (40 days of lent) Cans for Lent Knights of Columbus Food Drive Project**. Starting **tomorrow, Friday, February 16th, through Friday, March 23rd** we are encouraging our students and staff to donate one can good per week for almsgiving. Each homeroom will have a basket or box to collect the canned items and our faith family leaders will pick the cans up each Friday at 2:00 pm. Please note we are only asking for canned goods. Our reward is knowing we have come to know Our Lord more by serving and helping those in need through our Lenten almsgiving service project.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Our spring parent teacher conferences are scheduled for **Thursday, March 15th** from 3:00 - 7:00 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending; this is a wonderful opportunity to work with your child's teacher to help build student success and encourage motivation.

# Catholic United Financial Raffle Update

10 days left to sell Raffle tickets!!

We have raised \$7093.00 toward our goal of \$15,000! Thank you to families and staff who have turned in sold tickets. 49% of our school families have participated. We still have 1700 ticket out to be sold or turned back in. Please sell your tickets - **if you are not planning on selling your tickets, please turn them back in to school as we have other families who are willing to sell extra tickets.**

Reminder ~ Patriotic Days: Military/Red/White/Blues Shirts along with uniform pants ~ Tuesday Feb. 20 since we miss Monday due to President's day and Monday, Feb. 26th ~ THE LAST TURN IN DAY.



## 2018 Spring Gala

Solicitation letters have been sent to businesses that have contributed in the past. If your business or one you know of may be willing to contribute either a donation or product to our Gala, please ask them. We are happy to send them a letter if you let us know the name and address or we can give you a letter to take to the business (either via email or we can send the letter home with your student).

## 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 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.

## Library Book Bowling



Thank you to all classes 3rd - 8th for participating in the Annual Library Book Bowling competition during Catholic Schools Week. The rivalries were tough and all students worked very hard to do their best. Thank you to Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Juntilla, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Cornwell, Mr. Wolfgram and Mr. Gerads for sharing their bowling skills with us.

Congratulations this year goes to Mrs. Cornwell and the 7th Grade Class for scoring the most points in the competition. The 7th grade class was presented with "Gold Medals" as well as the traveling Book Bowling Trophy which is proudly displayed in their classroom. Congratulations 7th Grade!

## Library Millionaire's Club

I would like to recognize several students who have achieved high honor and have become members of St. Raphael Millionaire's Club. Every student 1st-8th grade who reads one million words receives a Millionaire Swag Bag, a certificate of their achievement and their name on the Millionaire's Board. Congratulations to these students: James Herrera (7th), Isabelle Schmitz (7th), Railey Gerlach (6th), Kira Gerlach (6th), and Ava Teixeira (3rd)! Special recognition goes to James Herrera who has read over 2 million words so far this year and has received 2 Swag Bags.

## Winter Olympics Trivia Contest

Please see attached for a fun trivia contest!

## Athletics

St Raphael School is hosting this year's end of season tournament for Girls Basketball. We are looking for volunteers to help with concessions, the scorebook/scoreboard and ticket sales. The tournament is Thursday 2/22 - Saturday 2/24. Please use the following link to sign up for a time slot or two!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054cacac2da7f94-girls>

## Youth Ministry Events

### Upcoming Open Youth Room Dates

Friday Night Open Youth Room: February 23 from 6:00-10:00 pm

Tuesday Open Youth Room: March 13 from 2:20-5:00 pm

### **SNA - Saturday Night Alive Saturday February 17 from 5:00-10:00 pm**

- For all 6th-8th grade teens, evening includes Mass, dinner, friends, and faith
- SNA's are free and friends are always welcome, please check-in at Marian Hall at 5:00 pm
- Hope to see you there!

### **Elevate High School Night (8th graders are invited!!!!) Saturday March 17 from 5:00-10:00 pm**

- Our theme for this night is "Faith Amidst the [MARCH] Madness"
- Bob Swift will be joining us on this night, hope to see you there!
- Please check-in at Marian Hall at 5:00 pm
- Dinner is provided!

### **Extreme Faith Camp Registration Now Open! June 25-29, 2018**

- Open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade teens
- Week-long unashamedly Catholic camp at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor, MN
- The actual cost of Extreme Faith Camp is \$400.00 per camper. Every camper will receive a \$50.00 scholarship through the parish which brings the price down to **\$350.00** per camper.
- We would love to have you join us for the best week of the summer! Contact Anna if you have questions.

### **Stuebenville Rochester Catholic Youth Conference – 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are Invited! July 13-15, 2018**

- For current 8th-12th Grade Teens & Young Adults
- Joining with the Youth Ministries of St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Name of Jesus, & St. Bonaventure, we will experience together a dynamic encounter with Jesus Christ.
- \$250.00 per person (includes bus transportation, conference fee, all meals at the conference, and 2 nights of lodging)
- To reserve your spot, simply talk to Anna & Josh. Registration deadline is Wednesday Feb. 14, 2018. Sign up as soon as possible because spots are limited!
- Contact Anna if you have questions