

April 26, 2018

## Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

**Our Spring Gala, Hawaiian Luau, is TOMORROW, Friday, from 6:30 -10:30 pm at St. Raphael Church, Marian Hall!** Under the coordination of Mike Durand and a creative group of St. Raphael School parents who have been working tirelessly, the Hawaiian Luau will be a wonderful event for everyone. ***We still need volunteers to help with setup and takedown.*** If you can stop by the church to volunteer, even for just an hour, you are needed! Set-up is taking place today, Thursday, into the evening and Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Takedown begins at 10:45 pm Friday evening and will go until the job is done. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you at tomorrow night's Gala!

**Our Second Graders will make their First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass and everyone is welcome!** Please join me in praying for our students as they receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ for the very first time.

**Our annual May Crowning is next Thursday, May 3rd,** during the 8:00 am daily Mass. This beautiful annual devotion recognizes Mary as the Queen of Heaven and Earth and brings joy to Her Immaculate Heart. Please try to attend this beautiful Mass and Marian Devotion.

In His Service, Doug Ballinger, Principal

## Upcoming Events

- Thur., 4/26 - **NWEA Spring Testing continues through 5/4**
- Fri., 4/27 - **Candy Sale** - please see below for details
- Fri., 4/27 - **Hawaiian Luau Spring Gala**, 6:30-10:30 pm, tickets can be purchased at the door - join us!
- Sat., 4/28 - **St. Raphael Twins Game Day**
- Sun., 4/29 - **First Communion Mass**
- Wed., 5/2 - **PHT Meeting**, 6:30 pm school cafeteria
- Thur., 5/3 - **May/Mary Crowning Mass**, 8:00 am & **2nd & 8th Grade Class Pictures**, following Mass
- Mon., 5/7 - **Piano Recital**, 6:30 Marian Hall
- Mon - Fri., 5/7 - 5/11 - **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- Thur., 5/10 - **Spring Program (PreS/PreK - 3rd Grade & Band/Orchestra), Art Fair & Bake Sale**, 6:00-7:30 pm, School Gym & Cafeteria
- Fri., 5/11 - **St. Raphael Spirit Wear Day**
- Mon., 5/14 - **Dining for Dollars at Frankie's Pizza**, 11:00 am - 8:00 pm, supporting 8th graduation

## Spring Candy Sale

The 8th grade class will be selling candy for \$.25 - \$1.00 each during lunch on **Friday, April 27th**. All the proceeds will go towards the 8th grade graduation events. Please remember to send money with your child if your student is able to participate.

## Order Your 2017-2018 School Yearbook by April 30th

It's time to order your *St. Raphael Catholic School 2017-2018 Yearbook*. The Yearbook will be in full-color and will be approximately 40 pages. The cost for the yearbook is \$14.00. This year, **all orders will be completed online**. The online website is fast and easy and you are given the opportunity to personalize your Yearbook. **All orders are due by end of the day Monday, April 30th**. If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Cornwell at [kelsey.cornwell@srsmn.org](mailto:kelsey.cornwell@srsmn.org). Here is the link to our storefront: <https://straphaelmn.picaboo.com/>

## May Crowning Thursday, May 3, 8:00 am Mass

Please join us **Thursday, May 3rd at 8:00 am** for our school Mass and May/Mary Crowning. On this special day, our eighth graders will be dressed in their finest clothing, and the second graders will wear their beautiful First Communion or Sunday best attire for a procession and crowning of our Blessed Mother, Mary. Each classroom will also have a representative that will carry a bouquet of flowers to Mary. All students are asked to bring flowers that will make up a part of their class bouquet. Students should bring flowers to school the morning of **May 3rd**.

Traditionally, all the students play an important part in this event by bringing in flowers to make up the bouquets. These can be from your own blooming flowers or shrubs or purchased from a store. They do not have to be full bouquets, just a few flowers that will make up a part of the entire class bouquet would be great! Please remind your students to bring the flowers to school the morning of May 3rd and give them to their classroom teachers. Thank you for your help and we hope to see you there!

## Spring Program and Art Show

Again this year our PreS/PreK through Grade 3 Spring Program including the Band and Orchestra concert will be accompanied by a Preschool - Grade 8 Art Show in the cafeteria. This was a huge hit last year! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend! Our students love to showcase their work and talent for you. PLEASE BRING GUESTS! This is a wonderful time for grandmas, grandpas, friends and neighbors to see the good work being done by the students, staff and families of our school.

- **Thursday, May 10th 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Students can come dressed in their Sunday best or their uniform. Please bring your student (PreS/PreK - 3rd Grade) to their classroom by 5:55 pm that evening, check them in with their teacher then head to the gym for a seat.**

## 8th Grade Bake Sale

Our 8th Graders will be hosting a Bake Sale during the PreSchool - Grade 3 Spring Concert and Art Show on **Thursday, May 10th, 6:00-7:30 pm** in the School Cafeteria. There will be many goodies to pick from ~ Cash only please.

## School Dress-Code Reminders for May

During May the weather is sure to heat up and our classrooms can get a bit warm! Students are allowed to wear shorts during May as long as they are within the St. Raphael Dress Code Policy which you can review here: [Uniform Policy](#). Shorts must be navy blue, close to the knee in length, not tight or “yoga shorts” and may **not be worn on Mass days**.

## March Students of the Month



Congratulations to our March Students of the Month:  
**Grades K-4 Anna Weber and Jacob Redden**  
**Grades 5-8 Maryjose Vizhnay and Jason Hirt**

We are also proud to recognize those who were nominated: Louie Nordstrom, Makia Kromah, Oyinmie Thomas and Johan Finne. Thank you for your exemplary leadership in virtue and effort to do your best!

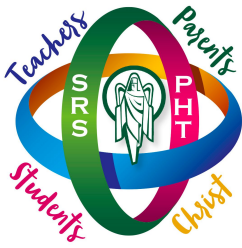
## Eighth Grade Graduation

The final full day of school for our 8th graders will be **Tuesday, May 29th** with dismissal at 2:20. Parents, families and guests are encouraged to come to the 1:30 pm Passing of the Light Ceremony in the school gym and then our 8th Grade all school send-off at dismissal. 8th graders will come to school on **Wednesday, May 30th** at the regular time. At morning Mass that day (our weekly Mass has been moved to Wednesday that week) we will pray one last All School Mass with our 8th graders. Please join us as we say, “Goodbye” and “Thank you”.

On **May 31st at 6:30 pm**, we will host our formal 8th Grade Graduation Mass and Ceremony in Church followed reception in **Marian Hall**. The evening will include Mass, a traditional graduation procession, special awards and honors, speeches, and refreshments. Thank you to all of the 8th grade parents who are working to make all of the graduation events very special.

## Athletics

As part of our Summer Camp, June 18-22 we would like to offer a mini camp for those interested in cheerleading. This mini-camp would be 2-3 days that week with a 60 minute class for those interested in cheerleading skills. If you have an interest in leading our cheering mini-camp please contact our athletic office. It is a paid summer position for a few days and short hours. Our office has all the material you will need to teach the class. We hope you can help us, and will consider being our coach next season.



## PHT Pulse

**Wednesday, May 2**, in the cafeteria from 6:30 - 7:30 will be our last PHT meeting of this school year. We will vote on new PHT Board Members and very much welcome your presence and participation. It's vital that we parents maintain consistent support for our teachers and staff to maintain a high-caliber learning environment for our children (and we have fun doing it, too!). Your thoughts and input are encouraged and valued, so we hope to see you there.

Thank you for continuing to turn in your Coke codes, Box Tops and all! Like trying different foods? Consider earning money for our school by taste testing at Food Perspectives! [www.fpitesters.com](http://www.fpitesters.com)

## Boxtopoly Update

Following play after the April 23rd turn-in, Team Manager (3rd & 5th grades) is in the lead with 1,256 items plus they landed on the Snack Attack! so they will receive a surprise snack. Way to go, Team Manager! Not to be outdone, Team CEO (PS,PK,4th grade) is a fast second with 1,222 items. **Monday, April 30th** is the next turn-in day. Keep up the good work!

Another way to earn items for your team is through the bonus boxtop app. You can send in the receipt to the classroom to be scanned and credited to the correct team. Current bonus box top offers available are: Annie's Popcorn & Puffs (1 bag), Annie's Granola Bars (1 box), Annie's Baking Mix (1 box), Lucky Charms (1 box), Hamburger Helper (2 boxes), Betty Crocker Boxed Potatoes (1 box), Fiber One Bars (1 box), Annie's Yogurt (1 4pk, tube, or tub), Annie's Cinnamon Rolls (1 pkg), Annie's Cereal (any 1 box), Annie's Mac 'n Cheese (2 boxes), Old El Paso (any 1 dinner kit, shells, seasonings, beans or sauce), Totino's Pizza Rolls (any 2 pkgs 40 ct or over), Pillsbury Toaster Strudel (any 1 box), Betty Crocker Fruit Snacks (any 2 boxes fruit by the foot, fruit roll-ups, gushers, or Mott's), Pillsbury Cookies (any 1 package), Lysol Disinfectant Spray at Costco (any one 4-pk). Thank you for your support!

## Youth Ministry Events

### Upcoming Open Youth Room Dates

Friday Night Open Youth Room: April 20 from 6:00-10:00 pm

Tuesday Open Youth Room: May 8 from 2:20-5:00 pm

### **SNA - Saturday Night Alive+ Elevate Youth Celebration! Saturday May 12 from 5:00-10:00 pm**

- **(5th Graders are Invited!!)** For all 5th-12th grade teens, evening includes Mass, dinner, friends, and faith
- We will be playing dodgeball, kickball, & laser tag! We will end the night with Eucharistic Adoration
- SNA's are free and friend are always welcome Please check-in at Marian Hall at 5:00 pm
- Hope to see you there!

### **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.

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

- For current 8th-12th Grade Teens & Young Adults
- \$250.00 per person (includes bus transportation, conference fee, all meals at the conference, and 2 nights of lodging)
- 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. To reserve your spot, simply talk to Anna & Josh. Sign up as soon as possible – we have 5 spots left!
- Contact Anna if you have questions, [ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org](mailto:ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org)