

May 17, 2018

Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

Thank you for all of the treats, cards and letters that you sent to school for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week last week! Your kindness was truly appreciated by our teachers! Thank you!

It is a busy last couple of weeks as we wrap up the school year. There are many activities planned, I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Please encourage your student(s) to stay focused on school work and finish the year strong.

In His Service, Doug Ballinger, Principal

Upcoming Events

- Sun., 5/20 - **Annual Athletic Banquet**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, cafeteria
- Tue., 5/22 - **4th-8th Track & Field Day**
- Mon., 5/28 - **No School, Memorial Day**
- Tue., 5/29 - **Last Full Day of School for 8th graders, K-3rd Track & Field Day, Passing of the Light**
Ceremony and 8th grade Send-Off, 1:40 pm (time may vary slightly)
- Wed., 5/30 - **Last School Mass**, 8th Graders in Graduation Gowns for Mass, 8:00 am **& PreK Celebration**
- Thur., 5/31 - **8th Grade Graduation Mass, Ceremony & Reception, 6:30 pm**
- Fri., 6/1 - **Last Day of School** for our PreSchool - 7th Graders, **noon dismissal**
- Mon-Fri, June 18-22 - **Summer Sports Camp**, 8:00-3:00, registration on our website

Annual Athletic Banquet

For all athletes and families, our annual Athletic Banquet is this **Sunday, May 20th** from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Families - please use the sign up below for the potluck.

www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4fa9ae23a6fb6-20172018

Track & Field Days

5/22 & 5/29 Track & Field Days ~ Please see attached flyer and visit the SignUp on our website to volunteer.

Library Update

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is fast approaching. As a reminder, all library materials need to be turned in by **tomorrow, Friday, May 18th**. Students and parents have been notified of any outstanding items on their library account at this time. Please return book(s) and late fees as soon as possible (place late fees in an envelope marked "Library"). If you have any questions please contact our Librarian, Deb Schmitz, at 763-504-9450 ext. 319 or deb.schmitz@srsmn.org.

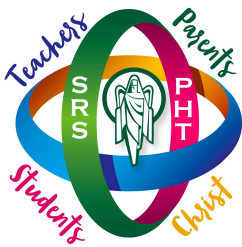
Last School Mass of the School Year

Everyone is invited to attend our last Mass of the school year on **WEDNESDAY, May 30 at 8:00 am.** Our 8th grade graduates will be in their graduation gowns and will participate in both the opening and closing processions. Please join us!

Account Balances

It's that time again....the end of the school year scramble! This is the time to clear up any outstanding 2017-2018 school expenses. Please log into your Educate account to verify your cafeteria balance, and/or log into your TADS account to pay any outstanding tuition or aftercare invoices. You can also email cnelle@straphaelcrystal.org for your balances.

Keep in mind that if there is an outstanding balance on either website, we will not be able to distribute your student/students report card or end of the year transcripts until the accounts are paid in full. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention!



PHT Pulse

"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land." Song of Songs 2:12

I don't know about you, but there is an extra spring in my step with the sunshine and the promise of summer right around the corner! I also end the year with a heart full of gratitude for the wonderful parents that have given their time, energy, laughter, and resources to help PHT support our wonderful teachers and staff in enriching the

classrooms and experiences for our children. A very big thank you to the Board Members who all are reprising their role for the 2018-2019 school year: Jessie Raymond - Co-Chair; Beth Hillenbrand - Treasurer; Carrie Elizondo-Hudak - Secretary

Special thank-you's to others, listed below, who have made such a positive impact this year on behalf of PHT:

Teri Sherber	Sam and Cindy Villa	Christine Peterson
Maria Mendoza	Paula Cordero	Holly Teixeira
Kristin Trieb	Jackie Johnson	Jody and Mike Durand
Erin Ringle	Geri Cox	Shawn Hudak
Ann and Russ Mingo	Kelly Goebel	Pam Inniger

June 20th, 6:30 PM - El Loro - Come join us for some laughter and fun while we talk about the basket raffle for the parish festival and enjoy some delicious food!

In addition to the Winter Dance, Turkey Bingo, and Dining for Dollar nights, we are already looking forward to planning social meet-ups at restaurants to strengthen our parent community and perhaps a new family picnic in the Fall! We would love to have your presence within PHT for next year to enjoy these events with us and to keep supporting our teachers!

May God bless you as we close out another great year. Keep collecting those box tops and Coke codes throughout the summer!

-Becky Lahr, PHT Chair, pht@srsmn.org

Wrestling

Some of our wrestlers competed in the MNUSA State Freestyle and Greco wrestling tournament this past weekend. Andrew Brazil finished as the State Champion in Greco-Roman and Freestyle, Jacob Redden placed 5th in Greco-Roman and Freestyle, Matthew Redden placed 5th in Greco-Roman. Congratulations to these top young wrestlers!

Spring Program, Bake Sale and Art Show - Thank you!

Our students in Preschool - Grade 3 performed so beautifully last week at our concert. We were also treated to talented performances by our Band and Orchestra students. Thank you to all of you who were able to come and support our students.

The Art Fair showcased our students' artistic talent and it was great to see their work displayed for all. Thank you 8th grade parents for the wonderful Bake Sale items. It was a great night!

SCRIP

Attached is an order form for the SCRIP cards that are available. Stock up for summer!

Boxtopoly Update

After play on May 14th, Team Broker landed on the Choice space, and chose to collect 5 items from Team Manager. Team Manager landed on Team CEO's space owing that team 10 items. Congratulations to Team Manager for winning the Grand Prize of a movie and popcorn party! Thank you all for your support of our Box Tops and other items programs. These really do make a difference! For example, we recently used up our remaining points from the Labels for Education program and we were able to order playground equipment, staplers, & art supplies, and a few other items - all at no cost to us! Thank you and keep clipping and saving through the summer!

Youth Ministry Events

Upcoming Open Youth Room Dates

Friday Night Open Youth Room: May 25 from 6:00-10:00 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 friends 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 6th-8th 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 – 8th 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 3 spots left!
- Contact Anna if you have questions, ascherber@straphaelcrystal.org