

June 1, 2018

Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

The end of the school year is upon us and with it so many, "Goodbyes and Thank Yous!" to everyone who has blessed us this year with laughter, learning, growth, and support. On behalf of our entire staff, we thank you and pray that you have a safe and relaxing summer with family and friends.

Last night we held our 8th grade graduation. Congratulations to our Eighth Grade Graduates as they go forward to begin the next stage of their formal education - High School! We thank God for their presence in our lives!

Olivia Aubart, Connor Black, Prisana Chandee, Graciela Chavez, Levi Ehlenz, Matthew Jacobsen, Owen Johnson, Franchesca Kohman, Nathalya Kryshmaru, Carmen Kytonen, Laura LaBissoniere, Megan Madson, Jeffrey Raymond, Matthew Redden, Lucas Reiff, Ella Sand, Sydnie Tolliver, Guadalupe Torres Sanchez, David Weber

Although all of our graduates stand out for their unique and wonderful gifts and skills, the following students received exceptional awards of recognition:

- **Knights of Columbus Scholarships:** Scholarships totaling \$1,500 were presented to four students who will be attending Catholic High Schools, have been examples of charity and service, and exhibit great academic integrity. This year's recipients are: **Olivia Aubart, Megan Madson, Jeffrey Raymond, Prisana Chandee**
- **Presidential Award for Academic Excellence:** This award considers criteria such as grade point average, demonstrated virtues of humility, charity and integrity in expression of their intellectual gifts, as well as being recommended by their teachers. The recipients are: **Olivia Aubart, Prisana Chandee, Levi Ehlenz, Carmen Kytonen, Laura LaBissoniere, Megan Madson, Jeffrey Raymond, Ella Sand, Sydnie Tolliver**
- **Presidential Award for Achievement:** This award goes to student(s) who has shown consistent effort, has worked to do their best, and consistently practices patience, perseverance and charity. The recipients are: **Graciela Chavez, Nathalya Kryshmaru, Guadalupe Torres Sanchez, David Weber**
- **Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Award:** This award is given to eighth graders who have been chosen by their classmates in a private ballot to reveal the virtues of these two great Saints. Their names will be added to our Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph Award Plaque, which hangs near the main entrance of the school. This year's **St. Joseph Award goes to Connor Black**. This year's **Blessed Virgin Mary Award goes to Carmen Kytonen**.

Upcoming Events

- 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

Track & Field Days

Our Track and Field Days were a huge success! Thank you to all of our parents who came to volunteer and help make the day possible for the students!

Summer Office Hours

We will be here at school working all summer in preparation for next year but due to work occurring within the building, our school office will be less accessible and hours will be more limited. Please always call our school office to check if someone is available prior to your arrival (763-504-9450).

2018-2019 School Supply List

This will be e-blasted and posted on our website mid-summer.

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!

Financial Assistance

Financial Aid awards have been applied to all TADS accounts that qualified for aid for the 2018-2019 school year. The links to the amended tuition agreements that include the financial aid amounts have been sent to all families via an email directly from TADS. Please take the time to look at the tuition agreement, the acceptance **due date is June 15, 2018**. You can call Carrie Nelle at 763-537-8401 Ext. 222 or email her at cnelle@straphaelcrystal.org with any further questions or concerns. Tuition agreements for all families for the 2018-2019 school year need to be accepted by the **due date of June 15, 2018**.

Athletics

Save the Date ~ Our Annual Athletic Golf Event is scheduled for **Saturday, September 22** at the New Hope Golf Course. For more information contact Maria Miller, maria.miller@srsmn.org.

Summer Tutoring

Interested in tutoring for your student over the summer? We have a few teachers who are available to tutor over the summer. Please contact the following teachers directly to make tutoring arrangements. Kari Marsh, kari.marsh@srsmn.org, Anita Juntilla, anita.juntilla@srsmn.org, Mike Gerads, mike.gerads@srsmn.org.

Uniform Policy

2018-2019 uniform policy is attached.

Educational Outfitters June Sale

Please see the attached flyer for details.

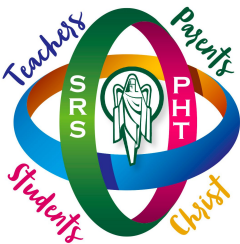
Box Tops, Coke Caps, Etc.

Thank you for your support of these fundraising programs throughout the year! With this last contest, we collected over 5500 box tops (equivalent to more than \$550 for our school)! These will be submitted in June and banked for the December payout.

With the coke caps and flaps, we were able to capitalize on the Coca-Cola Give double donations promotion, giving us at least \$160 for the 2nd quarter payout. (We just received a check for the 1st quarter in the amount of \$162.)

We collected 104 Loaves for Learning upcs and 226 Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps and strips.

Please continue saving these items over the summer! Bring at least 50 items to the Welcome Back Family Night on August 28th, please label the baggie with name and grade. Each student that turns in at least 50 items will receive a frosty treat! These will be credited to the teams for the Rake 'Em Up contest in the fall! More info to come!



PHT Pulse

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!

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

Youth Ministry Events

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