

November 20, 2018

Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

Happy Thanksgiving! This time of year can remind us of all the blessings given to us by God. It is a time to be with family and friends important to us. It is fascinating to read about discussions of gratitude as a virtue. As a Classical Education school students learn about virtues. Teaching our students about gratitude learned at school and in the home form lessons that can last well beyond their time here at St. Raphael Catholic School.

Please mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

December 1st - Christmas Village

December 18th - Open House, 5:00-6:15 pm with food for you and your children.

December 18th - Christmas Concert, 6:30-7:30 pm. Food and refreshments provided from 5:00-6:15 pm beforehand!

I am grateful for you partnering with our school and those involved with the Rake-a-thon.

Blessings,
Ryan Zgutowicz

Upcoming Events

- Tue., 11/20: End of Trimester 1
- Wed., - Fri., 11/21-11/23: **No School - Thanksgiving Break**
- Sat., 12/1: Christmas Village, students performing, see below for more information on performance times
- Fri., 12/14: St. Raphael Spirit Wear Day
- Tue., 12/18: Christmas Open House (5:00-6:15 pm) and Concert (6:30-7:30 pm)

Report Cards

Our first trimester ends **Tuesday, November 20**. Report cards will be sent home with the students on **Wednesday, December 5th**. Please review the report card with your student, sign and return the envelope to school.

Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank you for all of your donations! We collected 1040 items of food for those in need.

St. Raphael Annual Christmas Village

Saturday, December 1st, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm in Marian Hall & Gathering Areas

Christmas Village is scheduled for **Saturday, December 1st** from 8:30 am until 2:00pm. Please plan to attend Christmas Village on December 1st! This is a wonderful annual event for our St. Raphael School and Community. **Our students will be singing beautiful musical selections and it's important for all students to be present** to support each other in this group music project. Students may wear their school uniform or their Christmas/Sunday best for the performance. Please see below for the performance schedule.

St. Raphael's Students will be performing at the following times:

10:15-10:25 am ~ Grades PreS, PreK & Kindergarten

10:35-10:50 am ~ Grades 1 and 2

11:10-11:30 am ~ Orchestra in Marian Hall

12:00-12:20 pm ~ Grades 3, 4 & 5

12:10-12:30 pm ~ Band in Marian Hall

12:30-12:50 pm ~ Grades 6, 7 & 8

1:00-1:10 pm ~ All Grades

October Students of the Month



Congratulations to our October Students of the Month:
Grades K-4 - Emerald Presley and Antonio Teixeira
Grades 5-8 - Gabby Kytonen and Fernando Torres - Sanchez

We are also proud to recognize those who were nominated: Max Greazel, Liam Lahr, Arabella Gregory, Mateo Chavez, Emily Davis, Evans Agbemegna, Katie Ringle, Ava Teixeira, Alex Chavez, Ariel Villa, Railey Gerlach, Kira Gerlach, Rebecca Ranning, Noelle Franke, Joe Davis, Fernando Torres Sanchez, Johan Finne, Tim Nguyen

Thank you for your exemplary leadership in virtue and effort to do your best!

PHT Pulse

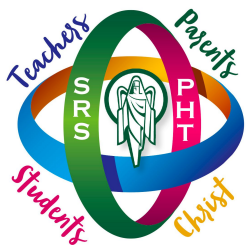
TURKEY BINGO

We had a great turnout again this year! Thank you all for coming!

As the Holidays are approaching, do your meal planning with Schwan's and raise money for PHT! Purchase between **November 7th - December 22nd**, referencing **Campaign 43143** (see attached flyer for details).

- Earn 20% back on purchases of delicious foods
- Earn 40% on eGift Cards (limit 1 per customer, per campaign)

Thank you for your continued support and participation!! God Bless. -Becky Lahr



Uniform Sale - Educational Outfitters

Educational Outfitters in St. Louis Park is having a Cyber Sale over Thanksgiving weekend. This is one of their biggest sales of the year - 20% off. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Beauty Elevates!

Mothers of Young Children, a special morning just for you! Slow down, smell the coffee, and reflect this Advent! Receive real tips from real women who recognize the immense role you play in your home, workplace and community. Grow in beauty of your mind, body and soul. Gain practical ideas on mentoring your children toward true beauty. Elevate your Advent!

Beauty Elevates Morning of Reflection for Mothers of Young Children, December 8, 2018, 8:30 - Noon, Church of St. Raphael, \$20. The day ends at with 11:30 Solemnity of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass. Nursing moms always welcome! Register at canafamilyinstitute.com or eventbrite.com. Scholarships available. Contact: Amy Holewa 763.391.0205 arholewa@gmail.com. Brought to you by the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis Marriage, Family and Life Office and Cana Family Institute.

Athletics

Our grade report came out for our Fall Sports Teams and we have some exciting news to share. The team GPAs are as follows: Cross Country A, Volleyball A-, Soccer B+ Way to Go Saints! We are proud of you! God bless you students, coaches, teachers and especially our awesome parents! A special thank you to Mrs. Nelle for all of her help and support with our grade reports. **Congratulations to our student athletes, coaches, and those involved!**

Please see the attached flyer for our Mini Matmen wrestling opportunity. Please sign up soon - First practice is November 26th!

Donations for Education

Please see attached for our next contest!

Youth Ministry

Open Youth Room

Friday Night Open Youth Room: **November 23** from 6:00-10:00 PM