

December 6th, 2018

Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

Happy Advent! This time of year is a time of waiting and preparation. It is great to see the Christmas decorations up in preparation for Christmas. Recently, there has been discussion at school about the virtue of fortitude. Our students show fortitude in organizing Toys for Tots, singing in front of others at Christmas Village, or in seeking the truth both inside and outside of school. As a Classical Education school students seek truth and learn about it. They can make connections to what they learn at home.

Please mark your calendar for the Open House and Christmas Concert. This is a time to learn about all the wonderful happenings at St. Raphael Catholic School with food and fellowship, followed by our grand Christmas Concert.

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

Tuesday. December 18th - Christmas Concert, 6:30pm.-7:30pm. Following the open house.

We will be having a drawing for a **\$100.00 Visa gift card** that evening for all school families who bring in a perspective school family.

- Please spread the word about our **referral program**. The family who does the referral receives a \$500 tuition credit. The referred family receives the same \$500 tuition credit! This is a ongoing incentive!

Blessings,
Ryan Zgutowicz

Upcoming Events/Dates

- Wed., 12/12: Middle school book club starts after school in Ms. Stanius room
- 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)
- **Mon. 12/24 - Wed. 1/2** Christmas / Winter break
- Thurs. 1/ 3 : School resumes. Welcome back!

Report Cards

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

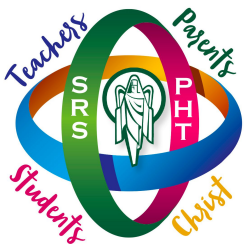
St. Raphael School Spirit Wear for Christmas!

While shopping for Christmas, please remember St. Raphael School Spirit Wear. Please check out our selections at <http://minnesota.educationaloutfitters.com/st-raphael/> You'll find hoodies, pullover fleece, winter hats and even fun flannels (which may be worn on spirit wear day as long as they are our official flannel pants).

Student Council Toy Drive

Our Student Council is collecting donations of new toys for our **Annual Toy Drive**. This toy drive is held in conjunction with the Parish Giving Tree, which supports several local organizations. These toys are donated to support families by providing Christmas gifts for their children. Donations can be sent to school with your student.

We have a goal of **150** toys. So if each student brings in one toy we will make our goal. If we continue with the generosity of past years, we can go above and beyond the goal of 150 toys.



PHT Pulse

Next PHT meeting will be **Dec. 19th 6:30 PM**

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)

SCRIP

Scrip is fundraising while you shop. When you purchase Scrip, you're purchasing gift cards that are used just like cash. You can use Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like gas, food, clothing and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn money for our school. It's that simple! A SCRIP order form is attached.

We buy the Scrip cards from GLSC at a discount, and resell the cards to our families for full face value. The discount, from 2 - 15% or more, is our school's revenue.

This is a great way to get some **Christmas shopping** done and can also benefit our school.

A SCRIP order form is attached. Any questions, please contact Sheryl Jacobsen at sheryljacobsen@gmail.com.

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

Game schedules for Boy's basketball is on the www.srsmn.org website (Click on Athletics)
Girl's basketball and Wrestling will be posted soon.

Donations for Education

Keep turning in (boxtops, coke product caps/flaps, kwik trip milk caps/strips, country/village hearth bread upcs) Snowball contest still going on. **Mon. Dec. 10th** is the next turn in day!

Youth Ministry

Junior High Open Youth Room: **Decmeber 11th** from 6:00-10:00 pm

Winter Blast: **December 14th-15th** 6th-8th grade (Two spots are still available if you haven't signed up yet.)

