



December 20th, 2018

Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

The Christmas Concert and Open House was a grand event! It was wonderful to see the gym packed with families and visitors as students performed. Congratulations to our students on their performance with Mr. Danaher! It was great to observe Classical Education at work as students exercised their memory in their performance.

I appreciate those who helped with the Christmas Concert and Open House, diligently working behind the scenes. These actions are what build a welcoming school environment.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Ryan Zgutowicz

Upcoming Events/Dates

- **Mon. 12/24 - Wed. 1/2** Christmas / Winter break
- Thurs. 1/3 : Guitar & Ukulele Lessons Start (See attachment)
- Thurs. 1/3 : School resumes. Welcome back!
- Mon. 1/7 : Art Club starts
- Wed. 1/9 : 8th grade Nativity play 1:30 (All are welcome.)

8th grade Nativity play

Everyone is invited to the presentation of the Nativity Story by the 8th grade class on Wednesday, January 9th at 1:30 pm in the school gym. Please join us for this St. Raphael School Tradition!

January Lunch Menu

Please see attached menu.

Student Council Toy Drive

Thank you to the Student Council and to all that brought in toys for the Toy Drive. We received **90** toys. We did not make our goal of 150 but we are still making a lot of children smile on Christmas morning.

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. Last turn in day is Mon. Jan. 7th

Standings after last week's play are:

Primary level : K is winning with 5 snowballs!

Middle School: 4th and 5th are tied for the win with 0 snowballs each.

This week's earnings have not been "shared" yet at this writing. The next and final turn-in day is Monday, January 7, 2019.

Thanks for your support

AIM Higher/CSAF Scholarship

It is that time again! It is time to start thinking about the 2019-2020 school year. The Aim Higher Foundation has opened up the opportunity for families to apply for the two scholarships that they award (Aim Higher and the CSAF/Aim Higher). We have opened up the financial aid portal on the TADS website to allow our families to apply for these scholarships, so please visit www.mytads.com and log into your existing account. You can choose the 2019-2020 school year, and proceed with the application process. Be sure to click the box indicating which/both scholarships that you would like to be considered for. The first round of applications for these specific scholarships are due by February 17, 2019.

All families are welcome to start applying for financial aid now via the www.mytads.com website, if you are interested in doing so for the 2019-2020 school year. Although the AIM Higher/CSAF Scholarship application portion will close on February 17, 2019, we will still allow families to continue to apply for additional financial aid through April 2019. We just wanted to extend this EARLY opportunity to everyone. We have included an informational flyer in this newsletter as well.

As always, if you have any questions regarding financial aid, please email Carrie Nelle at cnelle@straphaelcrystal.org or call her at 763-537-8401 Ext. 222.

