

January 10th, 2019

Principal's News

Dear St. Raphael Families,

Happy New Year! Here we are starting another year once again. At the start of a new year many make resolutions. Resolutions require a change in practice. At St. Raphael Catholic School students have the opportunity to form new habits and grow in virtue through practice.

There are many happenings here at school and new opportunities for students to practice, which include after school Art Club, Book Club (middle school), Ukulele/Guitar lessons, and Karate. I encourage you as the first teachers of your children to continue to read with your children as they practice reading. Strong literacy skills allow students to engage more fully in their Classical Education, while preparing them for the opportunities of tomorrow.

We are kicking off our 2019 Catholic United Raffle this Friday. This is a big fundraiser for our school. Let's make this a memorable one. Have a great start to 2019!

Blessings,
Ryan Zgutowicz

Upcoming Events/Dates

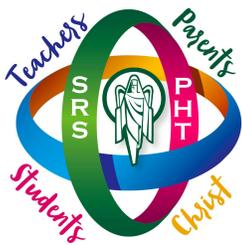
- Thurs. 1/10 - 2nd Grade First reconciliation **7pm tonight.**
- Fri. - 1/11 - **Spirit Wear Day**
- Mon. - 1/21 - **No School** - Martin Luther King day
- Tues. - 1/22 - **No School** - Staff Development day
- Sun. 1/27 - Open House and Continental Breakfast to start off Catholic Schools Week

Donations for Education

Congratulations to **3rd grade** and **5th grade** for winning the Snowball Share Contest!

Each class enjoyed Icees Squeeze-Up frozen treats this afternoon and can proudly display the Snowball Share Trophies in their classrooms!

With this contest, we collected 859 box tops, 362 coke codes, 781 loaves for learning upcs, and 55 kwik trip caps, earning about \$170 for our school! Thank you for your continued support of these programs.



Next PHT meeting will be **January 16th** in School Cafeteria

From 6:30-7:30



SAVE THE DATE:

SRS Catholic Schools Week Dance - It's a hoedown!!!

Friday, February 1st

All Grades: 6:00 - 7:45pm

Grades 6-8: 8:00 - 10:00pm

There will be food and beverages for a small fee.

Cowboy hats and large belt buckles are encouraged, and of course, wear your dancing shoes! We look forward to having a great night celebrating with you all.

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See attached order form

Catholic Schools Week
January 27th - February 1st
More details coming soon.....



Sunday, January 27th is the start of our Catholic Schools Week Celebration. The staff, students and parents of Saint Raphael School want the parishioners to join them for a Continental Breakfast in the school cafeteria after each Mass. This is just a small token of our appreciation to all of the parishioners for their support through prayer, volunteerism and Financial Support over the years. There will be opportunities to visit classrooms as well as tours of the school. Hosted by the members of your Saint Raphael School Family.

We look forward to seeing you on January 27th

Thursday January 31, 2019

Celebrating Families

Parents, guardians and other family members play a vital role in Catholic education. Not only do they volunteer at the school, they instill values and expectations for academic excellence in their children at home.

We are excited to invite you to join your student for lunch Thursday, January 31, 2019. Please feel free to call me or email if you need any information on lunch times and to rsvp. 763-504-9450 ext 354 or carolyn.pugh@srsmn.org.

Starting tomorrow!

The advertisement is a colorful graphic with a green background. At the top, it says "Help St. Raphael School raise our goal:" in blue text. Below this, the goal amount "\$16,000" is written in large, bold, red numbers. A yellow starburst contains the text "\$5 each" in black. At the bottom, it says "ON SALE Jan 11 - Feb 24" in white and red text. On the left, there is a banner that reads "Catholic United Financial SINCE 2009 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS RAFFLE" with illustrations of children and a teacher. At the bottom left, it says "Every dollar we raise stays with our school!" in white text on a green background.

Art Club

Join Mrs. Safratowich and Ms. Hutcheson in creating art! We'll be experimenting with many different art forms and create some wonderful projects to take home.

Open to grades **4th-8th**

Session 1 - Jan. 7th - Feb 25th 2:30-4:00

\$20 to cover material costs

Permission slip attached!



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.

It's that time again! **Tax time!** Our TADS tuition management system has an easy way of accessing your "Household Paid Tuition Tax Report". This report will detail what you have paid for tuition, aftercare, and fees in any given tax year. You can log into your TADS account, click on the Billing tab, and there is a link to the report on the right-hand side above your account listings. You can also access this report under the Billing Account page and by clicking on the word REPORTS on the blue bar in the middle of the screen. Please call Carrie Nelle at 763-537-8401 Ext. 222 if you have any additional questions. Happy New Year!