Dear St. Raphael Families,

Energy and excitement have been building throughout the month of December. The students were busy preparing and performing the Christmas program last week, and now we have Christmas gifts and parties this week. ‘Tis the Season of Joy! Thank you to Mrs. Doty, Mrs. Runiewicz and the entire faculty for giving of their time and talents in guiding the students through a beautiful performance last week. It has been fun watching the kids create awesome Christmas gifts and artwork. Thank you to all the room parents for helping with the Christmas parties today.

Christmas break begins after dismissal today, and classes (PK-8th) will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Preschool will be open Thursday & Friday of this week, but will be closed December 25 through January 2. January will bring SRA exciting events such as Book Fair, Catholic Schools Week, and Grandparent’s Day.

May you have a wonderful Christmas break with your family. Hopefully, your family is able to share some quality time together making new memories. I know I am looking forward to spending time with my family. Let me end with a prayer:

Gracious God, faithful to promises, we rejoice at the coming celebration of the birth of the Messiah. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may we always bear the gifts of justice and peace into our world. We ask this through Christ, the bringer-of-peace. Amen.

By Edward F. Gabriele

Have a blessed Christmas,

Mrs. Hayes
Announcements

Daily Mass Time:
8:00am Grades K - 8
Monday - Thursday

All School Mass 8:00am

January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
(Christmas)
8th Grade Planning

January 11
Pro-Life Mass
8th Grade Planning

January 18
Weekday Mass
4th Grade Planning

January 25
Conversion of St. John the Apostle
2nd Grade Planning

Benediction 2:00pm
First Friday of the month

January Birthdays
Ryan Stawizynski-2
Hanleigh Gurley-3
Frank Koziacki-3
Sydney Browning-6
Stella Ronshausen-7
Riley Willmann-8
Addison Pfeiffer-10
Thomas Waggner-10
Isabella Pfeiffer-12
Miss Amsler-13
Jameson Riley-14
Liam Fahy-24
Mitchell Jugo-25

July ½ Birthdays
Mrs. Doyle-4
Vanessa Bess-6
Reese Pinkerton-7
Deacon Clark-10
Fr. Bob-11
Flynn Monahan-13
Charlie Adams-19
Mrs. Runiewicz-14
Lucca LoBello-20
Aiden Stawizynski-22
Morgan Kiel-23
Ben Kremer-23
John Winkelmann-24
William Morrell-25
Hazel Dougherty-28
Miss Diane-28
Carter Teeter-30
Hanley Erdtmann-30

CONGRATULATIONS
St. Mary's High School sophomore, John Hannibal, a 2016 graduate of St. Raphael, was named the Sophomore Student of the Month for November for his good deeds both inside and outside of the classroom.
Jan. 3 - School Resumes for Preschool - 8  
Jan. 4 - 8:00am Mass St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Christmas 8th Grade Planning  
Jan. 4 - 2:00-4:00pm Dance  
Jan. 4 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room  
Jan. 5 - 2:00pm Benediction  

Jan. 5 - Report Cards Open  
Jan. 8 & 9 - ACRE Testing for Grades 5 & 8  
Jan. 11 - 8:00am Mass Pro-Life 8th Grade Planning  
Jan. 11 - 2:00pm Geography Bee in Gym  
Jan. 11 - 2:00-4:00pm Dance  
Jan. 11 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room  

Jan. 15 - MLK Day No School  
K-8  Preschool is open  
Jan. 16 - 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
Jan. 18 - 8:00am Weekday Mass 4th Grade Planning  
Jan. 18 - 2:00-4:00pm Dance  
Jan. 18 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room  
Jan. 23 - 3:15-4:15pm DeAngelis Children’s Choir Rehearsal  
Jan. 25 - 8:00am Mass Conversion of St. John the Apostle 2nd Grade Planning  
Jan. 25 - 2:00-4:00pm Dance  
Jan. 25 - 3:15-4:15pm Chess Club in Art Room  

Jan. 28 - Catholic School Week begins  
11:00am -3:00pm Open House  
Registration begins for 2018 – 2019 School Year  
Jan. 28 - Book Fair open in cafeteria  

February 2 - Grandparents Day  Noon Dismissal  
K-8  Preschool is open
**Miss Molly Preschool Room A**

Preschool A has been busy all month celebrating Christmas and learning the true meaning of the holiday. They have made plenty of holiday Christmas trees, stockings, and all the other fun projects for the season. We have also learned about the Nativity and the birth of Jesus Christ. We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! God Bless and enjoy this special time with your family.

**Third Grade News: Ms. Susan Polson**

Third Graders are loving to work in groups together this year on STREAM Challenges with Miss Amsler, Miss Schaaf, and Ms. Polson.
First Grade News: Mrs. Theresa Schmidt

The first grade class had a wonderful time constructing their own gingerbread houses. Each house was very creative in many ways and not one house was the same. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!