



St. Raphael Catholic School

February 16- February 23, 2011

Wednesday February 16:

- Chocolate chip cookie sale 2 for \$1 in the cafeteria
- Book fair during library times

Thursday February 17:

- Book fair during library times (Last day)

Friday February 18:

- All School Mass at 8:30am
- Interims go home today
- Junior High dance at 12:30pm

Saturday February 19:

- Altar Servers (4:30pm)-Bethany McCormick, Daniel Quinn & Dalton Wickett
- Boys JV2 basketball game @ Gesu @ 12:15pm
- Boys JV1 basketball game @ St. Damien @ 9am
- Boys V basketball game @ St. Damien @ 11:30am
- Girls JV2 basketball game @ Christ the Good Shepherd @ 9am
- Girls JV1 basketball game @ St. Damien @ 10:15am
- Girls V basketball game @ St. Damien @ 12:45pm

Sunday February 20:

- Altar Servers (8am)-Collin Brefka, Robert Cable & Andrei Borz
- Altar Servers (10am)- Mikele Mayes, Kiersta & Kayla Eichstedt
- Altar Servers (Noon)- Lauren Chandler, Alexis Ardinger & Samantha Hershey

Monday February 21:

- 6th grade leaves for Camp

Tuesday February 22:

Wednesday February 23:

- Chocolate chip cookie sale 2 for \$1 in the cafeteria
- Market Day

Reminders:

Lunch Volunteers- We still need help on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.**

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If we do not have at least 2 supervisors with the students, we cannot send them outside for recess. Please contact Suzanne Zarb to volunteer at zarbo@comcast.net

Preparing for the Gala:

What will every family need to contribute?

Every classroom will have a different food item in it. This event will be a strolling buffet. One parent from each classroom will be in charge of collecting the food from families in that room. For example: if your child is in kindergarten, they will need to bring in pop and cups. We are also looking for parents to donate some time in the classroom to keep everything replenished during the Gala. . **Our next meeting will be on March 7 at 5:30pm in the Parish Center (All are welcome to attend).**

Helping Hands Collection:

For February, Helping Hands is collecting new or gently used baby items, bottles, bibs, baby spoons etc. Items will be sent to Livonia Crisis Pregnancy Center. Please drop them off in the baskets by the office or the Religious Education office.

Raffle Incentives:

Day off raffle incentive---Friday March 18

Scrip News:

Attached you will find a Scrip order form. If you have your Scrip order form along with check/money turned into the office by **Monday 8:30am**, you can have your order filled by **Friday** (of the same week) before the weekend. You can also order Scrip and not have to come into the school to buy it. Send your order form and money/check with your child to school and circle "backpack" on the order form. Your Scrip will be in your child's backpack on Friday.

Please take our short survey on the Scrip program by clicking on the link below.

<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22BRZWH8NTN/>

Borders/ Waldenbooks have been discontinued.

Target gift cards now available earning 2%. Available in \$25 and \$10

Meijer gift cards now available \$25 and \$100 earning 2%

McDonald's gift cards now available \$15 at 2%

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Scrip hours :

Wednesday 7:45-8:30 am

Thursday 7:45-8:30 am and 2:30-3:00 pm

Friday 7:45-8:30 am

Also available after weekend Mass.

Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program:

The student aid forms are available in the office. This year qualifying families will receive \$800 in tuition assistance for the 2011-2012 school year. The application along with the \$20 non-refundable application fee will need to be postmarked no later than April 11, 2011. You can also print the application from the following website and check on the status of your application:

<http://www.aodonline.org/AODOnline/Catholic+Schools+2159/Parents+16022/Catholic+Schools+-+Tuition+Assistance.htm>

St. Jude Math-a-Thon:

Thank you to all of the families and students who are participating in St. Jude Math-a-Thon. Math-a-Thon books were distributed last week and your students should be working on them. While the students are helping other children, they are actually helping themselves become mathematically fit.

All money is due back to the school on February 28, 2011.

Kathy Hermann

Congratulations:

Good News—the results are in! The following students have won the America & Me Essay contest:

1st Place—Janelle Erlingis

2nd Place—Thomas Cahill

3rd Place—Evan Morton

Janelle will now advance to the statewide competition from which the top ten entries in the state will be selected. The statewide winners will be announced in April. Now in its 42nd year, the annual America & Me Essay Contest encourages Michigan eighth grade students to write about their American heroes, especially the people who have made a big difference in the students' personal lives. Hundreds of thousands of Michigan students have participated in the contest since its inception in 1968.

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Rebel Outlet:

The Rebel Outlet (school store) has new hours beginning this week. The store will be open on **Tuesday and Wednesday 7:45-8:00am.**

Paczki Day:

See the attached order form for Paczki Day. We will also sell these wonderful sweet treats during lunch on Paczki Day (March 8th).

Baseball and Softball Tryouts:

Tryouts will be available to all St Raphael students from grades 3-8, including those in the Religious Education program.

Boys Baseball

VARSAITY (gr. 7-8)

March 14: 7:30p-9:00p

March 17: 7:00p-9:00p

JV (gr. 3-6)

March 17: 5:00p-7:00p

March 19: 10:00a-11:30a

Girls Softball (fastpitch)

VARSAITY (gr. 7-8)

March 15: 6:30p-8:00p

March 19: 11:30a-1:00p

JV (gr. 3-6)

March 15: 5:00p-6:30p

March 19: 1:00p-2:30p

Spirit Day:

Thank you St. Raphael Families for your support in our February Spirit Day. The \$132 we raised was sent to St. Mary Mercy Hospital. St. Mary Mercy Hospital has a wonderful Breast Cancer Support group who meets monthly and, often times, when there are donated funds to allocate, they bring in a speaker for the patients for purposes of education, motivation and/or family support.

St. Mary's also has a mammography program for patients who qualify financially to receive a free baseline mammography procedure. This is often a preventative procedure, however targets those individuals who have family history and have no or little insurance coverage.

Our next Spirit Day is March 1st

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