



St. Raphael Catholic School

February 23- March 2, 2011

Wednesday February 23:

- Chocolate chip cookie sale 2 for \$1 in the cafeteria (Lucky Cookie Day)
- Buy a cookie and get a chance to win a month of free cookies

Thursday February 24:

- No band today

Friday February 25:

- All School Mass at 8:30am
- No school for 6th grade only

Saturday February 26:

- Altar Servers (4:30pm)-Nicole Phillips, Emily Stevens & Alyssa Davila
- Vegas weekend sponsored by Booster Club

Sunday February 27:

- Altar Servers (8am)- George Sills, Sarah & Henry Swann
- Altar Servers (10am)- Janelle Erlingis, Madelinne Strasser & Tori Sheppard
- Altar Servers (Noon)- George Sawaya, Maxwell & Vincent Murray
- Vegas weekend sponsored by Booster Club

Monday February 28:

- 8th grade pictures
- All school Mass 8:30pm—please join us

Tuesday March 1:

- Spirit day for \$1- proceeds will go to local animal shelter.
- Authors, Charles David Clasman and David Anthony, visit 12:30pm- 4-8 grade, 1:30pm-K-3 grade
- Student celebrate “Reading Month with 10 minutes of reading every day throughout the month

Wednesday March 2:

- Chocolate chip cookie sale 2 for \$1 in the cafeteria
- Dr. Suess’ B-Day
- Sponsor/Candidate (8th grade student) evening 7pm RR

Friday March 4:

- **No School**
- **Sweetheart Dance 7-9pm (see flyer attached)**

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Reminders:

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

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%

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.

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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

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

Bottle Drive:

The Student Council Bottle Drive was a huge success!! St. Raphael School was able to raise \$1660. We soundly surpassed our goal of \$990. A great big thank you to everyone who brought in cans and another big thank you to the members of the Student Council and the teachers who took back all of those cans and bottles. The money that we raised will be

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used to help purchase items to upgrade technology in the school. Here are the results by classroom:

Preschool – 112% of their goal

Kindergarten – 105 % of their goal

First Grade – 226% of their goal

Second Grade – 247% of their goal

Third Grade – 212% of their goal

Fourth Grade – 201% of their goal

Fifth Grade – 88% of their goal

Sixth Grade – 132% of their goal

Mrs. Hermann's Homeroom – 84% of their goal

Mrs. Taylor's Homeroom – 111% of their goal

Parish contributions - \$166.00

Those classes who reached or surpassed their goal will receive a DRESS DOWN DAY!!

Congratulations to Second Grade, winners for the school, they receive an ICE CREAM TREAT!!

Meet the Authors Who Will Visit on March 1:

Charles David Clasman

Charlie was born August 25, 1972 and attended Oakland University. His passion for Edgar Allen Poe and chilling tales inspired him to write stories with a spooky twist. He now lives in Oxford, MI with his wife, daughter, and three cats in a home he rebuilt with his own hands.

David Anthony

David, born June 8, 1967, attended Olivet College. An early interest in reading led him to try his hand at writing. The encouragement of teachers kept him at it. David lives in West Bloomfield, MI with his wife and three boys in a home no more than a mile from where he grew up.

Charlie and David give hundreds of book talks every year. They have appeared at schools, libraries, retail stores, festivals, book fairs, and scholastic conferences. Their presentation is professional, humorous, educational, and just plain fun.

We sent home an order form on Friday to purchase signed books from the authors, Heroes A2Z (for younger students) and Knightscares (for older students). Please return the form to the school along with a check to Sigil Publishing by March 1st (last day).

Registration for Next Year:

To register completely for next year you will need to fill out the student registration form (one for each child), tuition contract (one per family) and pay the registration

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fee. So far our registration is going well. Thank you for sending in your intent forms. At our open house we had some new families register that day. It is important that we have the intent forms from our current families. We use this information to plan staffing and supplies for next year.

Families who are sending a child to kindergarten must be registered for next year to attend our kindergarten round up on May 2nd.

- **Our current kindergarten students will not have school on May 2nd due to the kindergarten round up.**

Choir:

We found a new choir director for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Smitt leads us in song at our Sunday 8am Mass and has agreed to work with the choir on Tuesdays from 3-4pm. He is a St. Raphael alumnus and holds a special place in his heart for our school. He has experience working with children's choirs and is looking forward to teaching the students liturgical songs. His main goal is to have the children's choir perform at the Gala celebration Mass on May 21 (celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron).

The Choir will continue meeting on Tuesdays from 3-4pm in the church starting on March 8th. If your child was enrolled in choir, please send in the permission form back to school before March 8th. If your child (grades 1-6), would like to join the choir please contact the office for a permission form.

Mistake on February Lunch Calendar:

The February lunch calendar had a lunch scheduled for March 4. If you purchased lunch for that day, you may take a credit for March and note it on your order form. **We do not have school on March 4.**

Congratulations Alumni:

The following St. Raphael Alumni have achieved Honor Roll status at Divine Child High School for the second quarter:

Summa Cum Laude 5.33-3.90

Justin Chandler, Andrew Fulan, Jennifer Gabo, Danielle Nazarek, Angeline Sawaya, Carolinne Strasser, Joshua Suchy and Louise Sawaya

Magna Cum Laude 3.89-3.7

Anne Collins, Catherine Brankovic, Tina Ripley and Nicole Kuschel

Cum Laude 3.69-3.5

Stephanie Freda and Miranda Malec

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