Happy New Year! We hope everyone is off to a wonderful start in 2016! January will keep us on our toes with lots of exciting things happening! We are super excited that our school was selected to be a part of Google Expeditions on January 11th! This is an exciting opportunity that our 3rd through 8th grade will participate in throughout the day. We will also celebrate Catholic Schools week from January 24-30th. There will be lots of great activities for our students to reflect on their faith and service to our community throughout the week. We will also hold our first Father Daughter dance on January 30th for all St. Raphael girls and dads. Lastly, before you know it, the much anticipated Mardi Gras will be here the first week of February! Also, make sure to go on our school website and sign up for text alerts to get notifications of school closings or delays in the event of inclement weather. We always follow the Bay Village school system but signing up for alerts is the best way to be sure you stay informed. Lots to put on the calendar and look forward to!
Best wishes for a healthy 2016!
All the best,
Jaci Manfred
St. Raphael Home & School President
Google is coming!

You are probably wondering what this means. Well it is a huge opportunity for our school to get hands on with some awesome Google technology! Representatives from Google will be visiting our school and working with our 3rd-8th graders all day on January 11th, taking them on virtual field trips. We were one of only two schools accepted into this pilot program, and the only one in Northeast Ohio! It also looks like our school will hit the news stations because of this awesome opportunity. Be on the lookout for channel and time information coming out soon. Thank you to Mrs. Allen for going through the application process, which was quite intensive. Check out this link to get a sneak peek at what's in store for our kids! We can't wait to hear how they like it!

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=mlYJdZeA9w4

Science Fair is almost here!

Ms. Moro and Mrs. Ruda are looking for judges for the St. Raphael science fair on January 22nd. The science fair will be held from 11-2pm. Judges need to be able to arrive by 9:30am. Be sure to stop by after masses on Sunday January 24th in the PAC, where all science fair projects will be on display to kick off Catholic Schools Week, along with any ribbons they have won! Anyone interested in judging should contact Mrs. Moro at LMoro@saintraphaelparish.com
New Year means new calendar!!!
Just a friendly reminder to check the art and library schedules on our website to see when you are scheduled!
Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Beirne thank you for all your help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our first St. Raphael Father Daughter Dance is coming!
All girls will soon receive an invite to our first father daughter dance to be held on Saturday, January 30th in the PAC. The night will be tons of fun with dancing, dessert, photo booth fun and more! Don’t forget to send in your RSVP card and payment made out to Home and School!
Did you know that St. Raphael Parish has a group to support moms with young children? Raphael MOMS is a group where our mission is to be a support group offering information, advice and camaraderie for mothers of infant, toddler and preschool aged children. Please join us to share experiences, get advice, give support and make new friends for yourself and your young children. Raphael MOMS provides a social outlet, support network and opportunities for involvement for parish mothers. Together we celebrate the joys and hardships that motherhood brings us. We have weekly play dates, visit surrounding parks & attractions, take field trips and have the occasional Mom’s Nights Out. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have about the group or how to sign up. We look forward to meeting you and your children!

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CHESS CLUB

St. Raphael School Chess Club starts in February!

The club will meet every Tuesday for 8 weeks from February 2nd through March 22nd, from 3:30 to 4:30. Chess instruction will be provided by professional instructors from Progress With Chess. Parent volunteers will also be present. The fee is $64 for the 8 week session.

Open to Grades 1st-8th. All levels are welcome. Raiders Club students are welcome.

Contact Annie Nock for more information
Be a birthday lunch volunteer!
How would you like to see your child at lunch on their birthday? Volunteer for lunch and recess that day! Even if you only volunteer one day a year, it's so much fun to see them on their special day. Volunteers help us free up our aides to focus on more academic tasks. You can volunteer once a year or more regularly like once or twice a month and it all makes a difference.

Thank you so much to all our lunch volunteers!

Kindergarten lunch is 11-12, primary intermediate lunch is 11:30-1 and
Jr High lunch is 1-1:40. Volunteers can't volunteer for kindergarten and primary intermediate on the same day due to the time overlap. As a reminder, for safety reasons, volunteers do need to stay the entire volunteer shift and siblings aren't permitted.

Be on our volunteer sub list! We also need volunteers on our sub list where you would receive an email in the morning if another volunteer can't make it. You can email back if you're able to help out that day.

Please email Kelly Nash at srs午餐volunteer@gmail.com with potential volunteer dates or any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 7th: Smoothie Day
January 11th: Google Expedition Day
January 15th: Last day of 2nd quarter
January 18th: NO SCHOOL
January 19th: Kindergarten information night/new families
January 21st: First Communion parent meeting
January 22nd: Science fair/report cards go home
January 24th-30th: Catholic Schools Week
January 29th: All school mass
January 30th: Father Daughter dance
February 5th: Jr. High Mardi Gras night
February 6th: Mardi Gras day