



## St. Raphael Catholic School

*Nurturing the development of each child through faithful  
Catholic Education that stresses the love of Jesus Christ*

December 10, 2020

Dear Parents,

Peace to you in Jesus' name! Happy Advent! Our very first virtual SRS Family Celebration is coming soon! Pop some popcorn and gather around your computers and tune in to our SRS All School Christmas celebration! Of course, we wish we could hold our annual Christmas concert in person, but we will not let the coronavirus stop our Christmas joy! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 PM and join our virtual meeting to hear our students singing and more! Next week, each of your children will receive a bag of microwave popcorn with the instructions for how to connect to this event. The bag will also have a **ticket number** on it for **special raffles** to be drawn during the event! Must be present to win! More to come later.

**Enrollment for 2021-2022 is coming very soon!** Wednesday, December 9th we had a very high energy and positive joint meeting of our Parents Helping Teachers (PHT) and Marketing committees. (Please join one of these committees for future meetings, if you have time. The more the merrier!) The PHT will be recruiting Room Parents and the joint committees vetted our new and streamlined enrollment process. You will be receiving information about **Enrollment for 2021-2022**, either tomorrow or Monday. Watch your email!

I pray for a continued safe, holy, and blessed Advent as we prepare for the Lord's coming.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Paul Dull

### **Exciting Awards!**

Congratulations to St. Raphael Catholic School on being awarded the 2021 Readers' Choice Awards for **Best Private School**, **Best Principal – Paul Dull**, and **Best Teacher – Bria Wunderlich** by our New Hope Sun Post readers! "I am humbled by this award as I consider it my profound privilege to serve this incredible school", said Mr. Dull.

### **Important Dates**

December 11th - Green and White Day  
December 11th - Virtual Turkey Bingo  
December 4th - 17th - Student Council Toy Drive  
December 17th - St. Raphael School Virtual Christmas Celebration  
December 18th - Christmas-Themed Out of Uniform Day  
December 21st - January 1st - No School/Christmas Break  
January 4th - Classes resume

## **COVID Report**

Our families are still doing really well when it comes to COVID. No new cases in families or students this week. We are also reevaluating the process of quarantine when there is an exposure. MDH has come out with new guidelines when it comes to the amount of time to quarantine and when exposed people can return to work/school. A link to the new MDH recommendation is attached. As a reminder to parents, there is a group of people that make the decisions to quarantine. This group includes Mr. Finne, Nurse Mary Warren, the Robbinsdale ISD supervisory nurse, and Mr. Dull. They consult MDH guidelines when making these decisions.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/close.html>

We are happy to let you know that we were able to purchase a St. Raphael neck gaiter for each of our students! Mr. Finne passed them out today, so you may have seen them on your student already. We feel this a very good solution to lost, broken or forgotten masks, as the gaiters are worn around the neck and can easily be pulled up and down. We sincerely hope the students love wearing these, and showing their St. Raphael pride.

## **PHT Turkey Bingo - tomorrow!**

*When: Friday, Dec 11, 2020*

What: **VIRTUAL TURKEY BINGO!**

Location: Online via Zoom (see below for meeting details)

Time: 5:45-7pm (Bingo play will begin at 6pm)

HyVee donated turkeys to be given away to 8 lucky winners!

Space will be limited so please RSVP to [pht@srsmn.org](mailto:pht@srsmn.org)

Use the following information to join via Zoom:

[www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com) or Zoom app on your phone, tablet or PC.

Meeting ID: 902 261 7457

Passcode: 7777777

## **Toy Drive**

Student Council is sponsoring a Toy Drive from December 4th - December 17th. The goal is to bring in 150 toys to support local families in need. We have only one week left! So far, 10 toys have been donated. The toys should be brand new, still in original packaging. Please consider donating a toy geared towards older children or teenagers, as this age group is oftentimes overlooked. If the goal is met, the students earn an Out of Uniform day. When you are out shopping, please consider buying a gift or two for the toy drive.

## **Christmas-Themed Out of Uniform Day**

Friday, December 18th is our last day of school before Christmas break. Let's celebrate with a Christmas-themed out of uniform day! Students may come to school dressed in red, green and white or other Christmas themed clothing.

### **SRS Family Rosary**

Every Sunday evening at 7:00 PM, SRS families are invited to join a Zoom meeting to pray the rosary. This is a wonderful opportunity to lift our entire school up in prayer. Please use Meeting

ID: 902 261 7457

Passcode: 5049450

### **Food Shelves in Need of Food**

Our food drive has ended, but the need for food in our community continues! If you would like to make a donation or are in need of assistance, here are a few local food shelves:

NEAR Food Shelf  
5209 W. Broadway  
Crystal  
763-533-2836

Emergency Foodshelf Network  
8501 54th Ave N  
New Hope  
763-450-3860

Prism Food Shelf  
730 Florida Ave S  
Golden Valley  
763-529-1350

NorthPoint Food Shelf  
1313 Penn Ave N  
Minneapolis  
612-767-9175

Community Emergency Assistance Program  
6840 78th Ave N  
Brooklyn Park  
763-566-9600

### **Donations for Education (DFE)**

Please continue to save and turn in DFE items (Box Tops, Coke codes, Country/Village Hearth bread upc codes). There are drawers in the office entry where the items can be placed. Please label with the name and grade of the student who is turning items in, as this information will continue to be tracked. Remember, you may also scan any receipts on the Box Top app and give credit to your student. Although we aren't holding contests this year, your continued support of our school is very much appreciated.