



January 21, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week at SRS, the number of individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 or are in quarantine has held steady at 15 students and 2 staff members. These numbers are similar to last week's numbers. Parents, please continue to keep your children home if they appear sick, and have them tested. If you need help with testing, please contact Mr. Finne or Mrs. Teixeira. If there is a positive case in a classroom, rest assured we will contact families to let them know of a possible exposure.

COVID POLICY

For students exposed at home, please stay at home for 5 days and monitor for symptoms. Test the day before coming back to make sure you do not have COVID. Continue to monitor for any signs or symptoms. The most common signs and symptoms are sore throat, headache, fever, running nose, cough, fatigue.

For students who test positive, stay home a minimum of 7 days from positive test results. Only come back to school when symptoms of sore throat, persistent cough, fever, and headache have subsided. We ask parents to keep your students home if your student has any of these symptoms, especially fever, cough, fatigue, sore throat. These are not only symptoms of COVID, but they also are signs of other illnesses that are highly transmissible in a school setting, such as strep throat.

As a reminder if you do need to report a positive case of COVID, please contact Mr. Finne, our Associate Principal/COVID Response Coordinator as soon as possible by phone or email. Mr. Finne's contact info is jason.finne@srsmn.org and his cell phone number is 651-488-6064.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we work through this latest surge. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

Important Days

January 24th - 27th - Parent Drive Days - no bussing
January 28th - No School - Staff Development
January 31st - February 4th - Catholic Schools Week
February 4th - Catholic Schools Week Dance (Evening)
February 21st - No School - Presidents' Day
March 2nd - Ash Wednesday
March 4th - End of Trimester 2
March 9th - VFW Steak Fry
March 10th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 11th - No School - Staff Development
March 21st-25th - No School - Spring Break

PHT News

Mark your calendars for 2 back-to back fun PHT events to celebrate Catholic Schools Week:

Winter Dance: Friday, February 4th - Cowboy Theme; Bring your kids and best cowboy boots and join us on Friday, February 4, 5:30 - 7:30 PM in the gym.

Chili Mac & Cheese Cook-off: Saturday, February 5, 6:30 PM in Marian Hall

Do you have a CHILI recipe that could win a contest? Do people say that your MAC & CHEESE is the best around? Here's your chance to prove it! The second annual St. Raphael Catholic Schools Week Chili and Mac & Cheese Cook Off is Saturday, February 5, 2022.

To enter the contest, please call Mrs. Teixeira at St. Raphael School, 763-504 9450, or send an email to PHT@SRSMN.org. There is a \$10 fee per contest entry, which will be collected at the door. Deadline for entries is Friday, January 28.

We are currently seeking nominations for the PHT Executive Board: Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Please email your nominations to holly.teixeira@srsmn.org by February 2nd. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 9th at 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Please join us!

Catholic United Financial Raffle

This Wednesday we will be kicking off our annual Catholic United Financial (CUF) raffle. This is another great fundraiser for our school and it runs through February 27th. Each student is asked to sell 20 raffle tickets (or more - think family members, friends, or neighbors). Each ticket costs \$5, and is good for a chance to win a new car, \$20,000 cash, trips, gift cards, tickets to sporting events and more. All proceeds from this raffle benefit our school!!! Each student will be sent home with 20 tickets on Wednesday. We accept cash or checks (made payable to St. Raphael Catholic School) as payment. Please send the ticket stubs and money back to school, labeled with the students name). The ticket buyer keeps the ticket. The drawing will be held on

March 10th. Beginning next weekend, students also have the opportunity to sell tickets after the Masses at church. Look for a sign-up genius next week.

2022-2023 Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year has begun. Current families are automatically re-enrolled. If you are unsure of your plans for next year, you can defer the automatic enrollment. Click [here](#) to fill out the 2022-2023 Enrollment Deferral form. It can also be accessed through our website under Admissions>Continuous Enrollment Deferral 2022-2023. The deadline to defer is February 15th . If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Teixeira in the school office.

NWEA Testing

Kindergarten - 8th grade students began taking the Winter NWEA tests on January 18th and will continue for 3 weeks. Testing will finish by January 28th. NWEA tests are assessments that measure growth and proficiency in math, reading and language usage. Each class will have a different testing schedule. Look for more information from classroom teachers about when your child will be testing. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest, and eats a healthy breakfast before the assessments. Also, emphasize they do not need to stress out about them, they just need to do their best. This [link](#) will take you to practice tests so your student knows what to expect and parents can also see what the assessments look like.

Catholic Schools Week

This year, Catholic Schools Week is January 31st - February 4th. Students and staff alike look forward to this week of fun, which celebrates the uniqueness of Catholic School. Below is a list of the daily activities:

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

- *Sports clothes day - dress in clothes representing your favorite sport or team
- *Catholic Schools Week Kickoff
- *Middle School lightning tournament
- *Basketball Games: students vs. staff
- *Medallion Hunt Day 1

Tuesday, Feb 1, 2022

- *Dress in Color day by grade:
Preschool Red, White and/or Blue
K-2 : White
3-5 : Blue
6-8 : Red
- *Game Day - Simon Says; Rock, Paper, Scissors; Heads or Tails
- *Matt Birk - special guest speaker
- *Board games in the afternoon
- *Medallion Hunt Day 2

Wednesday, Feb 2, 2022

*Dress in School Uniform

*Mass

*Snow tubing at Elm Creek (may change into comfortable clothes for snow tubing before leaving)

*Medallion Hunt Day 3

Thursday, Feb 3, 2022

*Crazy/ Mix & Match Day.

-clothes

-hair

-accessories

*Staff Switch Day (teachers switch classes)

*St. Blaise throat blessing

*Medallion Hunt Day 4

Friday, Feb 4, 2022

*Comfy Day (dress in comfy clothes - no pajamas or slippers)

All School Adoration

*Pizza Party for lunch

*BINGO in the afternoon

*Family Dance (5:30 -7:30 PM in the gym) + Middle School Fun Night (7:30-9 PM)

*Medallion Hunt Day 5

Saturday, Feb 5, 2022

Chili and Mac & Cheese cook-off in Marian Hall after 5:30 Mass. Time is approximately 6:30-8:30 PM.

Weeklong Events for Catholic Schools Week

Medallion Search (one clue per day / per wing)

Dodgeball tournament in gym class

Pennies for Life (Homeroom teachers design your own jar)

Donations For Education (DFE) News

DONATIONS FOR EDUCATION SNOWBALL SHARE CONTEST

Classrooms earn snowballs for DFE items turned in. (1 snowball per 10 items; 3 snowballs per 25 items, 8 snowballs per 50 items). Once the snowballs are allotted, the class shares them with another class. The class with the **FEWEST** snowballs at the end wins! Prize to be determined.

Collection Days: Thursday Mornings: 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24

Please continue to collect traditional box tops or receipts (scanned through the app) from General Mills products, coke product codes, and Village/Country Hearth bread UPCs. Our next contest will be after the rake-a-thon.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school!

