

What's Happening at Saint Raphael School



Under the direction of Mr. Doug Devor and Mrs. Laura Skonce, the St. Raphael School Classroom of Champions team won first place at the October St. Edward High School Classroom of Champions competition.



Second grade students celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist in May.



At the Opening School Mass for the 2018-2019 school year, our eighth graders were given a special blessing to initiate them into being the new student leaders of our school.



Father Tim and Deacon Larry blessed all of the students' backpacks at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.



Our fourth annual Rock the Challenge was a fun day filled with prayer, service, teamwork, and fun. Thank you to all of our parent volunteers for making this incredible day possible!



Our live video news team is staffed by our seventh and eighth grade students who present the announcements and lead the school in prayer every morning.



The Legion of Mary taught our second graders how and why we pray the Rosary and assisted them in making Rosaries of their own.



Our fourth graders donated colorful homemade fleece scarves to parishioners of a parish on the East Side.



Our fifth graders researched their favorite role models from history, created costumes to look like them, and wrote and recited memorized first-person monologues on the person's life in our first ever Fifth Grade Living Wax Museum.



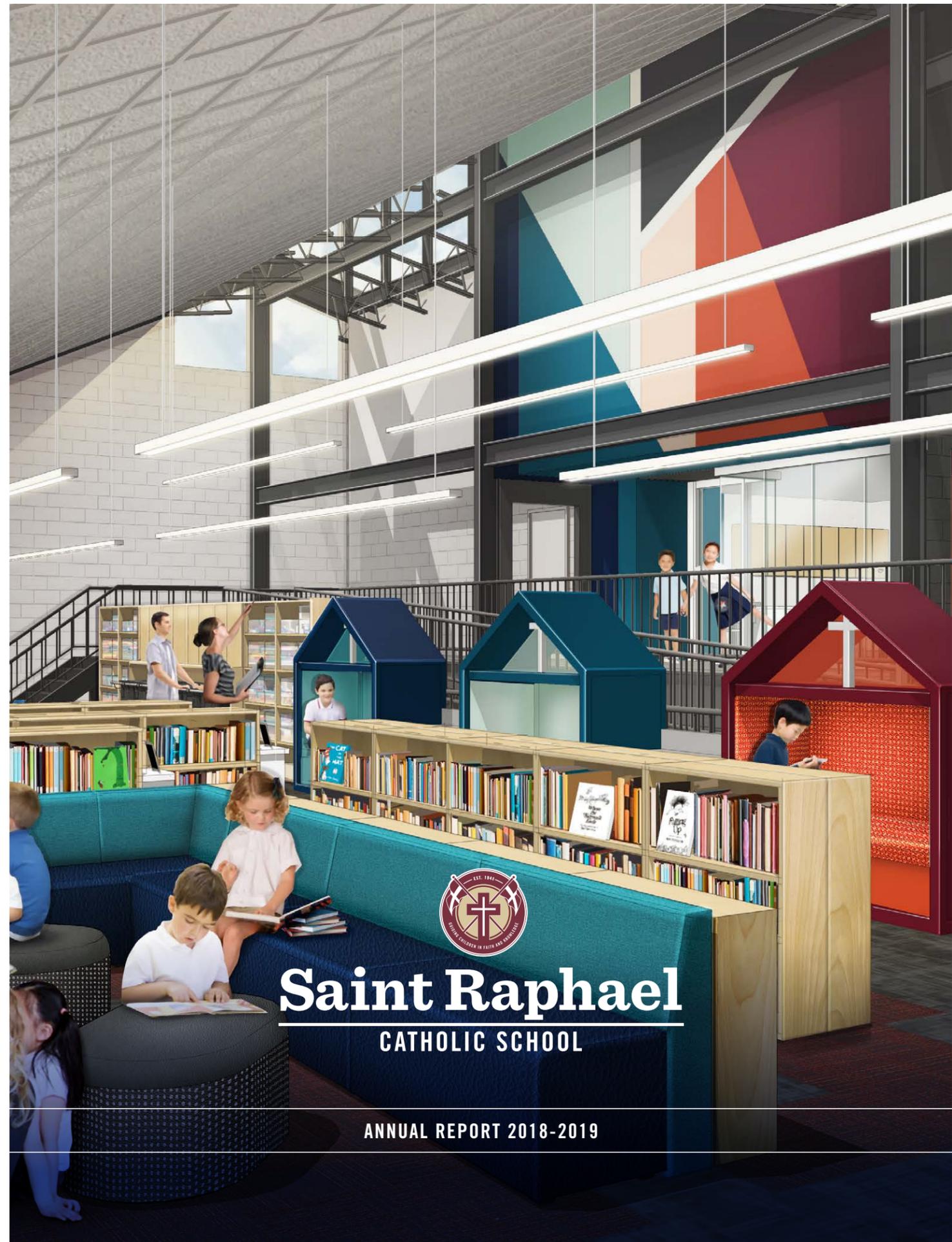
In March, our Student Council used money granted to them by the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union to organize a 3x3 charity basketball tournament and raised \$4,143.00 for the Blessing House.



Our Kindergarteners entertained the SRS community by singing songs and performing tricks at the Kindergarten Circus.



Our Drama Club put on a spectacular 2 weekend production of "Shrek, Jr.," featuring sets built by members of our stage crew.



Saint Raphael
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Saint Raphael Catholic School

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Saint Raphael School is a Catholic community where we live our faith and learn through a commitment to academic excellence..

We believe ...

- in God and the integration of Catholic values into daily life.
- each person is a unique and precious gift from God.
- life-long success begins with parents as the primary educators working in partnership with the St. Raphael community.
- that we model our faith through our actions and through service to others.
- that all students can learn and achieve in a safe and disciplined environment.
- quality education actively engages students in meaningful and challenging work that develops confident and self-directed learners.

Guiding students in faith and knowledge.

Theme

The theme of the 2018-2019 school year is "We Are God's MasterPEACE." The theme comes from the a passage from Ephesians, which reads, "For we are God's masterpiece he has created us anew in Jesus Christ so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (9 Ephesians 2:10) We are specifically focusing on the "peace" aspect of the word "masterPEACE." Students in every grade have been learning about ways that they can bring peace into our school, our community, and into the world. Students have participated in a variety of service projects to serve our neighbors, including raising funds to buy gifts for our Adopt A Family program, bringing in food items for the Thanksgiving Helping Hands Food Drive, and collecting warm items for the school's War on Winter. The school also has a group dedicated to peace called The Peace Project. Through our school theme, students are learning not only that peace is a part of God's plan for us, but that if we work together, we can bring peace into the world.

Curriculum Highlights

In addition to traditional curriculum offerings, our creative staff regularly offer innovative educational opportunities. Some of these curriculum highlights include: The Circus, Living Wax Museum, Invention Convention, Geography Bee, Science Fair, Ohio Days, Poetry Jamboree, Harvest Days, Grandparent Day, Environmental Education at Camp Christopher, Jesus Day, Debate Day, and many others.

MAP Testing

Saint Raphael School continues to excel in standardized testing. We are in our second year of implementing MAP for our standardized testing. MAP stands for "Measures of Academic Progress." When taking a MAP test, the difficulty of each question is based on how well a student answers all the previous questions. As the student answers correctly, questions become more difficult.

If a student answers incorrectly, the questions become easier. In an optimal test, a student answers approximately half the questions correctly and half incorrectly. The final score is an estimate of a student's achievement level.

These tests are given three times a year. We just completed the second MAP test, and parents will be receiving the results soon. The results of these assessments are used to drive instruction, differentiate learning when needed and better monitor student progress.

I am pleased to announce that all grades surpassed the national norms on the MAP assessments in all three areas: Math, Reading and Language Usage. Included is a sampling of results for the 2017-2018 year. The percent indicates the percent above the national norm.

Grade	Reading	Math	Lang.Usage
3	110.83%	108.88%	111.67%
5	107.10%	108.33%	107.78%
7	107.51%	107.86%	108.13%

The Peace Project

Junior high members of Saint Raphael's Peace Project have been busy so far this year! Over the past few months they have created Affirmation Boards for each classroom – challenging everyone in the school to go above and beyond for others by encouraging kindness and acts of humility around the school. The members of Peace Project have built lessons on peace for each grade level to use throughout the year, with group activities and team-building classroom lessons. This month we will be implementing our school's Shoelace Manifesto activity by proclaiming our God-given gifts on our shoes! We also celebrate High Five Friday together each week by spreading happiness around the school. We look forward to spreading the ideals of our Catholic faith more-so in the upcoming months with new activities. Together, we are continuing to build a community of peace that makes all students feel acknowledged and welcomed.

Profile of the Faculty/Staff

Faculty/Staff:

33 Full-time Teachers
4 Part-time Teachers
12 Support Staff
25 Master's Degree

1 Has a Juris Doctor (JD)
1 Enrolled in a Master's Program

Auxiliary Staff:

3 Intervention Specialists
1 Intervention Specialist
 Wilson Tutor
2 General Education Tutors
1 Spanish Teacher (Gr. K-6)
1 Nurse
1 Government Clerk
1 Speech Therapist
1 Psychological Services Provider

Support Staff:

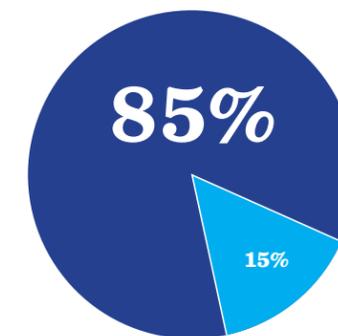
1 Administrative Assistant
1 Secretary
1 Tech Specialist
1 STREAM Coordinator
4 Aides
3 Kdg. Aides

Communities Served – Total Enrollment: 692

On a daily basis, 18 busses transport our students to and from school.



2017-2018 High School Matriculation



72 eighth graders entered Catholic High Schools (out of 85 students)

13 students entered public high schools

Co-curriculars

Teacher commitment and parental involvement inspire and allow us to provide our students with a variety of co-curriculars. We are proud to offer an assortment of engaging programs that truly enrich the lives of our students. A sampling of activities include:

- Art Club
- Band
- Boy Scouts
- Brain Brawl
- Bricks4Kids
- Builder's Club
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Classroom of Champions
- Cooking Club
- CYO Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Football, Cross Country, Track, Volleyball
- Drama Club
- Girls on the Run
- Girl Scouts
- Junior Great Books
- Math Competitions
- News Team
- Power of the Pen
- Science Olympiad
- Sewing Club
- Ski Club
- Student Council
- Student Liturgy Committee
- Yoga

Technology/STREAM

As a 2010 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence we are very much aware how technology has impacted the world of education and how technology keeps changing. In our ongoing efforts to keep pace with the ever-evolving technological landscape and its accompanying pedagogies, we have embraced STREAM Education at St. Raphael School. STREAM is a framework for creative instruction that uses technology to advance the learning experience. STREAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, the Arts, and Math. Our mission as a Catholic School, is to educate the whole child. STREAM has the same principles as STEM with the infusion of religion and the arts across all subjects to provide students with the creative thinking skills to help prepare them for successful careers in a 21st century workforce.

Over the past several years, St. Raphael School has implemented STREAM Education into the curriculum. It has enhanced our students' outstanding education. The School's initiative this year is to expand the STREAM curriculum by renovating our 30-year old Library and Mezzanine area to create an Innovation Center. This Innovation Center will allow the school to keep its competitive edge and raise the bar of the curriculum.

We kicked off our fundraising campaign for the Innovation Center on Tuesday, November 27, with our participation in #weGiveCatholic as part of Giving Tuesday. To date we have raised \$120,000 of our \$300,000 goal. We are now in the process of reaching out to individuals and businesses and applying for grants to help us raise funds so that the Innovation Center can be constructed by the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.