

School Term or Event	Description
2nd Grade Black History Living Museum	Hosted by the second-grade teachers and students, this event celebrates African American individuals with great accomplishments in history.
3rd Grade Art and Poetry Tea	Hosted by fourth-grade parents, this event for third-grade students and their guests allows them to show off their favorite work of art and read a poem to the audience.
4th Grade Medieval Festival	Hosted by the fourth-grade teacher and parents, this event showcases students dressed in period attire and features a feast of foods enjoyed during the Middle Ages.
6th Grade Poetry Coffeehouse	Hosted by the middle-school language-arts teachers and students, this event invites family members to listen as sixth-graders take turns reciting their favorite classic poems as well as their original works.
8th Grade Graduation Dinner	Hosted by the seventh grade, this event celebrates our graduating class. A committee chaired by seventh-grade parents (including two sixth-grade committee members/trainees) supports and collaborates with the eighth-grade teacher and principal to make this special evening a reality.
After Care	A paid service offered to SRS families. Students stay as late as 6 p.m. under the supervision of SRS staff. They have playtime, homework period, and snack. The cost is \$15 per day.
AmazonSmile	When you shop Amazon, have .5% of your eligible purchases donated to SRS by clicking on the AmazonSmile link found under the "Support Us" tab of the school website. You can still use your Prime membership. Start at www.smile.amazon.com to support SRS every time you shop (we are listed as St. Raphael Church, but the funds are directed to SRS).
Angels on the Run	Once a year, SRS families and friends come together to participate in this 5K and 1K. Open to all students, faculty, parents, parishioners, and friends.
Book Fair	Twice a year, the school holds a book fair in the school lobby. A portion of all sales goes to our school.
Box Tops	Many products such as cereal have a label that says "Box Tops." SRS earns money for each product receipt scanned by a parent using the Box Tops app.
Buddy Family	These are families that have been assigned to help new families by answering questions and offering support throughout the school year.
Career Day	This event allows students to learn about different careers and the requirements for each. The committee solicits presenters and organizes this one-hour event, which showcases the diverse talents of people in our school community.
Catholic Schools Week	Beginning the last Sunday in January, Catholic Schools Week celebrates the students, staff, and clergy in our Catholic schools. A committee coordinates with the nursery school in planning a staff dinner, thank-you gifts for teachers, decorating school halls, providing refreshments for parents at drop-off and pickup, and more.
Christmas Pageant	To commemorate the birth of our Lord, our students work with teachers to put together this amazing show. It is the perfect way to kick off the holiday season.
Class Representative (CR)	A class parent who volunteers to attend monthly HSA Steering Committee meetings during the school year and serves as a liaison between the HSA, the class parents and teacher, and the school administration. CRs are responsible for emailing an HSA Update to parents in their grade and posting it on their classroom's bulletin board. They are also responsible for contacting parents when volunteers are needed.
Cup of Joe	An in-house community service project where students assemble snack kits, which are then distributed by Catholic Charities to those in need.
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	A program sponsored by our parish and the Archdiocese of Washington. Currently, SRS has only a CYO basketball program, which comprises teams formed by SRS students as well as parishioners. SRS teams for other sports, including soccer, baseball, and track, are organized by local organizations such as MSI, RBBA, City of Rockville, and others.
CYO Banquet	A reception for members of our CYO sports teams and their families. It includes an informal awards ceremony for each team.

Dine-Outs	Fundraising events at local restaurants where SRS families enjoy a meal while supporting our school. Participating restaurants donate a portion of your bill to our school.
Early Dismissal	Days throughout the year when students must be picked up at 12:15 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. Classroom pickup for students in grades K-5; pickup in the Trumpet Room for grades 6-8.
Family Fun Night	Organized by SRS and/or SRNS (Nursery School) parents, Family Fun Nights take place twice a year. This event is open to the whole family and offers an evening of music, food, and games. Price of admission varies.
Father's Day	This event honors our dads. Fathers stay for Morning Prayer, followed by a reception in the Trumpet Room. A committee plans the prayer service and reception.
Field Day and STEM Challenge	On the last week of school in June, students work in groups to research, learn, and present on different topics. The activities culminate with Field Day, which is a half-day devoted to fun athletic contests. Parents volunteer to help run Field Day from 8 a.m. to noon. No younger children can be present.
Flynn O'Hara	Local vendor that supplies specific SRS uniform pieces, including middle school's plaid skirts and ties and elementary school's plaid jumper. Orders may also be placed online at www.flynnohara.com ; our school number is 900120254.
General HSA Meeting	Twice a year, the HSA Steering Committee invites all HSA members (parents, teachers, clergy, and administration) to attend a general meeting. The meeting is an opportunity to socialize with other parents and listen to presenters share information about relevant topics.
Girls' Night Out	An evening for ladies in our community to socialize while they shop. A committee invites vendors to purchase table space to sell their goods and is also responsible for coordinating the room setup and refreshments.
#GivingTuesday	Held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday is an online campaign where donations help fulfill our mission of educating the children of SRS and SRNS.
Golf Tournament	This annual event, held in the fall, honors the late Fr. Bill Finch, founder of St. Raphael School. It also helps the school raise funds for specific items or upgrades. Enthusiastic people are welcome to help in a multitude of roles—it's the perfect balance between work and fun.
Grandparent's Day	An event honoring grandparents or special guests. A committee plans this event, which includes a Mass and refreshments for students and guests.
Grocery Card Sign-Up Program	By linking your Harris Teeter VIC card to SRS, you help support us effortlessly as we earn a percentage of shoppers' totals.
Hospitality Committee	A team of volunteers who supply refreshments for a handful of events during the school year.
Hot Lunch	This program offers hot meals to students during lunch time at a reasonable price. Orders are submitted online, and the menu is changed quarterly.
HSA	The Home & School Association encompasses our pastor, school principal, teachers, and all parents of children attending SRS. It acts through a representative body—the HSA's Steering Committee.
HSA Steering Committee	A group of individuals chosen to represent the interests of all members of the HSA.
HSA/CR Update	Updates issued by the HSA leadership and CRs to inform parents about upcoming events and needs. Each class representative adds a section with information pertinent to their grade and emails it to class parents.
Junior Achievement	Parents volunteer to teach five 45-minute sessions to a grade. They work with teachers to coordinate Junior Achievement activities in the classroom during the spring.
Lands' End	National chain that supplies most of St. Raphael's uniform items, except for the plaid skirt, plaid jumper, green knee socks, and ties. Shop online at www.landsend.com ; our school number is 900120254.
Leadership Task Force	Made up of parents of current students, seeks to promote greater awareness in our school community for the dignity of each and every human person following the teachings of Jesus Christ.
Lunch Volunteer	Virtus-trained parent volunteers help supervise the lunch period. We're always looking for assistance in updating and overseeing the online sign-up for volunteers, communicating with parents, and recruiting volunteers as needed.
Mother's Day	Mass followed by a light fare to honor our school mothers. The teachers of SRS organize the Mass and reception for mothers and children.

New Parent & Buddy Family Welcome	An event where new parents are welcomed to the school community and introduced to their “buddy family.” A committee coordinates vendors and volunteers to supply food, refreshments, and entertainment.
Newspaper Club	Students interested in journalism experience the process of creating a newspaper from start to finish. Meetings are once a week at SRS.
Nursery School Basket Raffle	Organized by St. Raphael Nursery School, this fundraiser takes place in the spring and offers people the chance to win items by purchasing raffle tickets.
Online Auction	This fundraising piece of SpringFest offers people the opportunity to bid online for items ranging from vacation homes to teacher sign-up events. The auction is open to the public.
Open House	An event held twice a year to showcase the school to families interested in enrolling their children for the next school year.
Professional Day	A day dedicated to the professional development of faculty and staff. Students have these days or afternoons off.
Scantron	This test takes place three times a year. It documents the progress students make in math and reading and helps teachers place students in proper instructional groups.
School News	A weekly news supplement found in the parish bulletin.
School Musical	Every spring, our middle-school students work with the music teacher on a musical production. A committee helps coordinate parent volunteers to construct sets, work at the concession stand, admissions, and fundraising to cover the costs of the production.
School Store	The store is located in the lobby of the new building and offers an assortment of spirit wear and items with the SRS logo.
Scrip	Gift cards sold through our Scrip program gives a portion of the sales to SRS.
Spirit Day	A day in the school year when students are invited to wear their CYO or favorite team jersey. Students and faculty show their school spirit by participating in basketball games, including a students-vs.-faculty matchup.
SpringFest/Cornhole	A festive social event for school parents, which includes a cornhole tournament.
SRS Family Directory	Contact information for all SRS families and students found on the parent portal
SRS Handbook	Policies for parents and students
SRS Listserv	Administered by a parent volunteer, the Google Groups listserv is just for the SRS community. Whether you are looking for a summer camp or a recommendation for a roofer, the spam-free SRS listserv has references from people you know and trust. Searchable archives and adjustable settings: no email, digest form, or every email—you choose.
Staff Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch	We love our staff! And we show our appreciation by treating them to breakfast or lunch on specific dates. Your CR will let you know when and how you can contribute.
SUG (SignUpGenius)	Online tool used to help coordinate many of our volunteer efforts. It allows parents to sign up for committees, donations, and other responsibilities.
Tag Day	A day when students come to school out of uniform (regular clothes). There’s usually a theme to raise awareness about different causes. Students are sometimes asked to bring donations for local charities.
Teacher Gift Fund (TGF)	The Teacher and Staff Gift Fund helps parents show how much they appreciate what everyone at SRS does for their children. This collection is used to purchase Christmas and end-of-year gifts for all SRS staff members.
Thanksgiving Baskets	A committee works to collect Thanksgiving dinner items from parents. These items are donated to the families of our maintenance staff the day before Thanksgiving break to thank them for all their hard work.
Thanksgiving Feast	Right before the Thanksgiving holiday, students get to dress up and experience our country’s very first Thanksgiving as pilgrims or Native Americans! The school provides lunch on this special day.
Truck Day	Held each year in May, Truck Day allows SRS and nursery school students to observe and learn about different service trucks in our community.
Turtle	A paper die-cut distributed by the administration to parents who attend the General HSA meetings (two annually). Students bring these turtles on a day they wish to come to school out of uniform.
Uniform Exchange	Parents donate uniform items outgrown by their children so others may use them. The items are available on select weeks throughout the year, as well as during Parent Orientation and the New Parent & Buddy Family Welcome. All items are stored in the School Store.

Virtus Training	All parents interested in volunteering at various school events (e.g., helping in the lunch room or at recess, chaperoning field trips, substituting in a classroom) must attend this one-time training program mandated by the Archdiocese of Washington.
Wednesday Weekly	Weekly newsletter emailed by the school office to all parents of SRS.
Yearbook	Every year the school produces a full-color yearbook available for sale in the spring.