

School News



A peek behind our classroom doors

November 5, 2023



5th Grade Field Trip to the Chesapeake Bay



Students worked aboard a fully equipped research vessel to conduct biological sampling, test water quality, and dredge for oysters in the Bay. From bald eagles to blue crabs and jelly fish, students gained a better understanding of the Chesapeake ecosystem and the human impact on the health of the Bay.



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Do you know a preschooler-in-training? Our Stay & Play is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to bring their little ones (infant through age 3) to campus. Led by an experienced teacher, our little friends enjoy music, art, circle time, stories, and more as they get comfortable at SRNS. Classes are Wednesday and Thursday 9:30-10:30am. Register online at straphaelschoolmd.org and search Stay and Play.



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Clowns and Cowgirls and Christmas...



For more photos from Halloween, visit our Facebook Page



Photos by Tom Carrington and Laura Magafan



...oh my!



#GIVINGTUESDAY
11.28.22

As you begin to determine your year-end charitable contributions, please consider putting St. Raphael School on your list. We are raising funds to fill the gap between tuition and the cost of running the school, with the goal of keeping our most precious gift—our students and staff in a special and unique learning environment. Feel good about where your dollars are going by donating to your parish school on or before #GivingTuesday Nov. 28

Details at www.straphaelschoolmd.org

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Kindergarten Visits Pumpkin Village



There were many big moments

for the students. A bus ride, feeding the animals, a hayride, playing in a large pit of corn kernels, and of course, the giant slides! The students also each picked a pumpkin to take home.



Sponsor-A-Student

Yes! I would like to help educate a new or current student at St. Raphael School / Nursery School who would not be able to attend otherwise.

1 year of SRS tuition:

- One lump sum of \$10,300
- Four quarterly installments of \$2,575 each
- 12 monthly installments of \$859 each

— or —

I will contribute the following amt: \$ _____

My contact information:

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

I would like

the school to decide who benefits from my gift

my gift to benefit the following student or family: _____

■ St. Raphael is 501(c)(3) nonprofit; your donation should qualify as a charitable deduction. Tax-deductible gifts may not be made to benefit family members. Consult details of your gift with your tax adviser.

■ If paying by check, make payable to "St. Raphael School" with "Sponsor-A-Student" in the memo line, and remit, along with this completed form, to St. Raphael School, Attn: Teri Dwyer, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, MD 20854

■ If paying by credit card, visit the school website at www.straphaelschoolmd.org and click "Support Us."

■ For questions, contact Principal Teri Dwyer at tdwyer@straphaels.org or at 301-762-2143.

This Thanksgiving, Give The Gift Of A Catholic Education

Sponsor-A-Student

We at St. Raphael School are forever grateful to the many members of our community who were so generous during the construction of the parish Educational Building. At that time, we also heard from



those who said they wanted their donation to directly benefit a child, so we introduced Sponsor-A-Student, a program that has assisted several children since its inception in 2011. Many parish families want their child to be in a Christ-centered classroom, but the unfortunate reality is that some simply cannot afford it. Sponsor-A-Student allows friends of St. Raphael to open the doors of our remarkable school for those who wouldn't be able to attend on their own. Won't you consider giving a helping hand to a

child right here in your own parish? Your gift of any amount will be eternally appreciated!

You can make a difference in the life of a parish child

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Fall Festival



We bring the Pumkin Patch to the Nursery School! All the classes enjoy, crafts, games, a spooky snack, and they finish the day with picking their own pumpkin from the patch!



Laura Long and her husband Adam.



Chris and Teresa Pappas pictured here with daughter, Tina, her husband, Dave, and their SRS grandchildren.

SRS honor roll

Announcing our Catholic Business Network volunteer and business partner of the year

By Teri Dwyer, Principal

Volunteer of the Year: Laura Long

Laura Long is our St. Raphael School's Volunteer of the Year. Laura is Mission driven, a servant leader, committed to our Catholic identity. Arriving at SRS with her two sons shortly before COVID, and even in a pandemic, her creative touch brought people together, invited involvement, and made a difference. Leading by example, juggling a full-time job, motherhood, and so much else, she chairs our HSA. She shows up bringing friends with her. Her messages of gratitude to volunteers are heartfelt and sincere. Thank you, Laura, for your joyful approach to service, and the love you bring to everything.

Business Partner of the Year: Telligent Masonry, LLC

One benefit of being at the same school 3+ decades is knowing our families. It is my honor to have parented beside Teresa and Chris Pappas, and now, we are grandparents together! St. Raphael would like to name these longtime supporters as our Business Partner this year. For every season, every event, Telligent is there! They step up to support us, and with their generosity, things come together. Telligent Masonry, LLC has been around since 1957; located in Rockville; they take pride in experienced and motivated personnel and dedicated leadership-and they bring that same spirit to the SRS community.