

School Term or Event	Description
2nd Grade Black History Living Museum	Hosted by Mrs. Trees and students, this event celebrates African American individuals that had great accomplishments in history.
3rd Grade Art Tea	Hosted by 4th grade parents, this event for 3rd grade students and their guest allows them to show off their favorite work of art and read a poem to the audience. Currently looking for a 4th grade Parent to plan this event.
4th Grade Medieval Festival	Hosted by the 4 th gr teacher and parents, this event showcases students dressed in attire for this time period and gives a sampling of foods during this era as well.
6th Grade Poetry/Coffee House	Evening presentation given by students
8th Grade Graduation Dinner	Hosted by 7th Grade parents, with a select number of 7 th grade students as servers, this event celebrates our graduating class. A committee, including two 6th grade parents, supports and collaborates with the 8th grade teacher and Principal for this special evening.
After Care	A paid service offered to SRS families. Staff members supervise registered SRS and SRNS students during their playtime, homework study and snack time. The cost is \$20 per day.
Angels on the Run 5K and Fun Run	Once a year, SRS families and friends come together to socialize & exercise in this 5K and 1K. Open to all students, faculty, parents, parishioners & friends.
Book Fair	Held twice a year, Fall and Spring, on display in the school lobby. A portion of all sales goes to our school.
Buddy Family	Families assigned to help a new SRS family by answering questions and offering their support throughout the school year.
Career Day	Held during Catholic Schools Week, this event allows students to learn about different careers/jobs and their requirements via presenters from the diverse talents of people in our school community.
Catholic Schools Week	A week in the school year that celebrates the students, staff and clergy in Catholic schools. A committee coordinates with the nursery school board to plan: school-staff dinner, write teacher thank you notes, decorate hallways, provide refreshments for parents at drop-off & pick-up, and more.
Christmas Pageant	To commemorate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our students work with teachers to put together a wonderful show. It is the perfect way to kick-off the holiday season.
Class Representative (CR)	A class parent who volunteers to attend HSA Steering Committee meetings once a month during the school year, and serves as a liaison among the HSA, the class teacher, and the school administration. They 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.
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization)	A basketball program sponsored by our parish and the Archdiocese of Washington. Teams consist of both SRS students and parishioners. SRS teams for soccer and baseball are organized by local organizations such as MSI, SAMS, RBBA and others.
CYO Banquet	A reception for members of our CYO basketball teams and their families. It includes an informal award ceremony.
Dine-Outs	Fundraising events at local restaurants where SRS families enjoy a meal while supporting our school. Participating restaurants donate a portion of the event earnings to our school.
Early Dismissal	Days throughout the year in which students are dismissed at 12:15 pm.
Family Fun Night	Held twice a year, organized by SRNS in the Fall and SRS in the Winter at the end of Catholic Schools Week. This event involves an evening of music, food and games for the whole family. Admission price varies.

Father's Day	This event honors SRS dads. Fathers participate in morning prayer, followed by a reception in the Trumpet Room.
Field Day and STEM Challenge	Held during the last week of school, students work in groups to research, learn and present on different topics. The activities culminate with a Field Day.
Flynn O'Hara	Local and online vendor that supplies specific items of the St. Raphael uniform: Middle School's plaid skirts and boy ties; Elementary School's plaid jumper for girls. You can order online at www.flynnohara.com .
Friday Flyer	SRNS communication from the school office to parents to announce upcoming events, online registration and other important information that is happening at the school, parish or surrounding community.
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 sharing their experience on relevant topics.
Girls' Night Out	A ladies' evening out to socialize with the school and surrounding community while they shop. Local vendors purchase table space to sell their merchandise. There is no admission for the event and refreshments are provided.
#Giving Tuesday	Held on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, this is an online campaign where donations help fulfill our mission of educating the children of SRS and SRNS.
Golf Tournament	This annual event honors the late Father Bill Finch, who is the founder of St. Raphael School. It also helps the school raise funds for specific items or repairs.
Grandparent's Day	An event honoring grandparents or a special guest. Students attend Mass with their grandparents followed by photos taken and refreshments served in designated locations of the school.
Harris Teeter VIC Card	A program that earns money for SRS when the customer links their VIC card to St. Raphael School. Participants need to register their card at the start of each school year.
Hot Lunch	This program offers hot meals to students at their designated time, according to grade, during the school day. The menu changes each quarter. Online orders are submitted via the hot lunch link in the Wednesday Weekly or on the school website.
HSA	The Home & School Association encompasses our pastor, school principal, teachers, and SRS parents. 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.
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 all of St. Raphael's uniform items except for the plaid skirt, plaid jumper, green knee socks, and ties. Shop online at www.landsend.com
Mother's Day	This event honors SRS moms. Students attend Mass with their moms followed by a reception with photos, gifts and refreshments.
NWEA and Map Testing	Student testing for grades K-8 that assesses math, reading and language arts.
On-line Auction	A fundraiser event held in conjunction with the Spring Adult Social. This event 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	Held twice a year to showcase the school to families of children interested in enrolling 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.
School News	A weekly news supplement in the parish bulletin.

School Musical	An annual production performed by our middle school students and directed by our music teacher. Parent volunteers help with constructing sets, working the concession stand, fundraising to keep costs down and admissions.
School Store	SRS and SRNS merchandise viewed and purchased online via the school website or on campus via front desk receptionist.
Scrip Fundraising	Gift cards purchased from a wide variety of merchants with a portion of the sales benefitting the school. Also known as RaiseRight App.
Spirit day	A kick-off day, recognizing SRS CYO, during the school year when students wear their favorite team jersey. In the afternoon, school spirit is on display in a sporting challenge--students vs. faculty.
Spring Adult Social	A fun and festive social event for school parents and faculty.
SRS Family Directory	Contact information for all SRS families and students.
SRS Handbook	Policies for parents and students
SRS New Family Pizza Party	An event in which new SRS families are welcomed to the school community and introduced to their Buddy Family. The event takes place in May and includes pizza, beverages and entertainment for the children while the parents discuss need-to-know information.
St. Raphael Listserv	Whether you are looking for a great art summer camp, a place for kids' golf lessons or even a roofer—the SRS listserv has references from people you know and trust. Searchable archives and adjustable settings: no email, digest form or get every email—you choose. Spam-free.
Staff Appreciation Breakfast/Lunch	We love our staff! We show our appreciation by treating them to breakfast or lunch on specific dates throughout the school year. Your CR will let you know when and how you can contribute.
SUG (Sign Up Genius)	Online tool used to help coordinate many of our volunteer efforts. Used for parents to sign-up for committees, donations, and more.
Tag Day	A day when students come to school out of uniform (regular clothes), usually to raise awareness for different causes. On occasion, students bring donations for local charities.
Teacher Gift Fund (TGF)	The Teacher and Staff Gift Fund consists of monetary contributions made by parents in appreciation for the SRS staff. This collection purchases Christmas and end-of-year gifts for all SRS staff.
Thanksgiving Baskets	Parents donate dinner items or give a monetary contribution to create a Thanksgiving basket for our maintenance staff. Baskets are distributed the day before Thanksgiving Break in appreciation for all their hard work.
Thanksgiving Feast	A special lunch, on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, for students and staff to celebrate the holiday. Lunch provided at no charge.
Truck Day	Students observe and learn about different service trucks in our community. This event is during school hours and is for SRS & Nursery School students only.
Turtle	A paper cut-out given out by the administration to parents who attend the General HSA meetings (two annually). Students bring these turtles on any 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. Items are located in a designated area of the school store.
Volunteering – application, VIRTUS training & fingerprinting	Parents interested in volunteering at school events (i.e. lunch/recess duty, chaperoning field trips, substituting in the classroom) must attend a one-time training program mandated through the Archdiocese of Washington.
Wednesday Weekly	SRS communication from the school office to parents to announce upcoming events, online registration and other important information that is happening at the school, parish or surrounding community.
Yearbook/Yearbook Club	Every year the school produces a yearbook that is available for sale in the spring. Students help create and format the yearbook via supervised meetings held afterschool.