



celebrating
75
Years

**2024/2025
ANNUAL
REPORT**



SAINT RAPHAEL SCHOOL

Mission Statement

SAINT RAPHAEL
SCHOOL IS A
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
WHERE WE LIVE
OUR FAITH, STRIVE
FOR LIFE-LONG
ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE, AND
LEAVE THE WORLD
BETTER THAN WE
FOUND IT.



A Message from Our Administrators:

Dear Saint Raphael Families and Friends,

It is with great joy and deep gratitude that we present our annual report for the 2024-2025 academic year. This year holds a special place in our hearts as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Saint Raphael School. For three-quarters of a century, our school has been a beacon of faith, learning, and community. As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded of the countless blessings, milestones, and achievements that have shaped our beloved school.

A Legacy of Faith and Excellence

Saint Raphael School was founded with a clear mission: to provide an education that nurtures both the mind and the spirit. Faith has been the cornerstone of our journey, and it continues to guide us in every aspect of our work. As we mark our 75th anniversary, we honor the rich history and strong Catholic values that have been passed down through generations, shaping the lives of our students and community members. It is because of the commitment of our families, faculty, staff, and alumni that we have reached this incredible milestone.

Academic Excellence: Building a Strong Foundation for the Future

Our 75th anniversary is not only a time to reflect but also a time to celebrate our continued commitment to academic excellence. This year, we have seen remarkable achievements from our students, and our faculty remains dedicated to ensuring that each child receives an education that challenges them intellectually while supporting their individual growth. From enhanced learning environments to innovative teaching practices, we are preparing our students to thrive in an ever-evolving world.

Faith Formation: Deepening Our Spiritual Commitment

At Saint Raphael, we believe in nurturing the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Our faith formation programs have been an essential part of our 75-year legacy, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and fostering a sense of community and solidarity among our students, staff, and families. This year, we continued to deepen our commitment to Catholic education, ensuring that our students grow in faith and character as they prepare to lead lives of service and compassion.

Community Engagement: A Vibrant and Supportive School Family

The strength of Saint Raphael lies in the unity and vibrancy of our community. Over the past year, we have come together to celebrate our shared values and to support one another through various events, service projects, and celebrations. Your active involvement in the life of the school has been a testament to the enduring spirit of Saint Raphael, and we are grateful for the many ways in which you continue to enrich the fabric of our school community.

Financial Stewardship: Investing in Our Future

As we celebrate 75 years of excellence, we are mindful of the generosity that has allowed us to thrive. Your continued support has enabled us to enhance our facilities, invest in new technologies, and provide scholarships for deserving students. Our commitment to responsible financial stewardship remains strong as we ensure that every resource is used wisely to support our mission and the needs of our community.

Looking Ahead: A Bright Future for Saint Raphael

As we look to the future, we are excited for the opportunities that lie ahead. Our strategic plans include new service-learning initiatives, inquiry-based learning approaches, and community-building programs like Our Faith-Our Legacy which will further enrich our students' educational experience. We invite your continued collaboration and support as we work together to shape the next chapter of Saint Raphael's story.

A Heartfelt Thank You

On this special 75th anniversary, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, and benefactors. You are the heart and soul of Saint Raphael School, and together, we continue to build a legacy of faith, excellence, and service. May God continue to bless our school as we celebrate this remarkable milestone and look forward to many more years of growth and shared success.



Ken Mitskavich
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Principal / Assistant Principal

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Saint Raphael School

Faith - Family - Formation - Future

Legacy Passed Through Generations

Founded by the Sisters of the Humility in 1949, Saint Raphael School started with just four classrooms and 130 pupils receiving religious education and an academic curriculum. Today, we have grown to become one of the largest Catholic schools in the Diocese of Cleveland with 27 homerooms catering to over 600 students.

Saint Raphael School has made remarkable progress over the years, with students leading the nation with their standardized testing scores and academic achievements. Over forty-five clubs and special activities have been established, as has the development of successful sports programs that build caring and compassionate student-athletes.

Saint Raphael continues to meet the needs of a growing school community each year. The school now boasts a renovated library and Innovation Center designed to expand the STREAM curriculum and will finalize the Our Faith-Our Legacy capital campaign with a playground and pavilion for the parish and school.

As we develop future leaders, each student is viewed as a unique learner and contributing member of Saint Raphael's student body and community. It is through belief and love that each student grows spiritually, socially, emotionally, and academically. We partner with our parents to educate their children in a school that serves as an extended family to create intentional disciples.



How Our School's Core Values Define Us



At Saint Raphael School, we are committed to instilling the core values of being safe, respectful, studious, and spiritual in every aspect of school life. These principles guide our efforts to nurture well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute meaningfully to the world.

Safe

Safety First: Ensuring a Secure Environment

Establishing a safe environment remains one of our highest priorities. Our campus has advanced security measures, and our staff is well-trained in the best practices for student safety. In addition to physical safety, we focus on emotional well-being by encouraging inclusivity and kindness. Initiatives like the Peace Project and our Paschal Pals program guarantee that every student feels supported and appreciated.

RESPECTFUL

Building Respectful Relationships

Respect is the foundation of our school culture. From classroom interactions to extracurricular activities, students are taught to value diversity and treat others with dignity. Initiatives such as community service projects and leadership training programs teach students the importance of empathy and collaboration. By modeling respectful behavior, our faculty and staff set an example that students carry with them into the broader community.

STUDIOUS

Fostering a Passion for Learning

At the core of our educational philosophy lies a commitment to academic distinction. Our devoted faculty inspires curiosity and critical thinking through captivating lessons and tailored support. Students are motivated to establish high aspirations and strive for excellence, whether it be in the classroom, through extracurricular activities, or in their personal interests. We take pride in celebrating academic successes and offer resources, including tutoring and advanced placement courses in junior high, to help students achieve their fullest potential.

Spiritual

Nurturing Spiritual Development

At SRS, we prioritize the spiritual growth of our students and encourage them to explore their faith. We provide opportunities for them to connect with their Catholic faith through school Masses, prayer activities, and community events. These experiences play an important role in shaping their values and beliefs. We believe that spirituality enhances academic achievement and develops social skills that guide students toward leading meaningful lives filled with compassion and faith.

Congratulations Saint Raphael

- SRS has consistently received the Thomas Edison Governor's Award for Excellence in STEM Education for the past 17 consecutive years.
- Students in fourth through sixth grades from our school took part in the Science Olympiad, competing against six other schools and securing a spot in the top three. The competition featured various events that assessed their problem-solving abilities and tested their knowledge of science topics through written exams and STEM building challenges.
- An eighth grade student placed 1st in the Annual Saint Ignatius Catapult Entrepreneurship "Shark Tank" Competition as a result of her hard work and dedication on her Capstone project.
- The University of Akron held the Western Reserve District 5 Regional Science Day, where two sixth-grade students were honored for their exceptional projects and progressed to the State Science Day, achieving an Excellent Rating. One student was awarded the College Advantage Savings Award, while the other earned the Gordon J. Aubrecht Award for Outstanding Physics Projects. Additionally, our seventh-grade team received superior and excellent ratings for seven students across various categories.
- The Power of the Pen eighth-grade team showcased their talent in the Ohio writing competition, achieving an impressive performance during the tournament. The event was hosted by Saint Raphael School and included participation from 23 schools.
- The Sixth Grade Math Team won several awards at the Greater Cleveland Council of Teachers of Mathematics Competition in March. Their dedication to practicing every Monday for five months proved to be a significant factor in their success.
- Our seventh-grade students participated in the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair held at Cleveland State University, where they excelled in multiple categories. Two students earned Second and Third Place honors, while two others received Honorable Mention.
- Our Academic Team competed in the Saint Ignatius High School Brain Brawl, achieving first place in the Flight B group. Additionally, they secured third place overall in the Saint Edward's Classroom of Champions. Our Academic Team also took part in the state finals of the National Academic Quiz Tournament at Copley-Fairlawn High School. We are proud to share that out of 32 teams, SRS finished in 7th place.

Curriculum Highlights :

- Art Show
- Living Wax Museum
- Kindergarten Circus
- Science Fair
- Ohio Day
- Poetry Jamboree
- Harvest Day
- Special Person Day
- Jesus Day
- Debate Day
- 100th Day
- Camp Damascus
- Spiritual Olympics
- PBIS Program
- Christmas/Band Concerts
- Right to Read Week
- Book Fair
- May Crowning
- Talent Show
- RTC
- Catholic Schools Week

Map Testing :

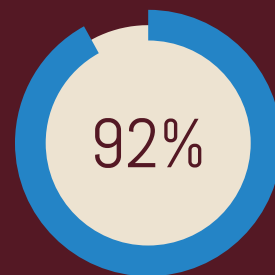
We are pleased to share that due to the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of our teachers and students, our scores qualified us to apply for the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award.

Saint Raphael continues to surpass national norms in all areas of the assessment and the 2024 aggregate results for student achievement are as follows:

Reading	93rd Percentile
Mathematics	93rd Percentile
Language Use	96th Percentile

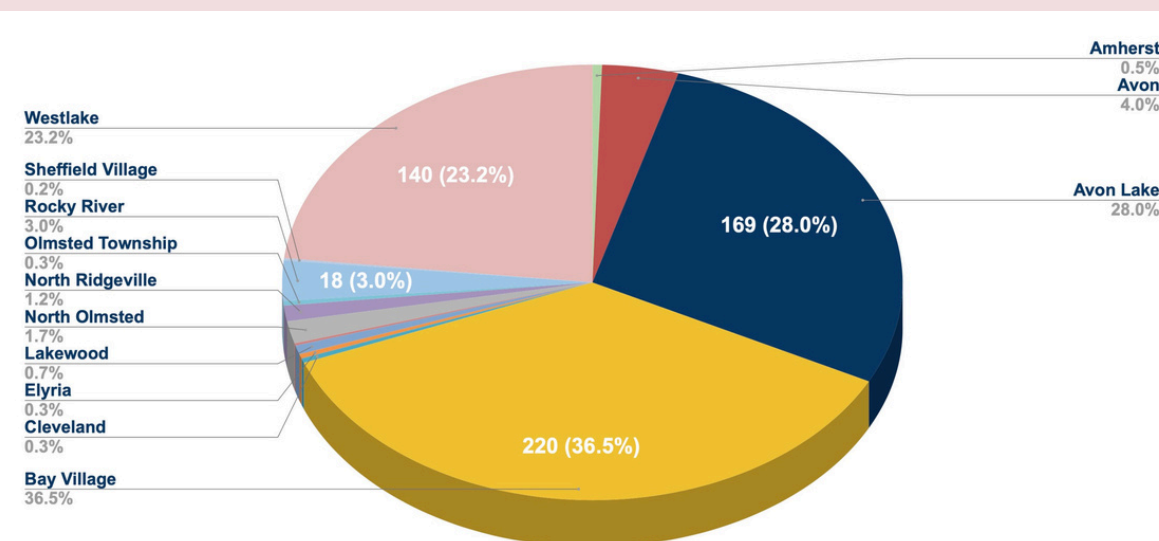
SRS at a Glance

Total Enrollment 604 students



In 2023-2024 47 out of 51 students attended Catholic High School after graduation.

Communities Served



Faculty and Staff

1	PRINCIPAL
1	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
35	FULL-TIME TEACHERS
2	PART-TIME TEACHERS
10	SUPPORT STAFF
19	MASTERS DEGREES
1	JURIS DOCTOR
3	ENROLLED IN MASTERS PROGRAM

Support Staff

1	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
1	SECRETARY
1	TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR
1	SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER
1	STREAM COORDINATOR
3	TEACHER AIDES
2	KINDERGARTEN AIDES

Auxiliary Staff

3	INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS
2	WILSON TUTORS
2	GENERAL EDUCATION TUTORS
1	SPANISH TEACHER
1	FULL-TIME NURSE
1	GOVERNMENT CLERK
1	SPEECH THERAPIST
1	SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
1	SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Co-Curricular Activities

Teacher commitment and parental involvement inspire and allow us to provide our students with a variety of co-curricular activities. 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
- Scouts
- Brain Brawl
- Builders Club
- Chess Club
- Choir/Cantors
- Classroom of Champions
- Drama Club
- Eager Engineers
- Girl Scouts
- Lego Club
- Math Competition
- News Team
- Peace Project
- Personal Finance
- Power of the Pen
- Raider Readers
- Science Olympiad
- Ski Club
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Student Liturgy Committee

CYO SPORTS:

- Football
- Cross Country
- Track
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading

Home and School Association

The parent-led organization at Saint Raphael School is committed to enriching the experiences of both students and teachers. Through various initiatives and events, they foster opportunities for students to embody the spirit of SRS. Home and School provides continuous support to teachers and staff throughout the academic year.

Raiders Club

The Raiders Club at Saint Raphael School provides before and after school care for kindergarten to sixth-grade children, offering morning quiet play and gym time, along with afternoon snacks, homework help, and recreational activities like special events, field trips, computer time, and movie screenings.



Saint Raphael Students Serving our Community



Kindergarten/Second Grade:

Kindergarten and second-grade students showcased remarkable teamwork by collecting more than 600 pounds of food and toiletries for Community Resource Services. Not only did they gather the items, but they also packed, delivered, and organized them for pantry shelves, offering substantial assistance to residents in Avon Lake and surrounding areas.

First Grade:

Every month, our first graders support the community by preparing lunches for those in need at St. Malachi's. This initiative not only fosters compassion but also demonstrates that even young children can participate in meaningful service.

Sixth Grade:

Sixth graders helped spread Thanksgiving joy in the Cleveland area by baking pumpkin pies for local food assistance centers and assembling 35 "God Boxes" for Christmas food baskets. Their dedication to service and kindness has brought festive cheer to families in need.

SRS Teachers/Staff

On our Professional In-Service Day, our dedicated staff volunteered their time to support local organizations like GiGi's Playhouse, Shoes and Clothes for Kids, the Northeast Ohio SPCA, and the Cleveland Food Bank. Their efforts made a meaningful difference in the community, demonstrating a strong commitment to service and a passion for helping others.

Junior High:

Junior high students demonstrated dedication to service through fundraising events, such as a 3v3 basketball tournament and dances, benefiting high school scholarships and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's campaign. The Builders Club also organized a breakfast for parishioners and first responders, showcasing their generosity and commitment to positively impacting the community.

Entire School Community:

Thanksgiving Food Drive - Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was a great success thanks to the generosity of our students and their families. We collected canned goods and non-perishable items in the lunchroom, with students actively sorting donations. These contributions support local food banks and families in need this holiday season.

Adopt-A-Family - Our annual Adopt-a-Family program is a cherished tradition, supported by donations from school families and parishioners. Each year, these contributions allow students to shop for and wrap gifts for families in need, brightening the holiday season for those facing challenges.

March the Madness out of Hunger - "March the Madness Out of Hunger" is a fun event at SRS. During the NCAA tournament, students compete by collecting non-perishable food items for those in need. This drive boosts school spirit while providing essential support to local families in the spring.

Rock the Challenge - Our yearly service event embodies the essence of SRS. Students participate in a range of activities centered around service and spirituality. This day promotes personal development and encourages community engagement.



Community Resource Services



Shoes and Clothes for Kids



Down Syndrome Achievement Centers
educate. inspire. believe.



North East Ohio SPCA



\$1,235 donated to American Red Cross
for hurricane relief efforts in Florida

Capital Improvements

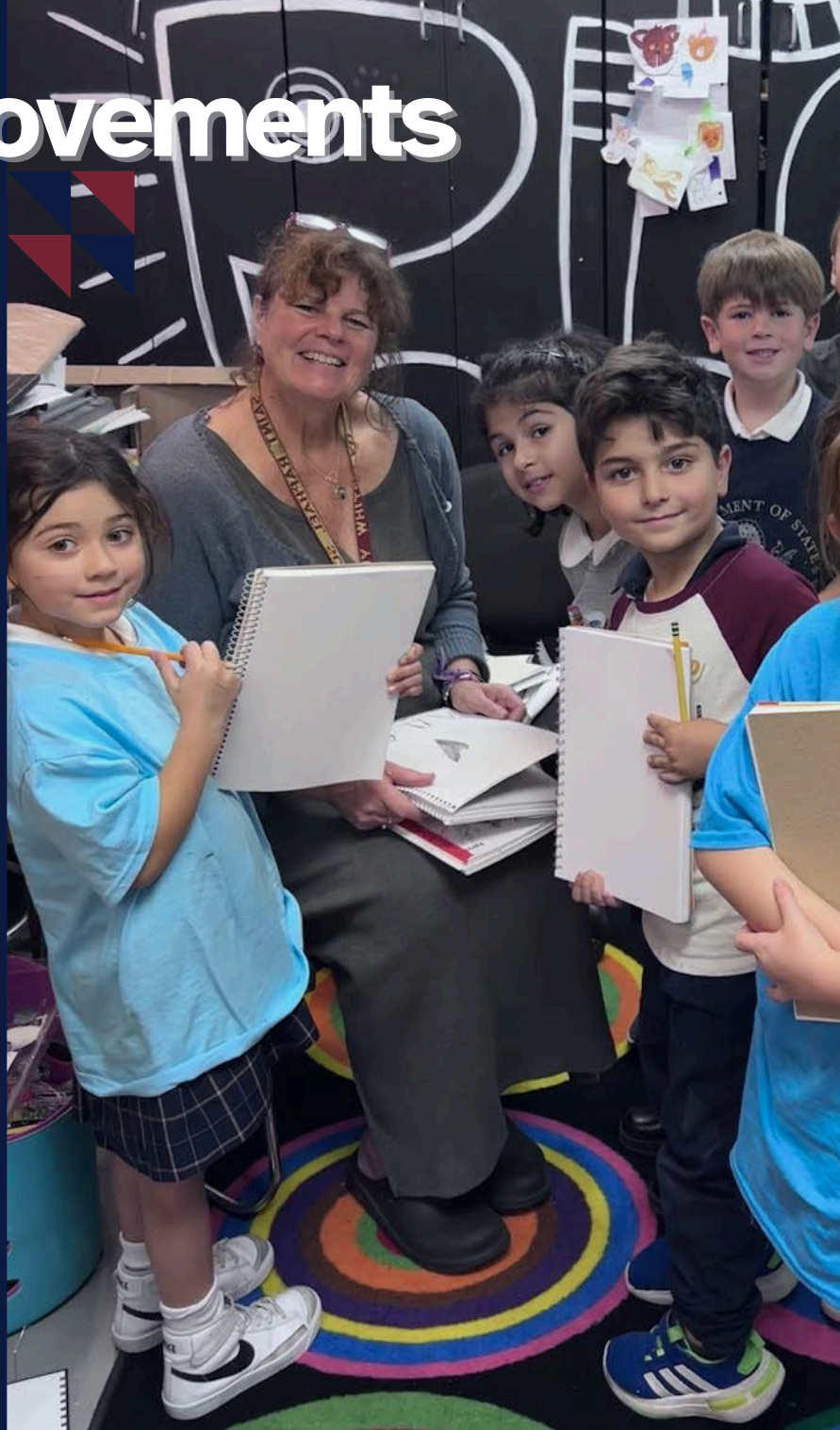
We are excited to share the progress we've achieved through recent capital improvements that enhance our school and expand our campus. These upgrades demonstrate our dedication to providing an outstanding educational environment for our students while preparing for future growth.

Key highlights of these enhancements include:

- **Cutting-Edge Facilities:** Updated classrooms featuring modern technology that supports innovative teaching and learning methods.
- **Campus Renovations:** Improved spaces for collaboration, learning activities, and special programs designed to enrich the student experience.
- **Improved Infrastructure:** Revamped amenities that ensure a safe, comfortable, and inspiring environment for our school community.

These advancements are a reflection of the steadfast support from our families, parishioners, and community. Making these projects possible allows us to continue offering a well-rounded, faith-based education.

Thank you for being a part of this exciting chapter in the history of Saint Raphael School. Together, we are creating a brighter future for generations to come!



2025

- Air conditioning installed in all classrooms
- A new public address system and bells for the campus
- New iPads and Chromebooks
- Desks and chairs for 6th grade classrooms
- Desks and chairs for 1st grade classrooms
- Digital signage in the school hallways
- Our Faith - Our Legacy

2024

- Revamping the Art Room with new flooring, stools, and a fresh coat of paint.
- New doors and locks in the administrative offices.
- New equipment and chairs for the Music Room.
- New lab tables and stools for the Science Lab.
- Introducing new iMacs for the Computer Lab.
- Supplying new computers for teachers and staff.
- Chromebooks for student use.

2023

- New Key Fob System installation (security)
- Desks and chairs for Junior High classrooms
- Upgraded network equipment
- Furniture for Administrative Offices
- Updated computers for teachers and staff
- Additional security cameras
- New tables and alphabet rugs for Kindergarten

2022

- Roof replacement Cafeteria
- Painting Cafeteria and PAC
- Roof replacement Library
- Replace ceiling tiles in Library
- PAC/Cafeteria wall mats
- Designated Macbooks for interactive classrooms
- ELMOS and sound systems for the classrooms
- Chromebooks and iPads for students
- New ActivPanels for classrooms

Our Faith - Our Legacy



Our Faith, Our Legacy Campaign includes four elements:

- *A New Playground*
- *A Pavilion to be used as an outdoor classroom, picnic space, and parish activity space*
- *Minor renovations to the parish office space*
- *Financial help for Metro Catholic School in downtown Cleveland to build a small playground for their 600 students*



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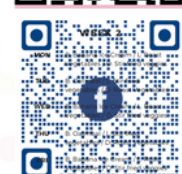
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Alumni :

Saint Raphael graduates are encouraged to stay connected about potential alumni social events, volunteer opportunities, community events, and more. If you have questions, comments, or want to join our alumni association, please email alumni@saintraphaelparish.com.

LET'S CONNECT!



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