



# 2023 School Annual Fund

**Saint Raphael  
School**

HAMILTON, NJ

# Student Life

“At Saint Raphael School, I feel driven to succeed, challenged by the future, and encouraged by my friends.” **Luke Colter, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“When I come to school every morning, I am always greeted with a smile. It’s a great way to start my day.” **Francesca Leto, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“At Saint Raphael School, I can be the best version of myself. My teachers create a space where I can learn and grow, and my classmates are truly my best friends. I look forward to coming to school every day.” **Xander Pelzer, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

“I love how the teachers always help you with your work and plan amazing activities. Mr. Slavin always has a smile when he greets us. His ‘Principal’s Principles’ in the morning are a very inspiring start to my day.” **Gianna Verde, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

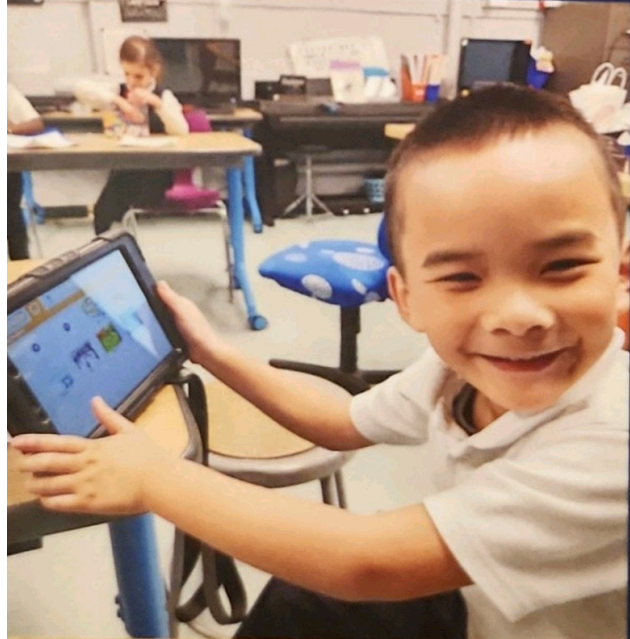


# Making a Difference!

“Saint Raphael School provides a faith-centered curriculum that supports, rather than undermines, the Catholic values we try to instill at home. With so many contradictory messages in today’s culture, this reinforcement is invaluable. Add to that, caring teachers and a safe facility, and you know your child is in a good place. We are happy that we have made the choice of Saint Raphael School for all our children.” **Greg and Colleen White**

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“When the time came to register our daughters for school over 7 years ago, we immediately looked to Saint Raphael School. They have weekly mass for the students, opportunities to give back to local charities, and provide a warm, caring, and supportive environment for all who enter. Saint Raphael School is building faith-filled, highly educated, and caring individuals.” **Jennifer and Frank Petrino**





# Philosophy

**Saint Raphael School exists to further the mission of Jesus Christ: to love God and one another.** The religious purpose of Saint Raphael School is to inspire our students to continue our mission. Through the teaching of Catholic doctrines, experiences of worship, and opportunities to serve in the community, our students grow spiritually and morally. **God's love becomes visible through examples of each member of our faith community.**

Through learning about the mission of Jesus, students develop positive self-awareness, responsibility, and self-expression, which lead them to become well-rounded individuals.

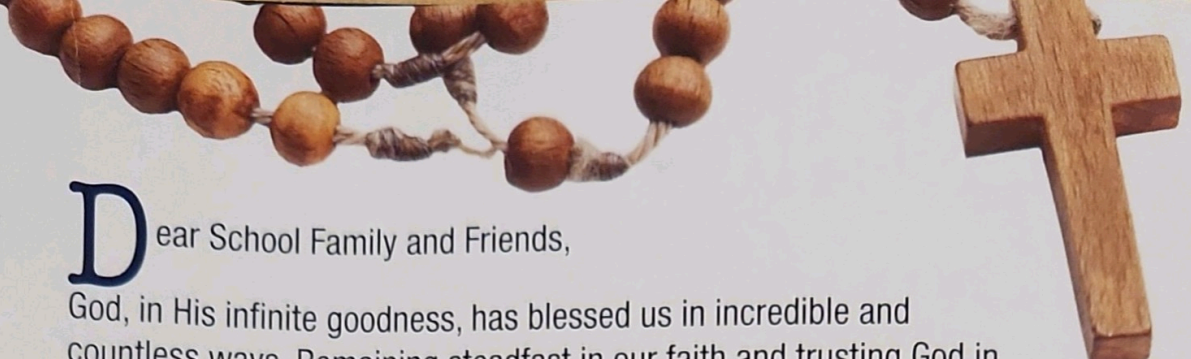
Through a combination of spiritual, intellectual, social, and physical programs, each child will have a broadened perspective for the challenges ahead. Along with cooperative efforts of the pastoral staff, the school staff and families, the students are given every opportunity to grow to their full potential.

And now it's your turn ... your generosity will make a difference in the lives of the children at Saint Raphael School. On **Sunday, October 22, 2023**, we will have a **Special Day of Giving**. We are encouraging our families to share your support for our school on/or before this day. We are inviting our families to participate in whatever way you are able.

First, **PRAY** with and for us. Your prayers are greatly appreciated! Next, **LEARN** more about our amazing school and share something **POSITIVE** with someone you know. Finally, **PARTICIPATE**. We are encouraging everyone to make a commitment to **PRAYER** and ... for those who are able ... to support our school financially. You can mail in your **GIFT**, drop it off at the Main Office, use the enclosed envelope and place it in this week's offertory collection, or give online by going to the provided website below. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

You can **give now** by scanning this QR code, or by visiting the giving link on our parish website. When prompted, please select the **School Annual Fund** link, and proceed with making your gift. Thank you for supporting our school!





**D**ear School Family and Friends,

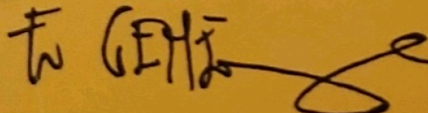
God, in His infinite goodness, has blessed us in incredible and countless ways. Remaining steadfast in our faith and trusting God in all things has helped us withstand the challenges of life. We continue to learn and grow and are stronger with Jesus Christ as our constant. Through reflective practice, strategic planning and collaboration, we are developing our plan for our next steps and moving forward.

Centered in the person of Jesus Christ and distinguished by excellence, Catholic schools are committed to educating the whole child. Catholic schools play a key role in the faith formation of the children who are entrusted to our care and contribute significantly to the evangelization of the mission of the Church. That is why our Annual Fund is so critically important. Your generosity helps us to keep our tuition costs lower, so that all are able to afford to educate their children in a Christ-centered environment. This is especially critical now more than ever during these economically challenging times. By working together ... parents, teachers, administration, staff, members of the community ... in the spirit of Jesus Christ ... we can ensure that the GIFT of a Catholic education will be available to all who seek it.

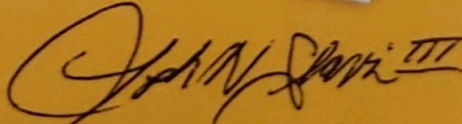
I respectfully ask that you and your family review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you can help us to make our mission a reality. Your generosity will help to ensure that the next generation of learners has the opportunity to receive the quality, Christ-centered education that they can only receive at Saint Raphael School. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers and know that you remain in ours.

May God fill our hearts, our homes, our school communities, and our world with His peace.



  
**Fr. Gene Daguplo, Pastor**



  
**Joseph H. Slavin, III, Principal**