



SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Greetings! I hope you and your family are enjoying a relaxing and blessed summer break, and I'm certain you are excited for the new school year to begin!

I, for one, can't wait for the academic year to begin. We have an amazing student body returning, *and I expect the Class of 2026 to set an example and be the academic and school leaders at our Academy!* Earlier this summer, I met some members of the Class of 2029 and I was extremely impressed by their excitement to be Saints and their desire to excel in the classroom. Those are great attributes that are beneficial to a successful freshmen year.

The campus has been very busy the last few months, as it always is during summer break. The big news to share is the renovation of the chemistry lab in the Walker Building. Currently, the construction company is still working on this project, but they are doing a wonderful job, and I cannot wait to see the finished product! We are also refurbishing the classroom on the second floor of the White Building (across the hall from the Mills Family Student Center). The room is in dire need of an upgrade, and when completed, it's going to look beautiful. We have also added something special in front of the White Building; when you are on campus later this month, please come check it out.

We haven't forgotten about the east part of our campus. This summer the East Building/Alumni Hall parking lot has been repaired, and a new asphalt surface is now in place; it looks awesome! Additionally, all the walls in the weight room have been repaired and we've mounted plexiglass on the walls near the free weights to ensure there will be no new holes in the walls! Lastly, we completed our final project for the Drama program. The bathrooms and costume area in the dressing room of the Annex are updated and refreshed. All areas have been painted, cleaned, and fixed appropriately. It is a much-needed facelift! As always, the landscaping company has kept the grounds beautiful, ensuring the flowers beds are manicured perfectly as we all await our students' arrival. The foundation has been formed for an awesome school year.

Our faculty and staff have been taking the summer months to recharge their batteries and to take advantage of the opportunity to travel. Some Saints went on professional trips to hone their teaching skills and others went on more leisurely vacations to spend time with their families. Either way they will be ready when classes begin! There will be some new faces at Saint Raphael Academy, and I am thrilled to have the new teachers and staff join the Saints family.

Speaking of new faces at the Academy, once again we have an incredible number of new students joining us this year. The Class of 2029 is over 125 freshmen, and we have a wonderful group of transfer students, making this a very exciting time for Saint Raphael Academy. I know the SRA

faculty and staff are ready for a great year; so please arrive at the end of August prepared to make AY 2025-2026 something very special.

On this web page there are several important items available to download regarding the upcoming academic year:

- A 2025-2026 school year calendar
- A 2025-2026 academic calendar, indicating the dates of the academic quarters and exams for the coming school year
- A 2025-2026 orientation schedule for the start of school
- Letters from Mrs. Baxter (VP of Academics), Mrs. Gallagher (Assistant VP of Academics) and Mr. Carvalho (VP of Student Life).

Students should be well on their way to completing their assigned summer reading.

Please take the remainder of your summer to relax and enjoy your family. I am looking forward to seeing all the freshmen and new students at their orientation on Thursday, August 28, 2025. The upperclassmen's orientation will be on Friday, August 29, 2025 (check orientation schedule for exact times). **The first day of academic classes will be Tuesday, September 2, 2025.**

In Peace,

Daniel Richard
Principal