

SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY

2020-2021 Annual Report



Mission Statement

Saint Raphael Academy is a diocesan, Catholic, college preparatory school founded in the tradition of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Academy provides a comprehensive secondary education to young men and women from diverse backgrounds and prepares each student for a life dedicated to learning, leadership, and service.



WE APPRECIATE THE DEEP COMMITMENT SHOWN TO THE ACADEMY'S MISSION BY BISHOP THOMAS TOBIN AND THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE, THROUGH THEIR SPIRITUAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SAINT RAPHAEL ACADEMY.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Saints:

Once again, it is my favorite time of year. The trees lining Walcott Street are starting to show their beautiful autumnal colors, and the chrysanthemums are in full bloom throughout the campus. We have continued to follow all COVID-19 protocols this school year, and we have carried on like true Saints. Last week was a perfect example of what it means to be part of the Saint Raphael Academy family. The school community found a way to celebrate Saints Spirit Week—including a Walk-A-Thon and Homecoming dance—safely and within COVID guidelines.

It was a true team effort: SRA faculty and staff did an amazing job supervising the students all week, many SRA parents freely gave their time volunteering at the Walk-A-Thon, and SRA alumni donated their time, treasure, and talents in support of our Spirit Week!

This academic year, we are almost back to normal operations. Due to the Delta variant, all members of the Saints community must continue to wear a mask indoors. I have been so impressed by our students; they have done a wonderful job of following this requirement. The students are allowed to take masks off when they are outdoors, and many take advantage of this opportunity on Walcott Street in between classes. A major difference from last year is our students are now able to participate in more activities. This fall, all athletic teams are playing full seasons, and all athletes playing outside do not need to wear a mask. Our award-winning thespians are already practicing their lines and rehearsing for the fall musical (“A Christmas Carol”) in December. Finally, extracurricular clubs are up and running this semester, keeping the moderators and students very busy.

Despite dealing with the fallout of the COVID-19 virus last year and the restrictive nature of social distancing and mask wearing, our students continued to flourish at the Academy. The SRA Drama program was able to accomplish something no other high school in Rhode Island could replicate: a virtual musical! It was amazing to watch, and I was so proud of all participants. Our athletes won five state championships, including a Division 1 championship by the girls basketball team. There were also many teams who were runners-up, including our football team which was undefeated until they lost a tough game against Barrington in the high school Super Bowl. The Class of 2021 was a very special group of students, and I was thrilled they were able to graduate in the cathedral with a full commencement experience. All of these



wonderful outcomes would not happen without the prayers and support of our alumni and friends – thank you!

The last year has been an amazing 12 months at Saint Raphael Academy. One of the most important events that began in 2020 was the launching of our capital campaign, “The Next 100 Years.” The silent phase of the campaign began in October 2020 and our goal was to raise \$5,000,000. The capital campaign focuses on three very specific needs of the Academy: financial aid for current students, build an endowment for our future students, and improve the school’s infrastructure. SRA alumni stepped up in a huge way! Some alumni opted to improve the infrastructure (Mills Family, page 16) and others gave without hesitation to support our financial aid and endowment goals. We now have \$4,800,000 pledged toward our goal of \$5,000,000! This does not happen without the generosity and kindness of our alumni and friends, and on behalf of the school community, I cannot thank you enough!

In Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan J. Richard".

Dan Richard

If you would like to participate in our capital campaign and help secure Saints’ future into the next century, please reach out to me at 401-723-8100, Ext. 113, or to our Advancement Office, Ext. 120. You can also find information on page 17-18 and an online donation portal on our website, saintrays.org.

LOOKING BACK ON '20 - '21

We were thrilled to welcome students back on campus in September.

Under the hybrid learning plan, students were divided into purple and gold teams and alternated in-school and virtual days.

When students are in school, we have systems in place to keep them safe, such as masking and social distancing. Things may look different, but the Saints Spirit is as strong as ever!



FALL 2020

Athletics are back in the fall, on a limited basis. SRA teams will go on to have a winning year! See page 6.



Class of 1964 Alum Henry Lesieur created this beautiful stained glass window for the school. It hangs in Principal Dan Richard's office in the McHale Administration Building.



SPIRIT WEEK

Students show off their purple and gold during Spirit Week – always a favorite day to dress up!

Students stepped up again for the fall blood drive, under social distancing guidelines.



LOOKING BACK ON '20 - '21



A walk down Walcott Street in the fall is as beautiful as ever.



Something new: Saint Raphael Academy Christmas ornaments are available through our Alumni Office.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS



Director of Campus Ministry Steve Vargas gets into the spirit.



The annual collections for Thanksgiving baskets and Toys for Tots showcased Saints' community service at its best.

LOOKING BACK ON '20 - '21

RING CEREMONY



This year our thespians performed "One Stoplight Town," which was livestreamed to the audience.

We were able to enjoy some annual traditions this past school year, including the Junior Ring Ceremony and Mass.



Seniors pick up their lawn signs in the spring to advertise their Senior Saint status.



A garden dedicated to those lost from COVID was dedicated outside the former Brothers' residence on Walcott Street.





Our two RI Gatorade Players of the Year. Darius Kipyego '21, left, and Amaya Dowdy '21, right, at their college signing day. Darius chose Iowa State University and Amaya, University of Massachusetts - Lowell.

A BANNER YEAR FOR ATHLETICS!

Saints athletes were back in action this past year and despite the challenges of competing during a pandemic, the purple and gold had a tremendously successful year:

- Division titles in cheer, girls volleyball, boys tennis, girls softball
- State titles in girls basketball, cheer, girls volleyball, boys cross country, boys outdoor track & field
- For the first time in 33 years, the boy's tennis team won the championships in Division IV.
- For the first time in 50 years, boys outdoor track won the Class C championships.
- Saints had the most football players of any school make All-Division in Division IIA.

Some high-level recognition for individual athletes included:

- Darius Kipyego '21 - All American and ranked No. 1 in the world for U18 800-meter runners in 2020 by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). Silver medalist in the Pan-American U20 Championships in 2019. Nominee for the RIIL Athlete of the Year Award (1 of 24) and RIIL Student-Athlete Athletic Achievement Award. Named RI Gatorade Player of the Year for track and field for the second time. Darius was offered spots in several colleges and universities and selected to sign with Iowa State University.
- Amaya Dowdy '21 - Rhode Island Basketball Gatorade Player of the Year, nominee for the RIIL Athlete of the Year Award (1 of 24). Amaya chose to attend University of Massachusetts on an athletic scholarship.

Several other Saints students were awarded honors and athletic scholarships, as well.



30th Annual SRA Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

This year we hosted not one, but two Saint Raphael Academy golf events. Our annual Tournament planned for May 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic, but we held a smaller, COVID safe Golf Outing on September 28, 2020.

By Spring of 2021 restrictions had lessened and things were looking up. We were thrilled to be able to hold our 30th Annual SRA Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament on May 10, 2021, with a full morning and afternoon of golfers at Pawtucket Country Club. An outdoor dinner celebration followed, where we honored Gary Furtado, President & CEO of Navigant Credit Union.

Congratulations to our Low Gross Team with a score of 62: Michael Matonis '85, Stephen Murphy, Bobby Brown '89, and Jeff Slinn.

Our Low Net Team with a score of 49 was Paul Treanor '61, Riley Treanor, Patrick Treanor '86 and Paul Jutras '66.



Bagpiper Steve Small '75 helped open the Tournament.

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Class of 2021 Salutatorian Isabella Calise, left, and Valedictorian Cooper Arnold, right.



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We extend sincere thanks to all who make Saint Raphael Academy a philanthropic priority each year. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in this report, but if there are omissions or misspellings, we apologize and encourage you to contact our Advancement Office at 401-723-8100, ext. 120.



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Some members of the Class of 1971 and their wives celebrated the public launch of our Capital Campaign, including Bob and Kathy Caron, Carol and Kevin Donahue and Don and Paulette Larence.

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ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The **Saint Raphael Academy Hall of Fame Class of 2020 will be inducted** on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at Alpine Country Club in Cranston. The ceremony had been postponed from previous dates due to COVID restrictions and considerations.

The 2020 Class to be inducted April 2, 2022:

Dr. Paul J. Healey '49 (posthumous)

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For ticket or sponsorship information, contact Aimee Tortolano, 401-723-8100, Ext 155 or Mary Alexandre, 401-723-8100, Ext. 120.

We are accepting nominations for our next Hall of Fame class. Have someone in mind? Please check our web site at <https://www.saintrays.org/alumni/2/> for criteria, or contact us the Advancement Office for more information.



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Saint Raphael Academy was founded in 1924 and over the course of our 97 years, we have been blessed with tremendous individual and team accomplishments in the classroom, on the stage and on various athletic playing fields.

Saints is very excited to announce, that we have started planning for the first ever **Saint Raphael Academy Athletic Hall of Fame** to honor our athletes, coaches, teams and supporters of Saints Athletics. Continue to check the website and our Alumni newsletters for more information including the date of the first induction ceremony.

Nomination categories and the requirements for submission are noted in the Alumni section of the school's website in the Athletic Hall of Fame banner.

If you have any questions or would like to help on any of the planning committees, please contact Ron Dalton at Athletic_Hall-of-Fame@saintrays.org or call at 401-527-0365.



THE MILLS FAMILY STUDENT CENTER

As the new school year began in fall 2021, Saint Raphael Academy unveiled a complete renovation of the former media center in the White Building, the Academy's original school building when Saints first opened its doors in 1924.

"It's a very important place for us. I feel like Saints took an interest in me as a person and fostered my growth and helped me come out of my shell. (Saints) was really important in who I became."

Rich Mills, DVM, '89, on why he and wife Demi, also a former SRA student, are motivated to give back to Saints.

Just a few months ago, the space was outfitted in the style of a 20th century library, with brown utilitarian bookcases dividing the room, print magazine displays, heavy dark furniture, and dated wall color and carpeting. While that served our students well for many years, an update was vital.

Now called The Mills Family Student Center, the renovated space encourages collaborative learning between students and faculty using technology to access information.

Entering the student center, one is greeted by calming pale grays and plum accents, inviting plush seating, vibrant photos of the campus and surrounding Pawtucket, and tools for 21st century learning, including white boards, a large web-enabled flatscreen, and laptop charging ports.

The renovations were made possible with a generous donation from Richard and Demi Mills, both former students in the 1980s. Since then, they have remained aware of what Saint Raphael Academy does for the community and wanted to find a way to make a difference in the current students' lives.

"We were just feeling appreciative and grateful (for our good fortune) and realizing that it wasn't always that way," said Demi, who recalled tougher financial times in the past. "We just wanted to remember where we came from."



They met on SRA's campus their freshman year in 1985 and started dating in their junior year of high school. While Demi left Saints and went to another school, Rich graduated with the Class of 1989. But the couple stayed together and later married. Both of their brothers are also Saints graduates, in addition to Rich's sister-in-law.

"I just feel our family wouldn't be our family without Saints," said Rich, who is a Cumberland native.

"It's a very important place for us," he continued, "I feel like Saints took an interest in me as a person and fostered my growth and helped me come out of my shell. (Saints) was really important in who I became." While a student, he took an anatomy course that sparked an interest in science. That path led him to an eventual doctorate of veterinary medicine and a successful career in the veterinary field.



The Mills Family Student Center has been open to classes since the beginning of the school year, and faculty have been encouraged to make use of the new learning space. The response has been overwhelmingly positive.

Amanda Picardi, mathematics teacher at Saints, enjoys the change of scenery instead of a traditional classroom setting. "The students are able to spread out, get comfortable and work together. It allows me to see how the students interact with one another and gives me the opportunity to individually help students while they are working on group work. I have chosen not to give direct instruction but enjoy the students' ability to learn together," she said.

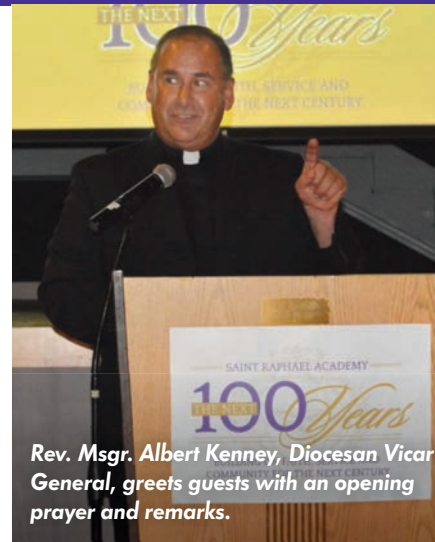
The Mills have only seen pictures of the finished student center, but they are pleased with the outcome and are hoping that it inspires students to come up with great ideas through collaboration.

An official dedication event for The Mills Family Student Center will be held April 1, 2022.



INTRODUCING OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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Rev. Msgr. Albert Kenney, Diocesan Vicar
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prayer and remarks.



Advancement Director Mary Alexandre
and Peter Matonis '54.

Saint Raphael Academy began the Silent Phase of a centennial capital campaign during this past fiscal year. By the time the silent phase concluded in September of 2021, nearly 95% of the overall \$5 million goal was reached. At our public launch event on September 24, 2021, Head of School Dan Richard, Co-Chair of the Campaign, announced we are stretching our goal to \$6 million as we begin to reach out to alums, friends, parents, corporations and others, to ensure the future success of the Academy into the next century.

Gifts made to this campaign will:

- Strengthen our endowment
- Bolster immediate financial aid to students
- Improve infrastructure

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Many thanks to all those who volunteered and supported us through the planning stages, feasibility study and silent phase of our capital campaign. If you'd like to help us top our goal, we welcome your help contacting alums from your era or by making other connections. Please contact a member of our committee or our Advancement Director Mary Alexandre, malexandre@saintrays.org.

If you are interested in donating to the campaign, please utilize the pledge form at right and return it in the envelope provided.



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*A view from on top of the East Building,
the former St. Joseph's School.*

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