



ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Alumnus,

One of the many great strengths of the St. Raphael faith community is the multitude of students who have graduated from our elementary school and who have achieved lives full of goodness and love. Starting with the first graduating class in 1967, hundreds of St. Raphael graduates have been making the world a better and more blessed place in which to live.

You are one of those graduates. Unfortunately, in spite of our good intentions, we at St. Raphael may have fallen out of touch with you over the years. The purpose of this letter is to reconnect with you and to reignite the memories of one of the most important times of your life.

This letter is the first step in an alumni outreach effort. We want first to *connect* with our alumni, then to regularly *communicate* with you, and, ultimately, to *cultivate* a lasting relationship with you that will only make our faith community stronger.

Over the coming months we will, with your permission, send along to you a copy of *Connections*, a new alumni newsletter. You can expect the first newsletter early in the new year. In this newsletter, we will include articles that focus on the following:

- An update on a distinguished graduate (maybe even you)
- A schedule of upcoming school and church events
- An update on our 50th anniversary celebration in 2013
- An essay from an existing student on the power of a St. Raphael education
- An alumni news update section
- An update on the ongoing achievements of the St. Raphael students and faculty

This outreach is based on the assumption that your education at St. Raphael was important to you, that it helped form and prepare you for life, and that you care about its impact upon your career and life. The graduates of St. Raphael span five decades and reflect diversity, as well as a high degree of individuality. What unites us all, however, is a core belief that there is absolutely no substitute for a Catholic education. Let's reunite in memory of and in tribute to the power of that education.

Watch for the upcoming copy of *Connections*. Until then, armed with the power of your St. Raphael education and consistent with this year's parish theme of "Live as a Disciple – Witnessing," go forth and make a difference.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Theodore Weitzel
Pastor

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