



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: September 28, 2016

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Dear Parents,

Can you believe that we are nearing the end of September already? It seems like we've just begun, but the first month of school is almost complete! Happy smiles and waves have replaced apprehensive faces as children arrive at school each morning. When I visit classrooms, the students are happily engaged in activities as they learn and play. We are really getting into the routine!

Beginning in October we will welcome Helping Hands into the classrooms. This is a chance for parents and other family members to experience our program and help with classroom activities. The teachers and students always enjoy a new face and appreciate an extra set of hands! We hope that you are able to participate as a Helping Hand volunteer at some point this year. Around mid-month we will also welcome grandparents. This is always an exciting time at the Preschool! Invitations went out last week to all the grandparents we had contact information for, but it's not too late to provide an address if you haven't already. We are really looking forward to welcoming these special visitors!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

## Free Soccer Shots Class This Friday!

Soccer Shots is hosting a free soccer class for our preschoolers this Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>! Any St. Raphael Preschool student age 3 and up is invited to participate. A parent or other caregiver must attend this free class as well. Meet at the SRCS field (the end closest to Falls of Neuse) just after noon dismissal. No RSVP is necessary. Scheduled classes for those who enroll in the Soccer Shots program will begin on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and run for 10 weeks. You can enroll online at <http://rdu.ssreg.org>.

## Thank You!

Have you been to the office lately? You may have noticed our aquarium has been cleaned and has a new inhabitant- a Betta fish! Thank you to the Perry family for preparing the habitat and donating our new pet.

## Picture Day is Coming!

Individual student photos will be taken on October 5-7. Please note that photo orders must be **pre-paid**. Ordering information envelopes were sent home last week, and there is an on-line ordering option as well. Though prepayment is required, satisfaction is guaranteed. If you are unhappy with your child's picture, retakes will be scheduled for November or your money refunded.

- Oct. 5: Yellow Puppies, Turtles, Cubs, Pandas, Blue Ties, Eagles
- Oct. 6: Red Puppies, Frogs, Bunnies, Otters, Red Ties
- Oct. 7: Spotted Puppies

**Book Fair- Save the Date!**

Aaargh... you ready for the Book Fair? The Scholastic "Bookaneer" Fair will be at the Preschool the week of October 10-14. Your little pirates are sure to find many treasures here! More details to come in next week's memo.

**Grandparents Day**

See below for our Grandparents Day schedule by class. Invitations were sent out last week and we have already gotten many responses! Grandparents Day activities will last from 9:15 until 11am and will include a light coffee reception, tour of our school, and time in your child's classroom.

*Wednesday, October 12:* Yellow Puppies, Turtles, Cubs, Blue Ties, Eagles, Pandas

*Thursday, October 13:* Red Puppies, Frogs, Bunnies, Red Ties, Otters

*Friday, October 14:* Spotted Puppies

Please encourage grandparents to RSVP by October 7<sup>th</sup> to ensure we have plenty of room and refreshments. We are looking forward to a great morning with these special visitors!

**Safe Environment Training**

There will be a Safe Environment Training held in the Lewis Room at 6pm on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a free class offered in the Diocese for those who volunteer and work with children. Your certification will last for 5 years and is necessary to be a substitute teacher at the Preschool and to volunteer at SRCS (field trips, etc.). If you are interested in attending this training but October 19<sup>th</sup> does not fit your schedule, you can access the full Diocesan SET calendar here: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/calendar>

**Catholic Parish Outreach Donations Needed**

Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) is in great need of children's clothing donations and diapers for its many clients. Please donate your gently used children's clothing (sizes 2-6) and diapers (any size) September 20-30 outside the St. Raphael Preschool Office. Tax receipts are available.

**Parish Faith Enrichment- 50 Opportunities for Mercy, Grace, and Growth**

This weekend, October 1-2, the parish is kicking off a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary challenge, inviting parishioners to take new steps on their journey of faith. A flyer is attached with more information. Please sign up by using the following link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084dabab2ca31-kickoff>

**Important Upcoming Dates**

*Thursday, 9/29* – Feast of the Archangels; 6pm anniversary Mass with Bishop Burbidge

*Wednesday, 10/5* – *Friday, 10/7:* Individual Student Photos

*Monday, 10/10-Friday, 10/14:* Book Fair

*Wednesday, 10/12 & Thursday, 10/13:* Grandparents Day

*Wednesday, 10/19:* Preschool closed for Teacher Work Day

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"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." ~St. Augustine