



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: October 5, 2016

Dear Parents,

The importance of community came to mind a number of times in the last two weeks. Here are a few instances that really highlight the sense of us all working together:

During our surprise fire alarm in the pouring rain, a number of parents and grandparents offered their umbrellas and helped us in ushering the children to our safe meeting spot. Nicole Nesheim, assistant principal at SRCS, invited us into Ignatius Hall and helped lead the preschoolers through the busy K-8 lunchroom of Raphael Hall while John Mihalyo, SRCS principal, helped direct our parents to our meeting place. Once we were allowed back into our building, teachers stayed late to help Extended Day and Lunch Bunch children find dry clothes to wear. On a different morning, a member of the parish staff came into a classroom to speak Spanish to help a new student with limited English feel more comfortable at school and participate in activities. Last week 3rd grade buddies from SRCS spent time with the Eagles class to celebrate the Feast of the Archangels and 12 freshmen from St. Thomas More Academy spent a morning helping in our 3, 4, and 5 year old classrooms. Preschool families generously donated children's clothing and diapers to benefit Catholic Parish Outreach in a drive initiated by a family in the Otters class.

One of the most important concepts taught at St. Raphael Preschool is kindness. We encourage children to treat others with compassion and to love one another as Jesus taught us, but seeing these Christian values in action on a daily basis is an even more powerful lesson. I feel very blessed to be part of this caring school and parish community.



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Preschool Directory

If you do not want your contact information (address/home phone/email) to appear in the Preschool Directory, please inform the office. Ms. BJ will be preparing directories soon!

New Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator

I am pleased to announce that Sarah Rapp will be joining St. Raphael Preschool as our new Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator. Sarah is a graduate of Cardinal Gibbons and Virginia Tech and brings new skills and experience to our staff family. She will begin training this week, so please help us welcome her if you see her in the hallways!

Picture Day Reminders

Lifetouch will be here on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday to take the children's pictures. In order to receive photos, you must order on-line or turn in your envelope with pre-payment on or before your child's scheduled picture day.

St. Raphael Preschool T-shirts, Sweatshirts, and Tote Bags

St. Raphael Preschool t-shirts (\$12), sweatshirts (\$15), tote bags (\$8), and academic calendars (\$5) are still available for sale. Come to the office to see available children's sizes and colors. We have had some parent interest in adult shirts, and are happy to say that we found out that we are able to order adult sizes. Adult t-shirts will be \$14. All interested adults should see Ms. BJ to choose the t-shirt color and size.

The Book Fair Arrives Next Week!

Aaargh you ready for the Book Fair? The Scholastic "Bookaneer" Fair will be in the Preschool **next week**. Your little pirates are sure to find many treasures here! Books make great gifts for Christmas! Book Fair hours are listed below. Contact Ami Robbins with questions (arobb20@gmail.com).

Monday, October 10th through Friday, October 14th: 8:45-9:30am and 11:45am-1:15pm

****Special afternoon hours on Tuesday, October 11th:** 2:30-3:15pm

Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day is next week! Each class has a specific day when they will celebrate (see below). Grandparents Day activities will last from 9:15 until 11am.

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

The day begins at the Preschool with a light coffee reception in the Lewis Room just after morning drop off. Grandparents will also be given a tour of our preschool. At 9:40 am, grandparents will be invited to spend time with their grandchildren in their classrooms and at music class. This will be an opportunity for our preschoolers to share what they do at school. **Since all activities will be over at 11am, you can decide whether your child will remain at school the rest of the day or if your child will leave at 11am with his/her grandparents. Just be sure you have signed a permission form for your child to leave with his/her grandparents if you yourself will not be here at dismissal time.**

Please encourage grandparents to RSVP by this Friday, October 7, to ensure we have plenty of room and refreshments. We can't wait to welcome these special visitors!

Saint Raphael Catholic School Open House

Preschool parents are invited to attend an Open house at the SRCS on Thursday, October 20th, from 9am-11am! Come see the gift of a Jesuit education first-hand, the artwork, the Mac Lab, broadcast studio, library, classrooms, and more! For more information, contact Mary Morgan at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-5754.

Catholic Parish Outreach Thank You

Thank you for all the donations to Catholic Parish Outreach! CPO is the Triangle's largest food pantry and is a wonderful resource for families in our community who need emergency assistance with food, children's clothing and diapers. If your family is interested in volunteering your time or donating items to this Catholic charity, please go to their website www.cporaleigh.org.

Safe Environment Training

There will be a Safe Environment Training held in the Lewis Room at 6pm on Wednesday, October 19th. 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 substitute or volunteer at SRCS (field trips, etc.). If you are interested in attending this training but October 19th does not fit your schedule, you can access the full Diocesan SET calendar here: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/calendar>

An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Treating Yourself. Phoning It In. Griping. Procrastination. Gossip. Sound familiar? How do we know when our bad habits cross the line and become little sins? Elizabeth Scalia's book, Little Sins Mean A Lot, explores the bad habits tolerated and perpetuated by society that if left unchecked can become sinful behavior. Together we will identify, discuss, and confront these bad habits to help each other along this year's path to wellness in the spiritual realm and learn how to overcome these habits/sins with Scalia's advice and prayers. Join Mothers in Faith in welcoming Christina Taurence facilitate this discussion on Thursday, October 13 at 9:30am in room 112. Childcare is provided in the adjacent nursery for \$5.00 a child, maximum \$10.00 for 2 or more children. Please join us after carpool drop off at 8:30am to pray the Divine Mercy. Contact mothersinfaith@yahoo.com with any questions.

Important Upcoming Dates

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

Wednesday, 10/19: Diocesan Safe Environment Training at 6pm in the Lewis Room

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“The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society.”
~ Pope Francis



Having Fun with Ms. Sadler in Creative Movement