



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: October 19, 2016

Dear Parents,

What a busy, fun-filled week we had! Last week our hallways were happy and hectic with books, grandparents, and smiling children. We are so thankful for the opportunity to welcome such special visitors to our school! It was wonderful to see the children's faces light up when grandparents arrived in the classrooms. All students were excited, no matter if they had a grandparent in attendance or not. Some grandmas and grandpas remarked that they got lots of attention and hugs from new little friends. The hearts of preschoolers are unrivaled! We know that many grandparents live out of state and were unable to visit during Grandparents Day festivities. They are welcome to tour the Preschool or volunteer in the classroom any time they are in town.

You may have seen photos and videos of the Preschool's Grandparents Day activities on the St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool Facebook page. In one of the posts there is also a link to a beautiful presentation that played for grandparents during our morning receptions. Our new Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator, Sarah Rapp, has a goal of increasing the Preschool's social media presence in order to better communicate to our families all the amazing activities that happen here on a daily basis. Be on the lookout for more Facebook posts and the creation of a St. Raphael Preschool Twitter feed in the near future!

Many blessings,



Molly DeAngelo

Book Fair Thank You's

What a successful, well organized Book Fair we had! We are very grateful for your participation and for your donations of Wish List books to classrooms. In a special way, we thank our dedicated Book Fair chairpersons, Ami Robbins and Caroline Numbers, and their incredible team of volunteers. They arrived early each day of the week and stayed late to ensure a pleasant, well organized shopping experience for us all. Your generosity and good will are certainly something to be celebrated. Thank you! If you or family or friends would still like to do some shopping for books, you can do so online up through this Saturday, October 24. Just visit this site: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/straphaelpreschool>

And the Winners Are...

Anyone who shopped at the Book Fair was entered into a drawing for a free basket of books. The lucky winners are the Harrington family! Congratulations and Happy Reading!

Senior Luncheon

Our annual luncheon for the Senior Citizens Club will be Monday, Nov. 14. Ms. Kim is busy planning and will have a Sign-Up Genius to send out soon. Donations of food for the dinner and volunteers to help decorate, serve food, and clean up will be needed. Thanks in advance for helping make this event very special for the seniors in our parish!

Jesuits Elect a New Superior General



A new superior general of the Society of Jesus was elected the morning of October 14th in Rome. Please say a prayer for Padre Sosa from Venezuela! Our own former pastor, Father Bob Hussey, S.J., was part of the representative group of Jesuits from around the world (called a General Congregation) who prayed and discussed together before electing Fr. Sosa.

You're Invited to the SRCS Scavenger Haunt

Come one, come all to the fourth annual Scavenger Haunt at Saint Raphael Catholic School on Tuesday, October 20th from 6:00 - 7:00pm! Children and parents are welcome to wear costumes and be ready for some Halloween fun! This event is FREE and open to all current and prospective St. Raphael students ages Preschool – 8th grade. To RSVP, contact Lynn Policastro at lynnpolicastro1@gmail.com.

Grandparents Day Thank You

During last week's Grandparents Day festivities the Preschool welcomed over 120 special visitors! We were blessed to have some special volunteers as well. Without them the days would not have run as smoothly, so we greatly appreciated their time. Thank you to Suwai Sonko and Jillian Lemmon for helping grandparents find their nametags and get refreshments at the morning receptions. Thanks also to Nathalie Fuerst, Kristine Sasak, and Kimberly Donahue for sharing their photography skills!

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.

Important Upcoming Dates

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

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

Friday, 10/21: Prayer Partners gathering at 9:15am in the nursery

Friday, 11/11: Individual Student Picture Retakes

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"Love is the greatest gift one generation can leave for another" ~ Richard Garnett



St. Raphael Preschool Grandparents Day 2016

