



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: October 26, 2016

Dear Parents,

Last Friday I had the privilege of attending the first gathering of our new parent committee Preschool Prayer Partners. While small children played happily around us in the nursery, eight adults sat together to pray, read the Gospel, and discuss our faith. We also enjoyed a delicious and beautiful prayer cake! It was such a great way to end the week- giving thanks for what is important in our lives while offering prayers of petition for our families, school, and community. Beginning on November 4th, Preschool Prayer Partners will host a gathering each Friday morning. They will begin by attending gam Mass together and then continue with food and fellowship in the nursery. All are welcome to join these gatherings any Friday you can attend. Please contact committee chairperson, Michelle Windsor, for more information (mcerbo82@gmail.com). We are thankful for the faith enrichment this group offers to our parents as well as their intercessory prayers for the Preschool!

Have you noticed the new benches in front of the Preschool? Thanks to Joey Medina who built them for his Eagle Scout project! Since families often stay and play after dismissal, we hope this will be a place for parents to sit together while watching their children have fun with their friends.



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Preschool Directories

Ms. BJ is putting the finishing touches on the Preschool directory! All families will receive an electronic copy. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let the office know by Monday, October 31st.

Senior Luncheon

Our annual luncheon for the Senior Citizens Club will be Nov. 14. You can sign up to bring a food item or to volunteer your time by using the following sign-up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f45a4ab2b0-senior3> . Thanks in advance for all your help making this a wonderful event for the seniors in our parish!

Holiday Gift Bags

The Holiday Gift Bag Outreach, a community project in which our students provide Christmas bags filled with small toys and a clothing item (toddler-sized) to less fortunate children, is once again coming to the Preschool. There will be a table in the hallway November 7-11 where bags will be available. We ask that you please donate \$1 per bag to help defray the cost of this service project. Filled bags should be returned by December 1st. Please see the attached letter from our chairperson, Marcie Graf, to learn how you and your children can participate in this worthwhile service project.

Picture Retakes/Make Ups

You will soon receive your child's Lifetouch photos. If your student did not have a picture taken or if you would like a retake, the make-up day is Nov. 11, beginning at 9am. Please let the office know if you need to schedule a sitting. For retakes, you will need to return your first set of photos to the office. If your child is not normally in school on Friday mornings, we will schedule a specific time for you to bring your child for his/her photo.

Easy Ways to Benefit Our Preschool

The holidays will be here before we know it. All that special cooking and baking will mean more trips to the grocery store. Your normal purchases can benefit your children. Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's number (3865) and the Preschool will receive a percentage of your purchases. Just register your VIC card at your local Harris Teeter or online at www.HarrisTeeter.com. If you shop at Kroger you can earn great educational materials for the Preschool. Our school will receive award points every time you shop. You can link your Kroger Plus Card by going to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and selecting St. Raphael Preschool (NPO #87151). Please, ask your relatives and friends to link their cards, too! Thanks for your support!

Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Ignatius Fund! By making a tax deductible donation, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education. Although tuition covers the majority of our operating budget, the IF donations we receive help to keep our tuition rates affordable, upgrade our classroom resources, and maintain and enhance our Preschool facility. New this year, you can even choose exactly which Preschool projects your donation will go towards! Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>



Goal: \$75,000 with 100% participation by SRCS and Preschool families and staff
Raised to date: \$10,440

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, 11/4: Preschool Prayer Partners (9am Mass, then meet in the nursery)

November 7-11: Holiday Gift Bag Outreach bags available

Friday, 11/11: Picture Retakes

Monday, 11/14: Senior Luncheon

November 23-25: Preschool closed for the Thanksgiving holiday



A Visit from Raleigh Fire Department Station 15

“We can do no great things; only small things with great love.” ~St. Teresa of Calcutta