



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: November 2, 2016

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Dear Parents,

Yo tengo buenas noticias! I have good news! Ms. Teresa has started teaching Spanish to our 3, 4 and 5 year olds. Every other week she will visit classes and introduce new Spanish vocabulary, which the teachers will then reinforce in the classroom between Spanish lessons. The children will be learning colors, numbers, shapes, greetings, body parts, and even animal names in Spanish this year. We are so thankful to Ms. Teresa for bringing back this program!

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Ignatius Fund! We are especially excited at the popularity of the Preschool Fund-a-Need option, which many families have chosen. In the few short weeks since the Preschool sent out the Ignatius Fund packets, family and staff member donations have raised enough funds for a set of early reader books, a set of musical instruments for Music, and some new equipment for Creative Movement! We also received donations towards repainting classrooms, purchasing a water table for the playground, and installing child size sinks in classrooms. We are so grateful for your generosity and excited for the amazing ways we can use these funds to enhance our students' preschool experience!

Many blessings,



Molly DeAngelo

## **Election Day**

The Preschool will be in session normal hours on election day. We ask that parents please park in the back church parking lot on November 8<sup>th</sup> due to anticipated voter traffic at Raphael Hall. See the attached memo for more information.

## **Used Clothing and Bubble Wrap Wanted**

We are in need of gently used clothing (shirts, pants, socks, underwear- for boys especially) in sizes 4T and 5T. These extra clothes are used when students have potty accidents and spills. We would appreciate any clothes your children have outgrown! Ms. Sadler would like donations of bubble wrap for use in Creative Movement.

## **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/9040f45a4ab2bo-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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Picture Retakes/Make Ups

Photos have arrived. Thanks for your patience as we work with Lifetouch to resolve the order fulfillment issues. If your student did not have a picture taken or if you would like a retake, the make-up day is Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please let the office know if you need to schedule a sitting. For retakes, please return your first set of photos to the office. If your child doesn't attend school on Fridays, we will schedule a specific time for you to bring your child for his/her photo.

### An Invitation from Mothers In Faith

Do you have questions as to how to raise your children with a strong Catholic identity? What can we do to equip our children with knowledge of the faith, ready to interact with the world whether s/he is 5 or 15? Join Carrie Griffith (former director of the Preschool, current Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teacher at SRCS) as she shares her years of education and parenting experience to help us raise little saints! Our meeting is Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in rm 112. Childcare is available in the adjacent nursery for \$5 per child or \$10 max per family. No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Please contact [mothersinfaith@yahoo.com](mailto:mothersinfaith@yahoo.com) for more information. Join us in praying the Divine Mercy before the meeting at 8:30am (after SRCS carpool) in rm 112 or the nursery.

### Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! Every donation to the Ignatius Fund is tax-deductible and goes to where the need is greatest. Please support the fund that supports your child! 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:** \$11,380

### 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



Special Helpers from St. Thomas More Academy

“It is better to be a child of God than king of the whole world.” ~St. Aloysius Gonzaga