



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: November 16, 2016

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is upon us! This is a busy time at the Preschool. Yesterday we welcomed over 50 seniors for the yearly Thanksgiving Luncheon. Those who attended loved hearing our little ones entertain them with our favorite Thanksgiving songs before they enjoyed an amazing feast. Thank you to all families who helped by donating food items and volunteering their time! Thanks especially to Kim Simmons, who has coordinated this event for the last 14 years! This special day is one that the seniors in our parish really look forward to each year. Even with Thanksgiving yet to come, Advent has already been a focus in our classrooms. Last week Ms. Terri taught a lesson about the Annunciation in Catechesis and some classes have begun making Advent wreaths. Preparations are underway for the parish Advent Festival, which is a great way for your family to get ready for Christmas. The coming weeks are the perfect time to reflect on all the blessings in our lives while finding ways to share our gifts with others.

There will be no memo next week due to the holiday. Please know that the entire staff of the Preschool is thankful for all our students and families. We are grateful for working in a school surrounded by such a caring, supportive community. We wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the break.



Happy Thanksgiving

Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Free Classes for Prospective Preschool Students

We are offering two free parent and child classes for prospective students! These classes are open to children ages 18 months- 4 years who will be preschool age for the 2017-18 school year (age 2-5 by 8/31). Younger siblings of current Preschool students who plan to enroll here are welcome to attend! Please RSVP at least one day prior to the class by contact our marketing and enrollment coordinator, Sarah, by phone (919-865-5725) or e-mail (srapp@saintraphael.org). Please share this opportunity with your friends!

- Wednesday, November 30th: Music with Ms. Susan, 10:15-10:45am
- Tuesday, January 10th: Creative Movement with Ms. Sadler (time of class depends on age of prospective students, as they will join in a 2, 3, or 4 year old class with current students)

Violin/Viola Lessons for Next Semester

John Wright, Jr. of the Wright Studio is ready to schedule violin/viola lessons for next semester for children ages 3 and older. If you are interested in signing up for these parent and child classes, please contact him at 252-414-5620 or suzukiviola@gmail.com. You can find more program information on his website www.RaleighWrightStudio.com.

Holiday Gift Bags

Thank you to all who purchased Holiday Gift Bags! To ensure they are ready for delivery, please return your bag(s), filled with unwrapped gifts (small toys and one clothing item size infant to 4T), no later than December 1st.

Advent Family Festival

Join fellow Saint Raphael families in celebrating the wonderful season of Advent on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9:30am until noon in Ignatius Hall. You can register on-line at https://secure.accessacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=VxaPcTC5/p7pUyQP9RQt2w==&site=90056&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1384&EventID=122275&sn=90056

Upcoming SRCS Event

Rising Kindergarten Parents: You and your rising kindergartner are invited to the next kindergarten sampler (art & music) on Thursday, November 17th at 5pm. Please RSVP for this event by contacting Mary Morgan at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-5754.

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/>



Their future is created by what we do today.

Goal: \$75,000 with 100% participation by SRCS and Preschool families and staff
Raised to date: \$17,059

Important Upcoming Dates

- November 23-25: Preschool closed for the Thanksgiving holiday
- November 30: Free music class for prospective students at 10:15am (please RSVP)
- December 8: Preschool closed for a teacher work day
- December 16: 4s and 5s Music Program at 11:30am in the church
- December 20: Noon dismissal for ALL classes- no Extended Day
- December 21-January 3: Preschool closed for Christmas break



Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon

“Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude.” ~ from *Winnie the Pooh* by A. A. Milne