



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: December 14, 2016

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Dear Parents,

While driving down Falls of Neuse this weekend, I passed a car with the bumper sticker “Jesus is the reason for the season.” Although a simple reminder, it is also a powerful one during this hectic month. The true reason for the season is something we never forget here at the Preschool. There is certainly excitement for Santa and gifts, but in every classroom we hear children talking about the Nativity, singing Happy Birthday to Jesus, and getting their pictures taken in angel costumes. It is so heartwarming to see them enthusiastically preparing for Jesus’ birthday, some of whom are learning the story of Christmas for the first time. The entire staff at the Preschool wishes you a very blessed holiday and a happy, healthy 2017. May you experience the same wonder and joy at Christmas as our young students do!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

## Important Calendar Reminders

This coming Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, is the last day the Preschool will be in session before Christmas. **There will be no Extended Day or Lunch Bunch on this day. All classes will dismiss at noon.** The Preschool will be closed for Christmas break from December 21<sup>st</sup> until January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will resume for students on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## 4s and 5s Christmas Music Program

The 4 and 5 year old classes will perform a Christmas Music Program for families on this Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am in the church. All are invited to attend!

## January Conferences and Preschool Registration for 2017-18

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will begin in January. Current Preschool students and their siblings will have first priority for choosing classes for next year. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in mid-January (1/19 & 1/20) and will offer an opportunity to discuss your child’s placement for the upcoming year. Child care will be available for a nominal fee during conferences.

## Free Classes for Prospective Preschool Students

Our upcoming January parent and child Creative Movement class is open to children ages 18 months- 4 years who will be preschool age for the 2017-18 school year (ages 2-5 by 8/31). Younger siblings of current Preschool students 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](mailto:srapp@saintraphael.org)). Please share this opportunity with your friends!

- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>: 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)

### Easy Ways to Benefit Our Preschool

Christmas is almost here! 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](http://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](http://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!

### SRCS Kindergarten Registration for 2017-18

*Rising Kindergarten Parents:* Applications for kindergarten at SRCS are available now. **The deadline to apply for kindergarten is January 31, 2017.** Contact Mary Morgan at [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or 919-865-5754 for more information and to receive your kindergarten application packet.

### 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! **For all donations between now and December 31<sup>st</sup>, an anonymous donor will match the amount up to \$3,000!** 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:** \$28,799

### Important Upcoming Dates

December 16: 4s and 5s Music Program at 11:30am in the church

December 20: **Noon dismissal for ALL classes- no Extended Day or Lunch Bunch**

December 21-January 3: Preschool closed for Christmas break

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“The son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God.” ~ C.S. Lewis

