



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: January 4, 2017

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Dear Parents,

Happy 2017! It was great to see so many happy faces this morning. I especially loved hearing that some students missed school over the holiday and asked when they could come back! January is a busy month with next school year's registration, parent-teacher conferences, and Catholic Schools Week, so please carefully read all the information in this memo. I hope you had a blessed Christmas and a restful holiday vacation.



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

## 2017-18 Preschool Registration is Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 2017-18 school year at the Preschool. New this year-- you have the option to register on-line! All class offerings and prices are the same as 2016-17. Information about class options, applying for the stewardship rate, and applying for financial aid, as well as the link to our on-line registration can all be found on the Admissions page of our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/admissions/>

Current Preschool students and their siblings will have first priority for choosing classes for next year. Though your child is guaranteed a space for next year, we cannot, however, guarantee a specific class or teacher; you must indicate a first, second and third choice. **To be assured of priority consideration, please return your completed registration by the due date of Jan. 25.** *Your registration is not complete until we receive both the registration form (or on-line submission) and the \$135 registration fee.*

## January Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in mid-January (Thursday, 1/19 & Friday, 1/20) and will offer an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in the classroom and placement for the upcoming year. *There are no classes for students held on these conferences days.* We ask that you please do not bring your children when you meet with your child's teacher. Child care will be available for \$3 per child during conferences. Please contact the office if you are planning to use this service.

## Catholic Schools Week

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 29- February 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll begin by honoring Catholic education at the 9:30am Mass on 1/29. This will be followed by an Open House at the Preschool for prospective families from 10:45am until noon, so please invite your friends who might be looking for a preschool! During the week we'll have special themed days and will kick off our Project Linus quilts service project. Look for more information in next week's memo.

### Free Creative Movement Class for Prospective Preschool Students

Our upcoming 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 contacting 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)

### SRCS News

**Rising Kindergarten parents:** The final kindergarten sampler is coming up on **Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm!** Sra. Henderson will host the Spanish sampler for rising kindergartners. Spanish is a new addition to our sampler repertoire. Please RSVP to Mary Morgan at [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or 919-865-5754. We look forward to you joining us!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am for our next preschool story time at St. Raphael Catholic School! Preschoolers and their parents are invited. Contact Mary Morgan for more information.

### An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Did you know much of what we learn regarding many historical aspects of our faith such as the Crusades or “incompatibility with science” are actually myths formed by popular culture? Come find out the truth about our beautiful Church as we reclaim our history. Join Mothers in Faith as we welcome Colin Donahue presenting “**Retelling our Story: Debunking Catholic Myths**” on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in room 112. Childcare is available in the nursery for \$5 per child or \$10 max per family. No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Join us at 8:30am (after SRCS carpool drop off) for the Divine Mercy in the nursery. Please contact [mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com](mailto:mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com) for more information.

### Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! We are over half way to our goal! 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:** \$46,029

### Important Upcoming Dates

*January 16:* Preschool closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday  
*January 19-20:* Parent-teacher conferences; no classes for students  
*January 25:* Registration forms and fees due for current students to receive priority  
*January 29-February 4:* Catholic Schools Week; 10:45am –noon Open House on 1/29  
*February 1:* Preschool Family Math and Science Night, 6-8pm