



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: January 11, 2017

Dear Parents,

What crazy weather we are having this week- from ice covered roads to almost 70 degree temperatures in a 5 day period! Thank you all for bearing with us as we made difficult decisions about closings and delays. It feels good to be back at school.

January is busy with registration for next school year, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and Catholic Schools Week. During the snow days teachers worked on the progress reports that you will receive at conference time. They are looking forward to speaking with you next week! Since classes will not be in session during conference days, please let the office know if you plan to take advantage of our conference childcare service (see below for more information). Conferences are also a great time to discuss class options for your child for next year. In order to receive priority in choosing classes, current families should register by January 25th.

Catholic Schools Week is coming up at the end of January! This is a fun week of celebrating Catholic education. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service*. We will kick off the week by honoring our schools at the 9:30am Mass. We would love to have our Preschoolers involved, and are looking for Preschool families to help greet parishioners as they enter the church and help hand out bulletins after Mass. We ask that these student helpers wear a St. Raphael Preschool t-shirt or sweatshirt to best represent our preschool. If you are interested in volunteering for one or both of these jobs, please let us know!



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 next week (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 4th. We'll begin by honoring Catholic education at the 9:30am Mass on 1/29. We are looking for some Preschoolers and their families to help greet people before Mass and help hand out bulletins after Mass. If your family is interested in volunteering, please let the office know! We ask that all Preschool students who are helping in this way please wear a St. Raphael Preschool t-shirt or sweatshirt. These can be purchased in the office if your child does not have one. Mass 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 to come home next week.

SRCS News

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 24th at 10am for our next preschool story time at St. Raphael Catholic School! Preschoolers and their parents are invited. Contact Mary Morgan to RSVP for this event. mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-5754

Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! We are over half way to our goal! *Your generous contributions have already funded sets of early reader books, new equipment for Creative Movement, a set of instruments for Music class, and a computer for a teacher work station, all of which we greatly appreciate.* 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: \$48,889

Important Upcoming Dates

January 13: Preschool Prayer Partners- 9am Mass followed by faith & fellowship in the nursery- All are welcome!

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

“It is not enough to love- people have to feel that they are loved.”~ St. John Bosco