



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: January 18, 2017

Dear Parents,

Have you been a Helping Hand in your child's classroom yet this year? If not, I highly recommend it! Going from teacher to director has been quite the transition for me, so one day recently I spent the entire morning in classrooms helping at centers. It was the best day I've had in a long time! Teachers are planning some amazing activities for the children, and the students are really responding to them. It was so impressive to hear the kids having conversations about the topics they are learning about while they played together. I even witnessed some children "hibernating" on the playground!

I know you will hear more about the great things happening in your child's class during Parent-Teacher Conferences this week. This is also a good time to discuss options for your child for the 2017-18 school year. Don't forget that in order to receive priority in class placement, current families must turn in both their registration forms (or register on-line) and registration fees by Wednesday, January 25th.



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 this 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 child 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 Sunday, 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. More detailed information will go home next week, but we are planning activities for these themes:

Monday/Tuesday- Community; **Wednesday-** Salute our Nation; **Thursday-** Vocations and Careers; **Friday-** Faith and Gratitude

SRCS Kindergarten Registration

Do you have a rising kindergartner? NOW is the time to apply to Saint Raphael Catholic School for the 2017-2018 school year! **Application deadline for kindergarten is January 31.** Applications are now being accepted for all grades, and enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Classes are filling. For more information or to schedule your tour, please contact Mary Morgan at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or [919-865-5754](tel: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/>



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: \$48,964

Important Upcoming Dates

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

January 31: Fish the Magish performs at 10:15am; students not at school on Tuesdays are welcome to attend with a parent

February 1: Preschool Family Math and Science Night, 6-8pm



“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.” ~Pope Benedict XVI