



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: January 25, 2017

Dear Parents,

Next week St. Raphael Preschool will join with schools all across the country in celebrating Catholic education. Catholic Schools Week kicks off on Sunday, January 29th, at the 9:30am Mass. We hope to see many of our families in attendance! We encourage your child to wear a St. Raphael Preschool t-shirt or sweatshirt if you have one. After Mass we'll host an Open House from 10:45am until noon. Please invite your friends who may be looking for a preschool! The green CSW flyer that goes home this week includes a listing of all the fun events.

This week also kicks off our school-wide Project Linus service project. During Lent, all our students will have a chance to sew a fabric square to complete a class quilt. The finished quilts will then be donated to Project Linus, an organization providing blankets to children affected by serious illness or other hardship. Next week we'll have a selection of fabric pieces here at the Preschool from which your child can choose his/her square. We're asking you to help by having your child bring in one non-perishable food item (no glass, please) which they will then "redeem" for a fabric piece of their choosing. The non-perishable food items will be donated to Catholic Parish Outreach. This service project holds a special place in our hearts!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

2017-18 Preschool Registration

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.* You will be contacted the week of January 30th to confirm your child's class placement.

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/>

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. 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. A detailed schedule is attached. We are looking forward to a fun week!

Summer Planning

As you begin to plan your children's summertime activities, we wanted to let you know that we will again hold Preschool Summer Camps for 3, 4 and 5 year-olds the weeks of June 5-9 and June 12-16. Camp will be 9am until noon with the option of adding on an extra hour of Lunch Bunch. More information will follow as we get closer to the end of the year.

What is Transitional Kindergarten?

During registration time we get a lot of questions about our Transitional Kindergarten class. Called the Eagles, this class is designed for children who are of kindergarten age but need another year to be fully ready for success in elementary school. These children have most often already completed a 4 year old program, either at St. Raphael or another preschool. Please see the attached article to learn more about this program!

SRCS Kindergarten Registration

Saint Raphael Catholic School is hosting an OPEN HOUSE and ART SHOW to kick-off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29 after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome to tour the school and witness the gift of Catholic education!

Remember: The deadline for kindergarten applications at Saint Raphael Catholic School is January 31. For more information and 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/>



Goal: \$75,000 with 100% participation by SRCS and Preschool families and staff
Raised to date: \$49,214

Important Upcoming Dates

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

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.” ~Aristotle