



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: February 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

What an exciting week of Catholic Schools Week celebration! We had a great turn out at our Open House on Sunday after a joyful Mass. Thanks to the families who helped greet parishioners and hand out bulletins, as well as to all the families who invited friends to our Open House. Word of mouth from current families and alumni is our best form of advertising! Thanks to all who have already brought in non-perishable items for our Project Linus service project kick off. The children are so excited to choose a fabric to sew into our quilts. And of course we are all excited for Family Math and Science Night on Wednesday evening. Hope to see you there!

You may have seen the following announcement in the parish bulletin this weekend from Father Phil. Since the St. Raphael Preschool family includes those from many different parishes and churches in our area, I wanted to include it here as well. This chance to collaborate with leaders from the parish and K-8 school to help shape the future of St. Raphael is an exciting opportunity. It is an honor to be part of this team as director of the Preschool to assist the pastor in leading St. Raphael as a whole, both now and as we move forward.



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Leadership Team at St. Raphael

In The Joy of the Gospel, we've heard Pope Francis invite us to try new methods of seeking to live out the mission of the Church. I've been enriched greatly as a pastor by taking him up on that invitation and looking into some best practices for parishes. One of the things many pastors have found helpful is a leadership team of people in key positions and with ability to communicate across various parts of a parish, who have a broad range and balance of strengths. At big parishes this team usually consists of staff members who in turn work closely with the parishioners on the pastoral council to help a pastor make good decisions, communicate, and implement. I've invited the staff members who report directly to me to help us try this model: John Mihalyo (SRCS principal), Molly DeAngelo (SRPS director), Hector Velazco (Hispanic ministry director), Mickey McGoldrick (parish administrator), Leo Moreda (lifelong faith formation director), and Jeff Rice (pastoral associate for liturgy and music). Working with these leaders as a team, and having regular contact with the pastoral council, will I believe help us to better communicate across the many aspects of our big parish, better plan for the future, and begin to see how we can move forward with what Pope Francis is calling us to envision!

God bless,

Fr. Phil

Fr. Phil Hurley, S.J.
Pastor

2017-18 Preschool Registration Update

All current Preschool families who completed registration for next school year were contacted earlier this week to let you know in which class your child was placed. If you did not receive an email but feel that you did turn in your child's registration form and fee, please contact the office.

Information about 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/>

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. Registration information will follow as we get closer to the end of the year.

SRCS Kindergarten Registration

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).

An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Validating the Truth through Science: Do you believe in miracles? What are miracles and how do they lead us closer to Heaven? What does science tell us about Corinthians 6:19-20, "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?" Join us on Thursday, February 9th from 9:30am-12:00pm as Amy Gregor and Rowena Crist discuss the Church's response to scientific evidence of both miracles and the human body. For more information, please contact mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com. Childcare is available in the adjacent nursery for \$5 per child, \$10 for two or more children. No one will be turned away for an inability to pay. Please join us prior to the meeting at 8:30am in room 112 to pray the Divine Mercy.

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: \$49,724

Important Upcoming Dates

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

February 20: Preschool closed for Presidents Day

February 21: Preschool closed for Teacher Retreat

February 22-24: Class and Individual Pictures



****Project Linus****



****Fish the Magish****

Catholic Schools Week Fun!



****Pep Rally****



****Art Display****