



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: February 8, 2017

Dear Parents,

January was a busy month, and February is shaping up to be busy as well! We had an amazing time celebrating Catholic Schools Week last week. I hope you were able to take part in one of the week's special events, like the CSW Mass & Open House, Preschool prayer service, and the very fun and educational Family Math and Science Night. We collected a large number of food items for Catholic Parish Outreach and look forward to sewing quilts for Project Linus during Lent. Thank you all for your generosity and for supporting Catholic education!

This week we are looking forward to classroom visits from a dental hygienist and having freshmen helpers from St. Thomas More Academy. We are especially excited for the African drumming presentation by Living Rhythms that is scheduled for next Tuesday! At the end of the month, February 22-24, we'll again have Lifetouch at school for picture days. You will have the chance to see proofs of your child's individual photos before ordering, but class pictures must be pre-ordered. More information about this will come home this week. Finally, during February we will also send out a link to an on-line version of our parent survey. Paper copies will be available in the office if you would prefer that. We thank you in advance for your feedback about St. Raphael Preschool!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Registration Update

Now that the current student registration deadline has passed, Preschool registration is open to everyone! Word of mouth referrals are our greatest form of marketing. Please let your friends know about our amazing school and encourage them to schedule a tour!

Stewardship applications must be resubmitted each year. If you are a member of St. Raphael's and would like to apply or reapply for the stewardship tuition rate, please do so anytime between now and May. For families with financial need, tuition assistance applications through FACTS are also due in May. Further information can be found on the Admissions page of our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/admissions/>

Safe Environment Team Training

The St. Raphael Safe Environment Team is seeking volunteers with a medical, social work or public service background to join our team of trainers. As part of the Diocesan program, each parish is required to assist volunteers and staff who work with our children and youth in understanding the process of recognizing and reporting child abuse and neglect. If you are interested in learning more about this program and have already attended a Safe Environment course, please join Dr. John Pendergrass, Director of Child and Youth Protection for the Diocese of Raleigh, for this inspiring course on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00 pm in the Lewis Room. Please contact Mickey McGoldrick at mcgoldrickm@saintraphael.org or 865-5705 to RSVP or for more information.

Information about the Ignited by Truth Conference

The 14th Ignited By Truth Catholic Conference is **February 24-25, 2017** at the Raleigh Convention Center. “Bringing to light the truth of the teachings of the Catholic Church and igniting in all hearts a love for the Faith” includes speakers **Fr. Michael Gaitley, Leah Darrow, Abby Johnson**, and more! Friday Evening 7:00-9:30 PM plus Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm, includes Lunch! Programs planned for Young Adults, High School, and Middle School Students. **Register online** at www.IgnitedByTruth.org for your Early Registration **Discounts** for Friday evening only: Adults \$15, Students (age 10+) FREE or combined Friday and Saturday program: Adults \$35, Students (age 10+) \$25 **Who will you invite?** Questions: [\(919\) 789-1428](tel:9197891428).

Ignited By Truth invites young adults ages 18 – 29 to a **FREE Friday Night** event on February 24th at 8pm to **CONNECT** with other young Catholic adults in our diocese, to enjoy live Christian music as well as hear inspirational talks by the D’Ambrosio brothers and young Catholics in the Raleigh Diocese.

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: \$49,864

Important Upcoming Dates

February 20: Preschool closed for Presidents Day
February 21: Preschool closed for Teacher Retreat
February 22-24: Class and Individual Pictures

“Do not forget that true love sets no conditions; it does not calculate or complain, but simply loves.” ~ Blessed Pope

John Paul II



Family Math and Science Night was a huge success! This will surely become a yearly event. Special thanks to the Preschool Parent Science Committee, especially Vinay Augustine, Geoff Gerko, and Eric Daniel, for planning the amazing science experiments for families to enjoy in the Lewis Room. You can see a video of the water rocket launch, which was definitely the highlight of the evening, through this link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_o7idAm-ukw&feature=youtu.be