



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: February 15, 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy Valentine's Day! All around the school you can see evidence of class celebrations- heart decorations, homemade cards, and lots of hugs. We are lucky to have such a loving, family-like atmosphere at the Preschool every day, not just on this holiday. Teachers embed our Christian values into all aspects of the curriculum. Learning empathy and kindness are just as important as developing literacy, math and fine motor skills.

Our busy and fun February continues! Last week dental hygienists visited classes to talk about healthy teeth and we welcomed freshman helpers from St. Thomas More Academy to assist in some classrooms. Today we enjoyed a cultural arts program presented by *Living Rhythms*. What a special treat! Each class had the opportunity to dance to and play a variety of drums while learning about the music of West Africa. There is never a dull moment at the Preschool!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Parent Survey

On Monday all families were sent a link to the on-line version of our Parent Survey. Your feedback about our program is so valuable- please take a few minutes to complete it! If you prefer to complete a paper copy, some will be available at your child's classroom sign-in table next week. We appreciate your input!

2017-18 Update

At the end of February/early March, families will be emailed a link to a form collecting important information, such as Lunch Bunch registration and emergency contact updates. It is important that all returning families complete the online form in a timely manner, as it is vital in planning for next school year. All families registered for next year will get a mailer in April with a preliminary calendar, health assessment form, and tuition information.

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/>

Picture Day Schedule

Last week you received a flyer about our upcoming Picture Days, February 22-24. We will have class and individual photos taken. Class photos must be prepaid. You will have the chance to see proofs of your child's individual photos before deciding whether or not you want to purchase any. You can, however, choose the background and pose of your child if you would like by turning in the form from the flyer. Here is the schedule for photos:

Wednesday, February 22: Blue Ties, Yellow Puppies, Cubs, Turtles, Pandas, Eagles

Thursday, February 23: Red Ties, Red Puppies, Frogs, Bunnies, Otters

Friday, February 24: Spotted Puppies

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.

Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! We are now 2/3 of the 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/>



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: \$50,489

Important Upcoming Dates

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



“Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation. It is not what we do but how much love we put into it.” ~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



****Drumming and dancing to the music of West Africa at our cultural arts assembly presented by Living Rhythms****