



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: February 22, 2017

Dear Parents,

I hope that your family was able to enjoy the beautiful, warm weather this weekend! These kinds of days are so refreshing after a bout of cold weather. Yesterday our staff was refreshed in another way. We joined all the other preschool teachers in the Diocese of Raleigh for a spiritual retreat at St. Francis. Father Steve Kluge led us through reflections on Lenten gospel readings and discussion questions that focused on how our faith and profession shape our lives. As a young man, Father Steve taught middle school in the Bronx. Every morning he reminded his students both of their potential and of how valuable they were to God by having them recite, "I am good. I am holy. I am special." He said that we are called to be the light of Christ for all, but especially for the children in our care. This is true for parents as well as teachers. Thank you all for being the light of Christ for your children and for allowing us the chance to be the same!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Parent Survey

Have you completed your annual parent survey yet? We greatly value your feedback! An on-line version is available as well as paper copies that you can find at your classroom sign-in table. Please complete the survey no later than March 3rd.

2017-18 Update

This week families will be emailed a link to a form collecting important information, such as Lunch Bunch registration (for 3s, 4s, and 5s) 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

Soccer Shots Classes for Spring

A new session of Soccer Shots begins soon! Now is the time to enroll. If your child is already enrolled, the fun will continue on March 10th. If you like to join the spring session, please sign up on-line at www.soccershots.org/rdu. You can find out more information and details about the program on their website.

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: \$50,899

Important Upcoming Dates

February 22-24: Class and Individual Pictures

March 1: Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)

March 9: Preschool closed for Parish All Staff Retreat



"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become." ~ St. Clare of Assisi



****Catechesis of the Good Shepherd****

