



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: April 5, 2017

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Dear Parents,

If you've visited your child's classroom in the last few weeks, you will surely have heard some talk of Easter. But instead of talking about candy or egg hunts, our students have been talking about the first Easter. In the hallway the Puppies were pretending to wave palms while calling out "Hosanna!" The Cubs integrated art with religion by making empty tomb crafts and draped crosses. Next week the Blue Ties will act out parts of the Easter story in class, such as the washing of the feet and the Last Supper. All these activities help the children understand the Easter story as they develop their faith in an age appropriate, meaningful way. I hope you are able to take time to reflect on your own faith as we prepare to renew our baptismal vows on Easter morning.

Because next week is a three day week, this will be our last memo before Easter. Have a joyful, blessed holiday and a restful break!

Many blessings,



Molly DeAngelo

## **Project Linus Quilt Project Update**

The children really enjoyed sewing last week. Thanks to the talented team of adults who made this project possible! We so appreciate their time. We were able to make 11 colorful patchwork quilts that will be donated to Project Linus after Easter. Thank you to Jennifer Murphy for coordinating this project and to her dedicated team of sewers: Debbie Conley, Carol Iacovelli, Sue Langley, Kristine Sasak, and Rebecca Parsons.

## **Puppet Show Fun**

This week all the children are being treated to a puppet show based on books by Mo Willems put on by our parent puppetry committee! It has been years since this committee has been active- we are so excited about this performance! Special thanks to Nikki Torres for chairing this committee, Kathryn Scialdone for being the staff liaison, and to all the puppeteers: Grace Barajas, Julie Trencansky, Elijah Windsor, and Caroline Numbers.

## **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Preparation for Teacher Appreciation Week is underway! We created a Sign-up Genius (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449abab29a57-saint>) listing opportunities for those willing to help out. This week every child will also receive a letter with information about Teacher Appreciation Week activities. Something new we will be trying this year is a customized boxed lunch for each teacher, catered by Mary's Little Market. If you are interested in sponsoring your teacher's lunch, please follow the instructions on this Sign-up Genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449abab29a57-sponsor> . We will kick off Teacher Appreciation right as we get back from Spring Break, April 24-28. The donation envelopes will be on your child's sign in desk until April 12th. Thank you to all of those who have donated or helped so far! If you have any questions, please contact Jillian Lemmon by email at [JillianLemmon@yahoo.com](mailto:JillianLemmon@yahoo.com).

## Field Days are Coming!

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS! WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP FOR FIELD DAY ON MAY 1st & 2nd! Field Days are full of fun, fitness, and fellowship! For any questions, please contact: Kara Gerko ([kgerko@gmail.com](mailto:kgerko@gmail.com)), Ami Robbins ([arobb20@gmail.com](mailto:arobb20@gmail.com))

Please join us by signing up to volunteer by using the attached link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a4aa2fa2fa7-straphael>

Monday, May 1st: Yellow Puppies, Turtles, Pandas, Cubs, Red Tie Teddies

Tuesday, May 2nd: Red Puppies, Otters, Frogs, Blue Tie Teddies, Eagles, Bunnies

## Summer Camp Registration

Summer Camp registration forms are now available! Camps will run 9am to noon with an optional hour of Lunch Bunch and are open to all 3, 4, and 5 year olds who are fully self-sufficient in the bathroom. Registration will remain open until all spots are filled. Please turn in completed forms and fees to Ms. BJ.

## Mark Your Calendars for Family Fun Night

Last week you should have received an Evite for our next community event, Preschool Family Fun Night! On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30pm, come for food, fellowship, and fun with fellow Preschool families. The evening will include a pizza dinner in Raphael Hall, free classes from Soccer Shots, basketball fun with Ms. Susan's son John (one of the SRCS basketball coaches) in Ignatius Hall, a science activity table organized by our Parent Science Committee, as well as open play on our playground. There is no cost to attend this event, but it is necessary to RSVP to the Evite you received. We hope to see everyone there!

## News from Saint Raphael Catholic School

Saint Raphael Catholic School is accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications are being accepted on a first come, first served basis. If you yet haven't taken a tour, be sure to contact Mary Morgan for more information and to schedule your tour. Witness the gift of Catholic education! [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or [919-865-5754](tel:919-865-5754).

## Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! All donations until May 1 will be matched by an anonymous donor up to \$3,000! 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:** \$54,875

## Important Upcoming Dates

April 13-21: Preschool closed for Easter vacation

April 24-28: Teacher Appreciation Week

April 28: Preschool Family Fun Night 5:30-7:30pm (RSVP required)

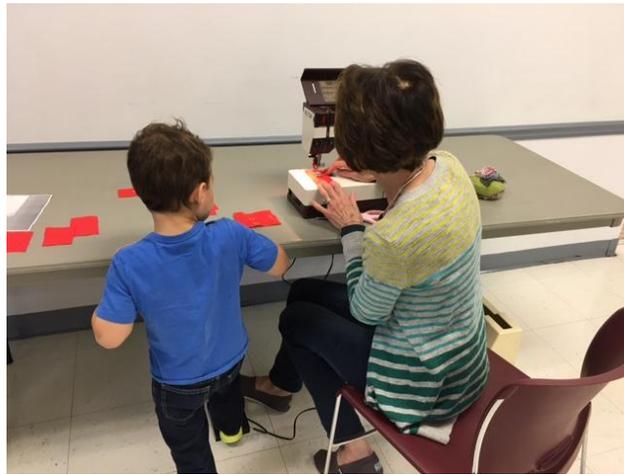
May 1 & 2: Field Days



*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." ~ John 3:16*



**\*\*Project Linus Quilt Sewing\*\***



**\*\*Enjoying the Puppet Show\*\***