



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## *Weekly Memo | September 5, 2017*



"The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Saint John Paul II

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

*Family Ice Cream Social: Thursday, September 14 6:30-8pm*

Please respond to the Evite you'll receive this week so we know how many people to expect!

*Teacher Work Day: Monday, September 18*

There will be no school for students on this day. Teachers will attend training about incorporating STEM learning in the classroom.

## *Grandparents Day: Wednesday & Thursday, October 11-12*

Please see below for more information, including which day your child's class is hosting grandparents and how to send us contact information for invitations!

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome to a new school year at St. Raphael Preschool! We enjoyed seeing returning families and meeting new ones at our parent and student orientations last week. We are so excited to get to know all of our Preschool families and watch each child grow and learn this year!*

*As a staff we already feel like a family, and we hope you soon feel a part of it as well! Community is very important to us all at St. Raphael Preschool.*

*Our first community building event, the Family Ice Cream Social, takes place next week on Thursday, September 14th. This opportunity will allow us all to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better. We hope to see you all there!*

*Thanks for all your support now and throughout the coming months. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

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**Preschool News and Announcements**



### **Family Ice Cream Social**

Help us kick off the new school year and meet new friends at the Preschool's Family Ice Cream Social! This event will take place on Thursday, September 14th from 6:30-8pm. Enjoy some ice cream, get your face painted, and play on the playground as you get to know other Preschool families. There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP through your Evite invitation no later than 9/12 if you are planning on coming. We want to be sure to have enough ice cream for everyone! Hope to see you there.

### **Grandparents Day Preparations**

We are getting excited for our 2017 Grandparents Days here at the Preschool! Please click [HERE](#) to give us your child's grandparents' contact info. *We will send invitations to all grandparents on Friday, September 15, so please fill out the contact information form on or before that date.* See below for the day that your child's class will welcome these special visitors.

October 11, 9:15-11:00 am

Yellow Puppies, Cubs, Pandas, Bunnies, Dolphins, Eagles

October 12, 9:15-11:00 am

Red Puppies, Frogs, Turtles, Owls, Otters

**\*\*Spotted Puppy grandparents are welcome to visit the classroom on Friday, October 13th.\*\***

### **Early Arrival Service**

Our Early Arrival service is available for students ages 3 and up beginning at 7:45am in room 34. The cost is \$3 per day or \$45 per month. Early arrival can be used on a daily or as-needed basis. No sign-up is necessary. Please be sure to enter through the door that opens to the courtyard between rm 34 and Raphael Hall.

### **Children's Absences**

Please call the office by 9:15am if your child is going to be absent from school. You may leave a message on the answering machine 919-865-5728. Please remember that your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school. Thanks in advance for helping us keep our students healthy!

### **Immunization/Health Assessment Records**

Thank you to all who have been so prompt in turning in your child's health records. All forms are required in the office now. There is no need to make a doctor's appointment as long as your child has had an exam within the last year. If you would like to have your physician fax these records to us, our fax number is 919-865-5701. Please send it to the attention of St. Raphael Preschool. All children must have health and immunization forms on file to remain enrolled.

### **Earn Money for Our School While You Shop!**

If you shop at Harris Teeter or Kroger, you can help raise funds for the Preschool with no cost or effort! When you link your VIC and Kroger cards to St. Raphael Preschool, we receive a percentage of your purchases. Please click [HERE](#) to learn how to link your grocery rewards cards!

### **After School Enrichment Classes**

Soccer Shots offers soccer classes for children enrolled in our 3,4, and 5 year old classes. Their goal is to teach soccer skills in a supportive, safe and fun environment. Soccer Shots will begin a new 10 week session here at St. Raphael on Friday, September 15. Click [HERE](#) to see a flyer with more information.

John Wright, Jr. offers parent and child classes to learn the violin. This is offered to children aged 3 and up. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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## **News from Saint Raphael Catholic School**



SRCS Kindergarten Sampler

Thursday, October 26

5:30pm-6:30pm

## ONE NIGHT ONLY

You and your rising kindergartner are invited to attend the  
Saint Raphael Catholic School Kindergarten Sampler Night!

Visit the kindergarten classrooms, talk with teachers and see first-hand what a day-in-the-life will be like for your child. Art, music, library, P.E., and Spanish specials teachers will welcome you and your child as you tour through the evening.

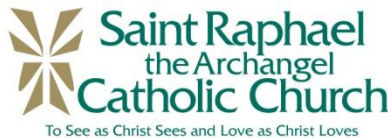
This is a big step in your child's education. We look forward to taking that step together.  
Mark your calendar and tell your friends!

Space is limited and reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

To RSVP, or for more information, contact Mary Morgan at [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or [919-865-5754](tel:919-865-5754).

*Catholic education is a gift whose value is priceless.*

## Announcements from Around Our Parish



### **Welcome, Father Chris Ryan!**

We are very pleased to announce that Fr. Chris Ryan, S.J., who was with us in Summer 2016 just after his priestly ordination, returned to St. Raphael in July 2017 to serve as a parochial vicar for the upcoming year. In the past year, Fr. Chris has completed an advanced theology degree at Boston College and now he's ready to warm up with us again down south! What a blessing and honor for our parish to have a young Jesuit priest missioned to serve with us. Please pray for him and welcome him with support from our parish community.

### **New Respect Life group meeting time, perfect for parents!**

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month at 9:15AM in the Nursery to promote the sanctity of life in our parish and community. We are a group of parents who want to provide information, resources and support for a culture of life. Feel free to bring your children! Our first meeting this Fall will be September 6th. For more information, please contact Lisa Higgins at [619-851-2546](tel:619-851-2546) or [SRdays4life@gmail.com](mailto:SRdays4life@gmail.com). Please note that Respect Life will also continue meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in room 103 at 7PM.

### **An Invitation from Mothers in Faith**

Mothers in Faith is gearing up for the new year! Come join moms of all ages in community, faith and service. Take some time out for you while connecting to other moms and learning more about our Catholic faith.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon in Room 112 of the Parish Meeting Center. Childcare is available during the meeting for \$5 per child and \$10 max per family. No one will be turned away because of an inability to pay.

Please visit our website often to see what's new!

<https://saintraphael.org/parish-life/mothers-in-faith/>

### **An Invitation from St. Raphael Men of Faith**

Men: Do you wish you knew more about your faith? Do you yearn for a deeper relationship with Christ? Are you searching for the next step in your spiritual journey? Join your fellow men of faith on Tuesday September 5th from 7pm-9pm in room 109 as we journey together.

Contact Colin Donahue for more information [Colin.Donahue@gmail.com](mailto:Colin.Donahue@gmail.com) or [919-610-1512](tel:919-610-1512)

### **Employment Opportunity at St. Raphael Catholic Church**

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH has an immediate opening for a part-time Maintenance Technician. Responsibilities include performing minor repairs to furniture and equipment, performing routine tasks such as replacing lighting and batteries, upkeep of buildings and parking lots, and providing assistance on larger maintenance and facilities projects. Please submit your resume to [jobopportunity@saintraphael.org](mailto:jobopportunity@saintraphael.org)