



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | September 12, 2017



The Lord rejoices over you.

Zephaniah 3:17

Important Upcoming Dates

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

Please respond to the Evite as soon as possible so we know how much ice cream we'll need!

Grandparent Contact Info Needed by Friday, September 15

We will mail invitations to Grandparents Day at the end of this week. Please fill out the on-line form [HERE](#) by Friday so we can invite your child's grandparents to visit us in October!

***PRESCHOOL CLOSED for 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,

What an amazing start to our school year! The children already feel at home in their classrooms, excitedly joining new friends in play as soon as they arrive in the morning. First day nerves have dissipated, and the children are growing in confidence and independence. There are so many happy faces as I walk through the halls- students, teachers, and parents! Multiple staff members have commented on what a special group of families we have this year. We truly look forward to watching the children grow spiritually, socially, and intellectually over the coming months.

I hope you have enjoyed the videos that our Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator, Sarah Rapp, has been posting on our Facebook page. They give a little glimpse into what happens during the school day, which is always filled with fun, faith, and learning. Please check them out if you haven't yet! You can find the St. Raphael Preschool Facebook page

at <https://www.facebook.com/StRaphaelPreschool/>. Be sure to check back often to see what other photos and videos she posts.

We are all looking forward to the Preschool Family Ice Cream Social this Thursday. Please be sure to respond to the Evite by Wednesday, 9/13. It will be an evening filled with fun, fellowship, ice cream, face painting, playground time, and science activities. All families who attend will get to put their name into a drawing for a quilt handmade by our own Ms. Kate. We hope you are able to join us!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

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.

Our Parent Science Committee has some fun activities in store for us that evening! No matter what time you join us, there will be an interesting scientific investigation for your family to enjoy. Their planned schedule is:

6:30 - Heart Listening / Heart model in Lewis Room

6:45 - Freeze IT in Lewis Room

7:00- Weather Balloon in Courtyard outside Lewis Room

7:15- Rocket Targets (weather permitting on SRCS field)

7:35-7:45- Volcano Demo in Courtyard outside Lewis Room

Stewardship Application Deadline

The St. Raphael Stewardship Tuition Rate is offered to families who are registered members of the parish who participate here in weekly Mass, who share their unique gifts by giving time in service to the parish, and support the parish financially as they are able. The Stewardship Application can be found [HERE](#). All applications must be received by September 30 in order to be considered for 2017-18. You must reapply for the stewardship rate each school year- it does not carry over year to year. Please contact the Preschool office with questions.

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.****

Picture Day is Coming

Please mark your calendars for October 4, 5, and 6. Classes will have individual photos taken on these days. Look for more information next week.

Health & Immunizations Forms are Due

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! ***Our school can earn an extra \$100 if we increase our number of linked Harris Teeter MVP cards by 25% by October 31st.*** Please help us reach our goal! You can link your MVP card to up to 5 schools.

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.

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 or [919-865-5754](tel:919-865-5754).

Catholic education is a gift whose value is priceless.

Announcements from Around Our Parish



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held in our parish on the first Thursday of each month from 7:30am until 8:45pm (closing in Spanish). All are invited and encouraged to attend at any time, for any length of time. You might consider before or after school drop-off. This time is for quiet, personal adoration, prayer, and meditation. The Nursery is now open in room 106 from 9-11am thanks to Mothers in Faith. We hope you can join us for this devotion on October 5.

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. Please note that Respect Life will also continue meeting the 4th 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 2nd 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/>

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