



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | October 3, 2017



With God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

Important Upcoming Dates

Picture Days: October 4-6

Wednesday, 10/4- Dolphins, Bunnies, Yellow Puppies, Cubs, Pandas

Thursday, 10/5- Owls, Red Puppies, Frogs, Turtles, Otters

Friday, 10/6- Eagles and Spotted Puppies

Scholastic Books Fair: October 9-13

Volunteers are needed- please sign up [HERE](#) if you can help!

Grandparents Day: Wednesday & Thursday, October 11-12

RSVPs are needed by Friday for planning purposes.

Dear Parents,

This year our staff is focused on increasing STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) learning in the classroom. A grant we received at the end of last year allowed us to purchase amazing classroom resources and schedule training workshops for our teachers. On our September work day, we learned about how to incorporate "loose parts" to increase STEM creativity, and in November teachers will attend a workshop about encouraging scientific thinking by building on students' interests.

Our staff has truly embraced this goal- wonderful STEM activities have been going on in our classrooms! Facebook posts have highlighted class activities like the Eagles STEM challenges and the Otters animal habitat creations, but there are many more examples in all of our classes. We are so excited to help our students discover a love of learning while appreciating the beauty in all that God created!

Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

Preschool News and Announcements



Parking Lot Reminders

Please be mindful of the lines of the spaces in our parking lot. They are narrow, and when one car parks over the line, it causes the spot beside it to be unusable. There are many families dropping off/picking up at the same time, so every parking space is needed. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Grandparents Day is Next Week

Grandparents Day RSVPs are needed by Friday! **If you did not submit contact info for your child's grandparents to receive an invitation by mail, but they would like to attend, please let the office know so we can add them to our list.** Since our activities will be over at 11am, you can decide whether your child will remain at school for the rest of the day or leave early with

his/her grandparents. Just be sure that we have a signed permission to pick up form that lists your child's grandparents if you will not be at dismissal with them. As a reminder, our schedule is:

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 invited to visit the classroom on Friday, October 13th.

The Book Fair is Coming!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the Preschool hallways the week of October 9-13 with a wild west theme! Click **HERE** to read all about it, including volunteer needs and the "Book Fairies" service project to help Catholic schools affected by the recent hurricanes. Volunteers are needed- please sign up [HERE](#) if you are able to help. If you have questions, please contact committee chair Amy Saavedra (amyjp@nc.rr.com).

Preschool Prayer Partners

Preschool Prayer Partners invites you to join them on the first Friday of each month for faith, fellowship, and food! The group attends 9am Mass and then meets in the nursery. Contact Michelle (mcerbo82@gmail.com) with questions.

Catechesis Volunteer Opportunity

Attention families of students in the Pandas, Eagles, Owls, Otters, and Dolphins classes! Ms. Terri would like to invite parents to help in the Atrium this year. If you would like to volunteer during Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please sign up to [HERE](#) to attend a training session.

Preschool Directories

Ms. BJ is busy preparing our Preschool directory. If you do not want your family's contact information (address/home phone/email) to appear in it, please inform the office by Friday, October 6th.



News from Saint Raphael Catholic School



You're Invited: SRCS Information Session

Please join Mary Morgan, SRCS recruitment and marketing director, for coffee and a Q&A! Meet her in the **Lewis Room after drop-off on Friday, October 20th** for an informal get-together and get to know "the big school". Come with questions. Come for coffee. Leave with answers!

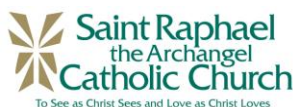
Siblings are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there! Contact Mary for more information at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or [919-865-5754](tel:919-865-5754).

SRCS Kindergarten Sampler : Thursday, October 26, 5:30pm-6:30pm

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

News from Around Our Parish



Blessing of the Child in the Womb

Expectant parents at St. Raphael are invited to a special blessing of the child in the womb to be held on Sunday, October 15th during the 9:30AM and 2:30PM Masses. This is a wonderful way to welcome your child into the faith and to allow our community to lend support and blessings.

No RSVP required. Please contact Lisa at SRDays4Life@gmail.com with questions.

An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

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. ***Our next meeting is Thursday, October 12th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in Room 112.*** Childcare is available in

the nursery for \$5/child.

October Meeting: Ignatian Spirituality

Have you ever felt stuck in your prayer life or yearned for a closer relationship with God? The teachings of Ignatian Spirituality might be a way to help you, as it offers a way to pray and make decisions that keep God at the center of our life. We will learn about Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, how to pray the daily examen and have an opportunity to try one of the Spiritual Exercises. We will also learn about how to make decisions so that we stay close to God and ultimately feel inner peace and true joy. Contact Debbie at mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com with any questions or for more information.