



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | October 10, 2017



God asks little, but He gives much.

St. John Chrysostom

Important Upcoming Dates

Scholastic Books Fair: October 9-13

Visit the Book Fair all week in the hallway!

9am-3pm Monday through Thursday, 9am-noon on Friday

Catechesis Volunteer Training: October 11-12

4s/5s parents, sign up [HERE](#) to attend CGW volunteer training.

Grandparents Day: Wednesday & Thursday, October 11-12

Activities will last from 9:15 to 11:00am.

Dear Parents,

You already know that faith is integrated into all aspects of our program, which sets us apart from many schools, but did you know that our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program sets us apart even from other Catholic preschools? This amazing Montessori based program allows the children in our four and five year old classes to grow closer to God while learning about Catholic traditions. Ms. Terri had to attend training for over a year in order to become a CGS certified instructor. We are blessed to have her at St. Raphael Preschool!

If you would like to learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, visit www.cgsusa.org. You can also follow Ms. Terri's new Atrium Instagram account (@StRaphaelAtrium) to see what faith activities our students are engaged in each week in CGS. In case you haven't visited our Facebook page lately, last Friday Ms. Sarah posted a great video that spotlights Catechesis. We feel so fortunate to be able to introduce our students to the beauty of our Catholic traditions while fostering lifelong relationships with Christ.

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Grandparents Day is Here!

We are so excited for our special visitors! *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 Here!

Thanks to committee chair Amy Saavedra and her many wonderful volunteers for making this book fair possible. Thanks to all families who donated to the Book Fairies service project, which will help Catholic schools affected by the recent devastating hurricanes. Families are able to purchase books from 9am until 3pm Monday through Thursday and 9am until noon on Friday.

Preschool Directories

Ms. BJ emailed copies of our St. Raphael Preschool Directory to all families on Monday, October 10th. If you did not receive it, please let the office know!

News from Saint Raphael Catholic School



Stick Horses Needed for Gala!

Do you have a stick horse that we can borrow? The Gala has a wild west theme this year and props are needed! If you have one we could use, please bring it to the Preschool office.

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.