



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | October 24, 2017



*In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known,
God himself is hidden within.*

St. Bonaventure

Important Upcoming Dates

October 23-27: Birthchoice Donations Collected

The Respect Life group is collecting donations for new mothers. Please see below for more information and to sign up to bring needed items.

November 1: Preschool Closed for Teacher Work Day

There will be no classes for students on Wednesday, November 1st. Our teachers will attend another STEM workshop on this day.

Dear Parents,

Almost 12 years ago I visited St. Raphael Preschool for the first time. Pushing a double stroller with my 6 month old twin boys, I came in to ask how I might make the switch from elementary school teacher to preschool teacher. It seemed like a good career fit, balancing time with my own children with time in the classroom. From the moment of visiting a classroom and seeing the smiles on both the children's and the parents' faces, I knew this school was special. Little did I know what a huge part of my life St. Raphael would become! Over the last eleven years the Preschool has been my home. During that time I have been privileged to teach over 300 children, work with numerous families, and call many amazing ladies my colleagues and friends. My sons had the best early education and faith development thanks to St. Raphael. These are just a few reasons why I contribute to the Ignatius Fund each year, pledging my support to the community that has touched my life so deeply.

Last week we sent home information to all families about the Preschool's only fundraising effort, the Ignatius Fund. By making a contribution, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education.

Although tuition covers the majority of our operating budget, the IF donations we receive help to keep our tuition rates affordable, upgrade our classroom resources, and maintain and enhance our Preschool facility. Our colorful tile floor, child-sized sinks in classrooms, no touch bathroom faucets, playground equipment and outdoor musical instruments are all examples of what past years' donations have helped fund. This year we are especially excited to offer you the opportunity to choose exactly what your donation will fund. This fund-a-need sheet, which was included in your Ignatius Fund packet, gives you the option of putting your contribution toward specific resources and improvements that will enrich a child's experience at the Preschool. For example, your donation could help purchase a child friendly microscope, classroom iPad, or literacy kit.

Please join me in ensuring that our schools will continue to provide a quality education for children in the coming years. Thank you for all the ways you support St. Raphael Preschool!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Hurricane Relief Service Project

Thank you all for your amazing generosity towards those in need! We raised just over \$400 through Book Fairies for Catholic schools affected by the recent devastating hurricanes.

Please Support the Respect Life Group

St. Raphael's Respect Life group is collecting donations for Birthchoice in celebration of nine months of prayer for babies in the womb. The Preschool is helping by making congratulations cards for new mothers. For more information and to see how your family can help, please click [HERE](#) to visit their Sign-Up Genius page. Donations will be collected in the Preschool hallway all this week. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our schools have made it a tradition to honor the senior citizens of our parish at an annual Thanksgiving buffet luncheon. This year the luncheon will be held on Monday, November 13th. The event is solely supported by donations or food and time by our school families. Please click on the Sign Up Genius link to see how you can

help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F45A4AB2B0-senior4>

Please contact Kim Simmons at KimRuffin@aol.com with any questions.

Ignatius Fund Update



Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Ignatius Fund! By making a tax deductible donation, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education. Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

Goal: \$80,000 with 100% participation

Raised to date: \$11,895

News from Saint Raphael Catholic School



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.