



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | November 7, 2017



Faith makes us open to the quiet presence of God at every moment of our lives, in every person and in every situation.

Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates

November 17: Picture Retake Day

If your child was absent for fall photos or you were not satisfied with your purchased pictures, please contact Ms. BJ about having retakes done. For those who were not happy with purchased photos, you must turn in your package on retake day.

November 22-24: Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving

The Preschool will be closed 11/22-24 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Dear Parents,

Fall is finally here! Cooler weather has arrived and leaves are beginning to change to beautiful autumn colors. At the Preschool this is a time for nature walks, leaf hunts, and other outdoor science exploration. During our work day last week, teachers attended another STEM training. They have some great new ideas to incorporate in the classroom!

Cooler weather also means we are gearing up for the holidays. The children have been practicing some favorite songs like “Ten Little Wampanoags” and “Mr. Turkey” in preparation for entertaining guests at the Senior Luncheon next Monday, November 13th. Our own Ms. Kim is the chairperson for this event, which is always a favorite for our parish senior citizens. There is still a need for people to volunteer their time to help decorate, set up, and clean up as well as a need for food items. Please help out if you can! We appreciate your kindness.

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Thanksgiving Luncheon is Next Week!

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 questions.

Holiday Gift Bag Outreach

The Holiday Gift Bag Outreach, a community project in which our students provide Christmas bags filled with small toys and a clothing item (toddler-sized) to less fortunate children, is once again coming to the Preschool. There will be a table in the hallway this week where bags will be available. After this week, you can pick up a bag from the office. We ask that you please donate \$1 per bag to help defray the cost of this service project. Filled bags should be returned by December 1st.

Free Classes for Prospective Students

As we gear up for next school year's registration in January, we are offering free Creative Movement and Music classes this month for prospective students. This includes younger siblings of current students who will be preschool aged next year. If you have a friend or neighbor who is looking for a preschool, please have them call or email Ms. Sarah (919-865-5725 or srapp@saintraphael.org) to schedule a visit!

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: \$17,872

News from St. Raphael Catholic School



Attention all Preschool Parents! Saint Raphael Catholic School is hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, November 16 from 9-11am. Come take a tour, meet teachers, and witness the gift of Catholic education. For more information, contact Mary Morgan at [919-865-5754](tel:919-865-5754) or mmorgan@saintraphael.org

News from Around our Parish



An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Have you heard about all the wonderful things Mothers in Faith is doing? Come join moms of all ages in community, faith and service. Take some time out for you while connecting with other moms and learning more about our Catholic faith. Childcare is available in the nursery for \$5/child.

Next meeting is Thursday, November 9th from 9am - noon in Room 112.

November Meeting Focus: Catholic Resources

What are some ways to get our kids more excited about the Catholic faith? How do I use the Catechesis? What books are beneficial for bringing faith into our family? You've got questions, we've got answers! There is a lot to learn about the Catholic Faith for both children and adults. Find out where to look for resources to help at any stage of your faith journey. Contact Debbie at mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com with questions or for more information.

Please Join us!
Saint Raphael's
Annual
Advent Family Festival

Saturday, December 2
9:30-11:30 in Ignatius Hall

Sign your family up today! Visit:
<https://goo.gl/zpoNAh>



Please register for this wonderful opportunity of faith and fellowship by November 30. Space is limited. A **\$10 fee per family** is requested to cover the cost of supplies and to reserve your spot. questiosa.st.sophia Please e-mail adventfamilyfestival@gmail.com for more information.

Activities Include:



New!
TODDLER AREA!



for Older Kids!



Join the *Burich Family*
and *Knights of*
Columbus for Athletic
Activities on SRCS
Field!



Create a Family
Advent Wreath!

Take a family pic
with St. Nick!



Make Christmas
Cards for our
troops!