



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | January 9, 2018



Let the church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven. -Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates

January 15: Preschool Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

January 18-19: Parent/Teacher Conferences

There will be no classes for students on these days. Childcare is available during your conference time for \$3/child. Please contact Ms. BJ to sign up.

January 24: Preregistration Deadline

All current Preschool students must register for next school year by January 24th in order to receive priority in class choice.

January 31, 6-8pm: Family Math & Science Night

Join us for science and math fun! This evening is geared toward preschool aged children. Feel free to invite a friend or neighbor with young kids!

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We wish you a happy, healthy, and blessed 2018. It's hard to believe we're already in our 5th month of school. The children have grown so much since September! It is amazing to watch them as they learn new concepts and skills, form friendships, gain self-confidence, and become more independent.

It's also hard to believe that it's already time to plan for next school year! Preschool registration is now open. All current families who register by January 24th will get class choice priority. After that we open up to the public, so please turn in your forms and fees! We always appreciate the referral of any friends or neighbors you think would enjoy our program.

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements

2018-19 Preschool Registration & Parent-Teacher Conferences

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year is now open! Current Preschool students and their siblings will have first priority for choosing classes for next year if registration form and fee are received by January 24th. You can register on-line on the Admissions page of our website (<http://straphaelpreschool.org/admissions/>) or drop by the office to pick up a paper registration form. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in January 18-19 and will offer an opportunity to discuss your child's placement for the upcoming year. Child care will be available for \$3 per child. Please contact the office to RSVP for conference day childcare! There will be administrators from SRCS in the hallway those days to answer any kindergarten questions you might have!

New Soccer Shots Session Beginning on Friday- Free Trial Class on 1/12!

Soccer Shots will start a new session for interested students this month. Classes will run on Fridays from noon-12:40pm, beginning January 12th and ending May 25th. Interested students are invited to attend a free trial class with a parent on January 12th, 12:00-12:40pm! Check out this link for more information about registration: <https://rdu.ssreg.org/register.html?classID=196686>

Preschool Facility Improvements- Thank You!

We have had two amazing improvements to our school recently, with parents facilitating both of them. The new PRESCHOOL lettering above our entrance (replacing EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER) is thanks to Peter Ruocchio, parent of an Owl, life long St. Raphael parishioner, and son of beloved ECC teacher Eleanor Ruocchio.

Over Christmas break, the Van Nett family (from the Bunnies class) built us beautiful new garden beds. Not only are they more attractive, they are deep enough that we will be able to grow root vegetables! We also have new sets of gardening tools. We can't wait to fill the beds with dirt and start planting!

We deeply thank both these families and greatly appreciate their contributions to improve the St. Raphael Preschool facility!

After Christmas "Let It Go Sale" to Benefit the Ignatius Fund

Have some kids' items you're ready to clear out? Now's the time to let them go! We're having a sale with all proceeds benefiting the Ignatius Fund. Thank you to Susie Pierce, Panda parent, for organizing this event!

How does it work? We're looking for items valued at \$10 or more from the list below - not new items, just things that you already wish to get out of the house. Pictures of the items will be displayed in the Preschool hallway, where interested buyers can bid on them. The highest bid wins the item, with 100% of proceeds going to the Ignatius Fund.

If you'd like to have an item included, just e-mail a picture of it back to afterchristmasletitgo@gmail.com by Monday, January 15th. Post sale, we'll facilitate exchange of the item between the buyer and yourself. We'll also have the buyer's winning bid deposited directly to the Ignatius Fund. Sellers just need to be able to e-mail a picture of their item and then provide it to the buyer at a later date. We take care of the rest.

Some possible items that may be included in the sale: Bikes, Scooters, Larger "Big Ticket" Toys, Winter Jackets, Snow Bibs, Boots, Sets Grouped by Age (such as books, puzzles, or games), Sets of Clothes Grouped by Size and/or Season (ie. 3T Winter Boys' Clothes or 18 month Girls' Summer Clothes)

The "Let It Go" Hallway Sale starts at Parent Teacher Conferences - Thursday, January 18th and Friday, January 19th at St. Raphael Preschool. Bids on items will be accepted up to and including Friday, January 26th.

Mark Your Calendars!

The last week of January is Catholic Schools Week, a nationwide celebration of Catholic education. We have lots of fun activities planned, which you'll receive more information about in the next two weeks. The highlight of the week is our Family Math & Science Night from 6-8pm on Wednesday, January 31st. Last year's event

was a huge hit! Feel free to invite a friend with preschool age children to come with you.

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: \$45,000

News from St. Raphael Catholic School



SRCS Kindergarten Registration for 2018-19

Attention parents of rising kindergartners! Applications for kindergarten at SRCS are available now. The deadline to apply for kindergarten is January 31, 2018. Contact Mary Morgan at [919-865-5754](tel:919-865-5754) or mmorgan@saintraphael.org for more information and to receive your kindergarten application packet. We will also be available to answer questions about SRCS in the Preschool hallway during Parent-Teacher Conferences on January 18 and 19.

News from Around our Parish

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, January 11th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon in Room 112.** Childcare is available in the nursery for \$5/child.

January Meeting: What's the difference? Religious Order Explained

Our Catholic faith is rich with history and many Religions Orders. What is the difference between a Sister and a Nun, a Brother and a Deacon? Why are some priests Diocesan priests while others are Jesuits, Passionists, or Franciscans? Who are the Carmelites, Marians, and Sisters of Mercy? Come learn about the various Religious Orders right here in Raleigh and all around the world! The talk will be given by Father Philip Tighe of the Raleigh Diocese. Contact Debbie at mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com with any questions or for more

information.