



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | February 6, 2018



Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

St. Benedict

Important Upcoming Dates

February 14: Ash Wednesday

St. Raphael will have 7am, 8:45am, 12:10pm, and 6pm Masses in English and 8pm Mass in Spanish.

February 19 & 20: Preschool Closed

There will be no classes for students on February 19 in observance of Presidents Day and on February 20, when teachers will attend a Diocesan retreat at St. Michaels.

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful Catholic Schools Week! We collected lots of non-perishable food items for Catholic Parish Outreach and are excited to sew our fabric squares into quilts for Project Linus next month. Classes enjoyed a pep rally, performance by Fish the Magish, and visits from Father Chris and Father Phil, while many of our families

attended Family Math and Science Night. To cap off the week of celebration, we came together on Friday for a beautiful prayer service. Thanks for your continued support of St. Raphael Preschool and Catholic education!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



CSW Thank You!

Thanks to all our families who made Catholic Schools Week a wonderful celebration of our school and our faith! Family Math and Science was amazing. Special thanks to our "big kid" helpers from SRCS and Girl Scout Troop 1618 and to our Parent Science Committee for transforming the Lewis Room into an interactive science museum: Geoff Gerko, Vinay Augustine, Eric Daniel, John Paul Saavedra, Hank Radziewicz, Casey Turner, and Ali Turner.

Thanks also to Susie Pierce for organizing the "Let It Go" hallway sale. Winning bids totaled \$240, which will go to the Ignatius Fund!

Important Health Reminders

As you have no doubt heard on the news, flu season has hit North Carolina hard this year. We are lucky to have had only a handful of cases at the Preschool. This is due in part to diligent hand washing during the school day and constant cleaning by our teachers. It is *especially* due to the fact that our families keep sick students home, which we greatly appreciate! Staying home allows your child to rest and recuperate more quickly and helps stop the spread of germs to friends at school. Please keep a close watch at home for any possible flu symptoms and take your child to the doctor if you have any concerns. We want all of our students to stay safe and healthy this winter!

Staffing Announcements for 2018-19

After many years of dedicated service to St. Raphael Preschool, Creative Movement teacher Pierrette Sadler and Music teacher Susan Brand are retiring at the end of this school year. These amazing ladies have grown

their specials classes into something that sets us apart from many other area preschools. We will miss them terribly, but wish them the best on their well deserved retirements. We know they will have amazing adventures in the next phases of their lives!

We are excited to announce that Lisa Porter, who has worked here as teacher assistant for the past 6 years, will become our Creative Movement teacher. Her energy and enthusiasm make her perfect for the job! We are also excited that Elena Lazaro, current Red Puppy parent, will become our new Music teacher. Elena has an extensive background in music education for all ages, but especially with our littlest musicians. Please join me in welcoming her to our staff!

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: \$46,667

News from St. Raphael Catholic School



Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Information Meeting

Saint Raphael Catholic School is hosting an information session for all those who are interested in learning more about scholarships and tuition assistance. Please join us on **Wednesday, February 7th at 10am** in room 103 of the Parish Center.

February Story Time

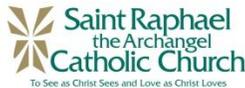
Mark your calendars for our next preschool story time on **Tuesday, February 13th at 10:15am!** We welcome any and all preschoolers and their parents to listen and learn all about SEEDS! And there may just be a little take-away for our budding gardeners! Reservation is required. Please RSVP to Mary Morgan at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-5754.

Moonlight Madness Basketball Tournament



Click [HERE](#) for event details. While registration for Moonlight Madness is now closed, all families are encouraged to attend for a fun night! Along with great basketball entertainment, we will also have face-painting, various games, a deejay, and Stomboli's pizza. We hope to see you there!

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.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 8th from 9:00am until 12:00 noon in Room 112. Childcare is available in the nursery for \$5/child.

February Meeting: Cross to Bear Two thousand years of Catholic history means lots of faith filled artwork. Ever wonder why there are so many different styles of crosses? What do the different Catholic Icons mean? Deepen your Catholic faith by understanding our different art forms.