



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | February 13, 2018



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

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,

Lent is upon us! Ash Wednesday opens this season of prayer and fasting. Father Bruce is coming this week to distribute ashes to our little ones. At the Preschool we focus on the ashes as a reminder that we are precious children of God, as the sign of the cross on our foreheads is the same as we receive at Baptism. Each week during

Lent at music class we will read part of the Easter story, always focusing on the Resurrection and Jesus' great love for us. The children will recite this Lenten prayer together in the coming weeks. You are invited to incorporate it into your home prayers as well!

***Oh Jesus, I love you. You light my way.
Bless me and make me good and loving today.
All during Lent, I will share and be kind.
And when Lent is over, Easter joy will be mine. Amen***

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Preschool Parent Surveys

Later this week, all families will be sent a link to the on-line version of our Parent Survey. Your feedback about our program is so valuable- please take a few minutes to complete it! If you prefer to complete a paper copy, some will be available at your child's classroom sign-in table next week. We appreciate your input!

Important 2018-19 Reminders

Our registration has been off to an amazing start! Thanks for referring your friends to us. We have very limited spaces left in our 3s and 4s classes. Some are already completely filled! There are still a number of 2s spots open and a few Transitional Kindergarten openings. If you know of someone who is interested in our school, please tell them to stop by before our rosters are full!

Stewardship applications must be resubmitted each year. If you are a member of St. Raphael parish and would like to apply or reapply for the stewardship tuition rate, please do so anytime between now and May. For families with financial need, tuition assistance applications through FACTS are also due in May. Further information on both of these can be found on the Admissions page of our

website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/admissions/>

Facebook

Do you follow us on Facebook? Our marketing and enrollment coordinator, Sarah, posts wonderful videos and photos throughout the week. Check out our Facebook page to see the amazing activities that are going on in our school! <https://www.facebook.com/StRaphaelPreschool/>

Soccer Shots

It's not too late to join the fun! Soccer Shots has opened registration for their 9 week spring session. Classes are for children ages 3-5 and take place on Fridays from noon until 12:45pm. Follow this link for more information:

<https://rdu.ssreg.org/register.html?classID=213684>

Water Rocket Building Workshop

We didn't launch water rockets at Family Math and Science Night this year, but you can learn to build one of your own for a launch party in the spring! Geoff Gerko from our Parent Science Committee is planning a water rocket building workshop for Monday, February 19th between 3 and 6pm in the Lewis Room. Please contact Geoff if you are interested in attending: 216-255-2027 or geoff@gerkoenterprises.com

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



2018-19 School Year

Applications are being accepted at Saint Raphael Catholic School for the upcoming school year. To apply, please go to our school website, www.saintraphaelschool.org and click on "admissions".

Anyone interested in learning about scholarships and tuition assistance is welcome to contact Erin Boretti, SRCS business services coordinator, at [919-865-5753](tel:919-865-5753) for more information.

Deadline to apply for the North Carolina Opportunity Grant is March 1. It is **FREE** to apply for the grant. If qualified, the grant awards up to \$4200 for the year's tuition. Go to www.ncseaa.edu for details and application.

Deadline to apply for scholarships through FACTS Management is April 1. Details and application are at www.factsmgmt.com

Contact Erin Boretti for more details at eboretti@saintraphael.org or [919-865-5753](tel:919-865-5753)
