



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## *Weekly Memo | September 4, 2018*



*"The future starts today, not tomorrow."*

Saint John Paul II

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

*September 14 from 6:30-8pm: Family Ice Cream Social*

Please respond to the Evite you'll receive later this week so we know how many will attend!

*September 28: Preschool Closed*

The Preschool will be closed on Friday, September 28th, as teachers attend the Diocesan Professional Development Day.

*October 10-11: Grandparents Day*

Please see below for more information, including which day your child's class is hosting grandparents and how to send us contact information for invitations!

*Dear Parents,*

*Welcome to a new school year at St. Raphael Preschool! We enjoyed seeing returning families and meeting new ones at our parent and student orientations last week. We are so excited to get to know all of our Preschool families and watch each child grow and learn this year!*

*As a staff we already feel like a family, and we hope you soon feel a part of it as well! Community is very important to us at St. Raphael Preschool. Our first community building event, the Family Ice Cream Social, takes place next week on Friday, September 14th. This opportunity will allow us all to enjoy each other's company and get to know each other better. We hope to see you all there!*

*Thanks for all your support now and throughout the coming months. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year!*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

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## Preschool News and Announcements



### **Family Ice Cream Social**

Help us kick off the new school year and meet new friends at the Preschool's Family Ice Cream Social! This event will take place on Friday, September 14th from 6:30-8pm in the Lewis Room. Enjoy some ice cream, check out cool science demos, have fun with Soccer Shots, and play on the playground as you get to know other Preschool families. There is no cost to attend, but you must RSVP through your Evite invitation no later than 9/12 if you are planning on coming. We want to be sure to have enough ice cream for everyone! Hope to see you there.

### **Grandparents Day Preparations**

We are getting excited for our 2018 Grandparents Days here at the Preschool! Please click [HERE](#) to give us your child's grandparents' contact info. We will send invitations to all grandparents on Friday, September 14th, so please fill out the contact information form on or before that date. See below for the day that your child's class will welcome these special visitors.

**October 10, 9:15-11:00 am:** Yellow Puppies, Frogs, Owls, Bunnies, Dolphins, Eagles

**October 11, 9:15-11:00 am:** Red Puppies, Cubs, Turtles, Pandas, Otters

**\*\*Spotted Puppy grandparents are welcome to visit the classroom on Friday, October 12th.\*\***

### **Early Arrival Service**

Our Early Arrival service is available for students ages 3 and up beginning at 8am in room 34. The cost is \$3 per day or \$45 per month. Early Arrival can be used on a daily or as-needed basis. No sign-up is necessary.

Please be sure to enter through the door that opens to the courtyard between rm 34 and Raphael Hall.

### **Children's Absences**

Please call the office by 9:15am if your child is going to be absent from school. You may leave a message on the answering machine (919-865-5728). Please remember that your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to school. Thanks in advance for helping us keep our students healthy!

### **Immunization/Health Assessment Records**

Thank you to all who have been so prompt in turning in your child's health records. All forms are required in the office now. There is no need to make a doctor's appointment as long as your child has had an exam within the last year. If you would like to have your physician fax these records to us, our fax number is 919-865-5701. Please send it to the attention of St. Raphael Preschool. All children must have health and immunization forms on file to remain enrolled.

### **Earn Money for Our School While You Shop!**

If you shop at Harris Teeter, you can help raise funds for the Preschool with no cost or effort! When you link your VIC card to St. Raphael Preschool, we receive a percentage of your purchases. Please click [HERE](#) to learn how to link your grocery rewards card!

### **After School Soccer Class**

Soccer Shots offers soccer classes for children enrolled in our 3,4, and 5 year old classes. Their goal is to

teach soccer skills in a supportive, safe and fun environment. Soccer Shots will begin a new 10 week session here at St. Raphael on Friday, September 21. Click [HERE](#) to see a flyer with more information.

### Free Books for Preschoolers

Wake County SmartStart and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library are teaming up to put books in the hands of young children! Wake County resident families who sign up will get a free book delivered every month until their child turns 5. For more information about the program and to sign up, visit: <http://www.wakesmartstart.org/program/imagination-library/>

## News from St. Raphael Catholic School



### SRCS Spirit Night

The first Guardian Spirit Night is Wednesday, September 12th. Along with City Barbeque's great food, SRCS will get 25% of all proceeds when they scan the barcode. This offer includes take-out, call-in/web orders, and dine-in orders; as long as they have the barcode to scan, SRCS will get credit for it.



# News from Around Our Parish



## **Respect Life Group for Parents**

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month at 9:15AM in the Nursery to promote the sanctity of life in our parish and community. We are a group of parents with young children who want to provide information, resources and support for a culture of life. Feel free to bring your children! Our upcoming meetings this Fall are Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7 and Dec 5. For more information, please contact Lisa Higgins at [619-851-2546](tel:619-851-2546) or [SRdays4life@gmail.com](mailto:SRdays4life@gmail.com)

## **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on September 6 from 7:45 am to 8:30 pm in the Chapel. This devotion is a time of quiet personal adoration, meditation and prayer in His presence. All are invited and encouraged to attend at any time, for any length of time. You might consider stopping in when you bring your child to school or when picking up. The devotion is usually held on the first Thursday of each month.

## **An Invitation from Mothers in Faith**

Mothers in Faith is gearing up for the new year! 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. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon in Room 112 of the Parish Meeting Center. Includes social time, prayer time, and guest speaker. Come for all or part of the meeting! Can't come every month? Just come when you can!

Our next meeting is Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>. September topic: How to Fit Prayer into the Life of a Busy Mom

One of the commitments we've been asked to make as parishioners of Saint Raphael is "To pray profoundly". So...we'll talk about various forms of prayer and brainstorm ideas for fitting prayer into a busy day. We'll experience a group session of Lectio Divina and discover an easy way for it to take only a few minutes each day but enrich our lives and love of Scripture as well as to help us to prepare for Sunday's celebration of Eucharist. Contact Debbie at [mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com](mailto:mothersinfaithsr@yahoo.com) with any questions or for more information.