



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## Weekly Memo | September 11, 2018



*With God all things are possible.*

Matthew 19:26

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

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

Please respond to the Evite by 9/12 so we know how many will attend! **\*\*We are monitoring the hurricane and will make a decision on 9/12 whether or not to postpone.\*\***

*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! **\*\*Please note- you must send us your grandparent info every year! We do not reuse the prior year's grandparent contact information due to the high numbers of "graduates" we have every spring.\*\***

*Dear Parents,*

*What a busy and exciting first week of school! The children are already settling into their classroom routines and making new friends. It is heartwarming to see the children greet their classmates as they arrive each morning, so happy to play and learn together!*

*I hope you have enjoyed the photos that our Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator, Nora Duran, has been posting on our Facebook page. They give a little glimpse into what happens during the school day, which is always filled with fun, faith, and learning. Please check them out if you haven't yet! You can find the St. Raphael Preschool Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StRaphaelPreschool/>. Be sure to check back often to see what other photos and videos she posts.*

*We are all looking forward to the Preschool Family Ice Cream Social this Friday. Please be sure to respond to the Evite by Wednesday, 9/12. It will be an evening filled with fun, fellowship, ice cream, face painting, playground time, Soccer Shots, and science activities. All families who attend will get to put their name into a drawing for a quilt handmade by our own Ms. Kate. We hope you are able to join us! We will be monitoring the weather closely and will decide Wednesday evening if we need to postpone this event. We will alert you to any postponement or school cancellation using our emergency contact system, Blackboard Connect. We did a test of this system last week, so if you did not receive the test call or email, please contact the office to check that the contact information we have on file for you is up to date.*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

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# Preschool News and Announcements

## Substitute Teachers Needed!

Are you interested in being a substitute teacher at the Preschool? If so, please let us know! We'll hold an orientation session that will introduce you to important center and classroom rules, routines, and procedures. In addition to this orientation, the Diocese of Raleigh requires that substitute teachers attend a no cost Safe Environment training, which is offered all over the Diocese. You can find a calendar of Safe Environment training sessions [HERE](#). Please email Ms. Molly (mdeangelo@saintraphael.org) if you are interested in becoming a substitute. Please also include which days of the week you are available to substitute and attend training. Call the office with questions!

## Classroom Google Photo Albums

Ms. Nora, our Marketing & Enrollment Coordinator, takes many photos during each school day. Only a few can be posted to Facebook, though. She is adding the others to Google Photos, where they will be sorted into class photo albums. If you would like permission to access your child's class's photo album, please send Ms. Nora (nduran@saintraphael.org) an email with your child's name and class so she can set it up for you!

## 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. \*\*We are monitoring the hurricane and will decide whether we need to postpone this event by Wednesday evening.\*\*

## 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.\*\***

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### 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.

## 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



### Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report

Our Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama and Fr. Phil, our Pastor, have issued statements on the recent news stories about the issues raised by the Pennsylvania grand jury report. You can read their statements at [saintraphael.org](http://saintraphael.org).

### **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)

### **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.