

Weekly Memo | October 23, 2018



"History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children."

Nelson Mandela

Important Upcoming Dates

November 1: Preschool Closed for Teacher Training

The Preschool will be closed for students on this day. Teachers will attend training from Wake County's Office of Early Learning.

Dear Parents,

Almost 13 years ago I visited St. Raphael Preschool for the first time. Pushing a double stroller with my 6 month old twin boys, I came in to ask how I might make the switch from elementary school teacher to preschool teacher. It seemed like a good career fit, balancing time with my own children with time in the classroom. From the moment of visiting a classroom and seeing the smiles on both the children's and the parents' faces, I knew this school was special. Little did I know what a huge part of my life St. Raphael would become! Over the last twelve years the Preschool has been my home. During that time I have been privileged to teach over 300 children, work with numerous families, and call many amazing ladies my colleagues and

friends. My sons had the best early education and faith development thanks to St. Raphael. These are just a few reasons why I contribute to the Ignatius Fund each year, pledging my support to the community that has touched my life so deeply.

Two weeks ago we sent home information to all families about the Preschool's only fundraising effort, the Ignatius Fund. By making a contribution, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education. Although tuition covers the majority of our operating budget, the IF donations we receive help to keep our tuition rates affordable, upgrade our classroom resources, and maintain and enhance our Preschool facility. Our colorful tile floor, new paint, child-sized sinks in classrooms, no touch bathroom faucets, playground equipment and outdoor musical instruments are all examples of what past years' donations have helped fund. We are especially excited to offer you the opportunity to choose exactly what your donation will fund. The fund-a-need sheet, which was included in your Ignatius Fund packet, gives you the option of putting your contribution toward specific resources and improvements that will enrich a child's experience at the Preschool. For example, your donation could help fund cultural arts assemblies, our Spanish program, or purchase new dramatic play resources for classrooms.

Our center has been so blessed over the last 40 years- please join me in ensuring that our schools will continue to provide a quality education for children for the next 40! Thank you for all the ways you support St. Raphael Preschool!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements

A Message from the Diocese

The Diocese of Raleigh participates in an annual audit of our child safety initiatives. This audit, which is sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, helps ensure that the Diocese of Raleigh is in compliance with the [CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE](#).

Student Photos are Ready for Viewing

Hi St. Raphael Preschool families,

I loved photographing your sweet children and hope that you love the photos. Please go to the following link for valuable information about viewing and ordering your child's photo gallery. Included in a video that explains the viewing and ordering process. **Please note that all orders must be placed by midnight on October 28.**

<https://www.jenbauldree.com/st-raphael-preschool-viewing-page>

Cheers,

Jen

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Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our schools have made it a tradition to honor the senior citizens of our parish at an annual Thanksgiving buffet luncheon. This year the luncheon will be held on Monday, November 12th. The event is solely supported by donations or food and time by our school families. Please click on the Sign Up Genius link to see how you can

help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f45a4ab2b0-annual>

Please contact Kim Simmons at KimRuffin@aol.com with any questions.

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: \$9,918

News from St. Raphael Catholic School

SRCS Kindergarten Sampler & Scavenger Haunt

Kindergarten Sampler

Your rising kindergartner can get a "taste" of school at the SRCS Kindergarten Sampler!

Parents: You AND your rising kindergartner are invited to attend on Wednesday, November 7 from 6pm - 7:30pm where he or she will participate in activities with our classroom and specials teachers. Plus, a Q&A session will be available that evening for parents in the school library.

To reserve a spot for you and your child, please contact Mary Morgan at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-3754. Space is limited.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
kindergarten music P.E.
library & technology Spanish art



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For more information regarding admissions or to schedule a tour, contact Mary Morgan, enrollment and marketing officer, at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-3754.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ca8aa2aa46-scamvenger>

News from Around Our Parish

October is Respect Life Month!

You are invited to participate in these ways at St. Raphael:

- 1) Spiritual Adoption/Birth Celebration-** After 9 months of praying for our spiritually adopted babies in danger of abortion, we are collecting baby clothes (newborn - 3mo) and baby blankets in the Atrium Oct 13-14th to benefit BirthChoice, our local pregnancy resource center.
- 2) Advanced Directives Workshop-** Join us on Saturday, Oct 13th at 9:45am in the Lewis Room to learn more about modern medical care and how to make end of life decisions consistent with Catholic values. RSVP to Janet at jschirripa@saintraphael.org
- 3) Blessing of the Child in the Womb-** Expecting? You are invited to receive a special blessing for your child in the womb during the 9:30am and 2:30pm Masses on Sunday, October 28th.
- 4) 40 Days for Life-** This is a life saving campaign happening throughout the diocese Sept 26-Nov 4th. St. Raphael Parish has adopted Saturday, Nov 3rd to peacefully pray in front of the abortion facility A Woman's Choice (3305 Drake Cir, Raleigh) from 7am- 7pm.

For more information regarding Respect Life month events, please contact Lisa Higgins (a Panda mom!) at SRDays4Life@gmail.com or visit <https://saintraphael.org/social-action/respect-life/>