



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | October 30, 2018



"Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do...but how much love we put in that action."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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,

We were so excited to have Bishop Zarama walk through our halls and visit last Tuesday! The children beautifully sang two songs for him- "God is So Good" and "Go Well and Safely." It was a special morning.

An important part of how we live our faith is serving others. We teach our students that everyone can make a difference. As we enter the holiday season, we have the children participate in a variety of service projects at school. Last week our Extended Day art class created beautiful water color paintings that became cards for all the expecting mothers who attended the Blessing of the Child in the Womb. For the annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Luncheon, all of our classes will make centerpieces for the tables and the preschoolers in school that day will entertain the guests with singing. Later in November the children will make Christmas decorations for the bedsides of our homebound parishioners.

There are also ways your family can get involved with service projects this month. The Senior Luncheon depends on food donations and volunteers and our Holiday Gift Bag Outreach kicks off next week. You can find more information about how you can help with both of these efforts below. Thank you for your support!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements

Thank You!

Thanks to all the families who sent in treats for teachers last week! We were all so surprised and excited to find the delicious spread of food in the lounge, organized by the Teacher Appreciation Committee. We really appreciate it!

An Invitation from the Parent Social Committee

Our Parent Social Committee is beginning to plan opportunities for families to get together outside of school hours. One of our Puppies moms, Allie Vance (501-844-0511 amvance1017@gmail.com), heads up a play group called The Tribe. She would like to invite all Preschool families to join them at Prairie Ridge Ecostation for a nature storytime and play date during our teacher work day on November 1 from 10:30am-noon. Please click here for more information about this event: <http://meetu.ps/e/FTtlp/C9ng5/a>
Here is a description of The Tribe play group: *Looking for play dates and support? Join us if your little one was born in 2015 - 2018 (older/younger siblings are welcome, too). Our mission is to gather kiddos, close in age, so play dates and activities are fun for all! Our vision is to build a kind, accepting, welcoming*

tribe of moms who support each other through all the ups/downs of parenting. We listen, support, and give grace, because mommas and kids need a lot of grace! We don't tear each other down. We lift each other up! We don't criticize or judge. We share perspectives and learn from one another. We believe that God is love and we humbly strive to align ourselves with Christian values, leading our kids by our example. However, all faiths are welcome. We're all in this parenting thing together!

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.

Holiday Gift Bag Outreach Service Project

The Holiday Gift Bag Outreach, a community project in which our students provide Christmas bags filled with small toys and a clothing item (toddler-sized) to less fortunate children, is once again coming to the Preschool. There will be a table in the hallway next week where bags will be available. After next week, you can pick up a bag from the office. We ask that you please donate \$1 per bag to help defray the cost of this service project. Filled bags should be returned by December 3rd. You can find out more information by clicking [HERE](#).

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 online through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

Goal: \$80,000 with 100% participation

Raised to date: \$10,578

News from St. Raphael Catholic School

SRCS Kindergarten Sampler is Next Wednesday!

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 919-865-5754. Space is limited.

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For more information regarding admissions or to schedule a tour, contact Mary Morgan, recruitment and marketing officer, at mmorgan@saintraphael.org or 919-865-5754.

News from Around Our Parish

An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Are you a mom? Want to learn more about our Catholic Faith? Whether your children are 2 years old or 52 years old, all moms are welcome to join us each month! Meetings are held in room 112 from 9:00 am - 11:45 am.

November 8th Meeting: Behind the Scenes Tour of the Sacristy

For more information contact Debbie at MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com

October is Respect Life Month!

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

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/>

