



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | November 6, 2018



"The child is the beauty of God present in the world, that greatest gift to a family."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Important Upcoming Dates

November 21-23: Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving

The Preschool will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday November 21-23.

Dear Parents,

In 1978 when Fr. Gerald Lewis (now Monsignor) became the pastor of St. Raphael, he had two immediate goals, one of which was to establish an early childhood center. He connected with Sister Francis Clare Ugast and St. Raphael Early Childhood Center was born! 40 years later, we are still enjoying the fruits of their great love.

On May 18, 2019, we are excited to celebrate our 40th anniversary with a community event.

We are looking to reconnect with all of our alumni, ages 2 to 44, so all can come together for the festivities. If you know a family who attended our preschool in past 40 years, please encourage them to send their contact information to ECC40thanniversary@saintraphael.org so that we can invite them to our anniversary party. Exact details will come later in the spring, but the day will include faith, food, fun, and fellowship. We are so happy that Monsignor Lewis will be able to attend and see his amazing legacy!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements

Student Photo Delivery & Holiday Order Opportunity

All student photos that were ordered from Jen Bauldree will be ready for pick up at the Preschool on Wednesday, November 14th. If you need additional photos, please see this message from Jen:

Hi St. Raphael Preschool families,

Your child's Modern School Portrait gallery will be open through the end of the year for orders of **digital images and limited prints. Classic print sizes will be available with a shipping fee applied, and digital images are available. Packages are not available.**

Use the following password to access your photos: straphael

Share this link and password with your family too. They'll use their own email address to log in. <https://jenbauldree.shootproof.com/gallery/7566921/>

Questions? Comments? Get in touch!

Cheers,

Jen, Jen Bauldree Photography

Spread the Word about St. Raphael Preschool!

Registration for next year opens in January, with current families getting class choice priority before we open to the general public. Our most effective way to attract new students is through word of mouth. If you love our preschool, please spread the word! Referrals of your friends and neighbors are much appreciated. Prospective families can attend a Creative Movement or Music class and then tour our classrooms. Please let other families in our area know about St. Raphael Preschool through Facebook and neighborhood groups like Next Door. Interested parents can contact our Marketing and Enrollment Coordinator, Nora (nduran@saintraphael.org or 919-865-5725), to set up a date to visit. Thanks for your help! We are blessed to have such an supportive preschool community.

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 of food and time by our school families. Adult helpers for set-up, serving, and clean-up are still needed! 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 this week where bags will be available. After this Friday, 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 info 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 on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

Goal: \$80,000 with 100% participation

Raised to date: \$16,877

News from St. Raphael Catholic School

DPAC Discount Tickets for Elf

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SRCS AT DPAC

DATE: Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
Durham Performing Arts Center
123 Vivian Street, Durham

Grand Tier, Section 5
HSA Discounted Ticket Price-\$48.00!
(Audience 6 years old and above)

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!
Contact Claudia Crowe at cvcrowe@gmail.com

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News from Around Our Parish

An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Come join moms of all ages in community, faith, and service. Take some time out for you while connecting with other moms and learning more about our Catholic faith. Meetings are held in room 112 from 9:00 am - 11:45 am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and include social time, prayer and a guest speaker. Can't come every month? Just come when you can!

November 8th Meeting: Behind the Scenes at Mass: Serving as a Sacristan

Follow our head Sacristan, Patty, as she takes us through the preparation and process of our Catholic traditions. Sacristans are an important part of each Mass, Sacrament, and Celebration. Find out how they help keep our Catholic traditions alive and what all goes on behind the scenes at each of those events. For more information contact Debbie at MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com