



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | November 27, 2018



"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much."

St. Catherine of Siena

Important Upcoming Dates

December 3: Filled Holiday Gift Bags Due

Please bring all filled gift bags for our holiday service project to Ms. BJ in the office.

December 14, 10:30am: 4s/5s Christmas Concert

The Otters, Dolphins, Eagles, Pandas, and Owls will perform Christmas songs for families in the church at 10:30am on this day.

December 20: Noon Dismissal for All Classes

There will be no Extended Day or Lunch Bunch on the last day of school before break.

December 21- January 2: Preschool Closed for Christmas Break

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3rd.

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a blessed Thanksgiving! It was so nice to spend time with family over the holiday. Now we are happy to be back at school.

Thank you so much to everyone who completed the class schedule survey that was emailed to families two weeks ago. The data was extremely helpful, as were the comments. As a result, we have decided to modify our class offerings for the 2019-20 school year (more on this below in Preschool News and Announcements). The results of this survey will also be used for future planning. We have been blessed with 40 wonderful years at St. Raphael Preschool and want to continue to nurture young minds, hearts, and spirits for the next 40 years and beyond! Registration for next school year begins in January, with our current families having class choice priority if registering by January 24th. We appreciate you sharing the word about our Preschool with your friends and neighbors!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



New Class Schedule Offerings for 2019-2020

Thanks to your feedback, we are modifying our class offerings for next school year. Please note that we will now refer to all of our 4s/5s classes as PreK, since they are all preparing children for kindergarten. There will be no changes to our current Early Arrival or Lunch Bunch programs for ages 3 and up or to our Extended Day option for PreK classes. Class offerings for next year are:

- **2 year olds: 1, 2, and 3 day options (M/W/F, T/Th/F, M/W, T/Th, F only)**
- **3 year olds: 2, 3, and 4 day options (T/Th, M/W/F, Tu-F)**
- **PreK (4s/5s): 3, 4, and 5 day options (M/W/F, Tu-F, M-F)**

Information on tuition rates for 2019-20 will be available after the Parish Finance Council and Pastor approve them in mid-December. Please see Ms. Molly with questions!

Thank You Note from Annunciation Catholic School

Annunciation Catholic School in Havelock was so thankful for our support of their preschool families struggling to pay tuition after the recent flooding. You can read their thank you note to our families [HERE](#).

T-Shirt and Sweatshirt Orders

Show your preschool spirit with a t-shirt or sweatshirt! Orders placed online by this Friday, November 30th, will be delivered to the Preschool on December 12th. <https://bit.ly/2DKK94F>

Spread the Word about St. Raphael Preschool!

Registration for next year opens in January, with current families given 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.

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: \$18,827

News from Around the Parish



Boy Scout Troop 314 Christmas Tree Sale

Boy Scout Troop 314, which is sponsored by our parish, is having its annual Christmas tree sale this weekend. All proceeds from the sales of their fresh cut Fraser Fir trees and wreaths support Boy Scout activities. This weekend they are open for business from 9am until 9pm on Friday, 11/30 and Saturday, 12/1, and again on Sunday, 12/2 from 9am until 6pm. Santa will be in attendance on Saturday from noon until 6pm and on Sunday from noon until 3pm!

Parish Advent Festival

Can you believe Advent is almost here??

Join us for our annual Advent Festival on Saturday December 1st from 9:00 am - 11:00 am in Ignatius Hall at St. Raphael's Catholic Church.

From prayer, crafts and service projects to a pancake breakfast, cocoa bar and visit with St. Nick, there is something for everyone!

See attached flyer for more details or click on the link to register for the event and pancake breakfast:

<https://tinyurl.com/y6u499u3>

Take the Journey at St. Raphael's annual
Advent Festival
Saturday December 1st from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
in Ignatius Hall

Spend the morning exploring the reason for the season!
A morning of faith-filled fun and fellowship awaits! The flat fee of \$10 (single, couple, or family) covers entrance to the festival, all Advent activities, Cocoa Bar, Advent Wreath Supplies, service project centers for kids and adults, and visit with St. Nick.
In addition, enjoy a pancake breakfast sponsored by our parish Knights of Columbus (pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, and juice), for an additional fee of \$3 per meal. Pancake breakfast purchase is not required to enter the Advent Festival. However, registration for Advent Festival is required to enter the pancake breakfast.
Don't delay--register today!

Start the Advent season with:

- * Learning about Advent through prayer and fun activities
- * Participating in Service Projects for kids and adults
- * Advent themed crafts and games for toddlers through high school students
- * Making an Advent Wreath (candles available to purchase)

Get into the Advent Spirit with a morning of fun and fellowship!

9:00 am Doors Open for Advent Festival
Pancake Breakfast starts
9:15 am St. Nick arrives
9:45 am Story Time
10:15 am Caroling
10:30 am Story Time

For more information contact:
MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com

Register for the Advent Festival at:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6u499u3>

Thank you to all the ministries helping with this year's Advent festival: Faith Formation, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Birthchoir, Spanish Mother's Group and Boy Scouts
Sponsored by Mothers in Faith Ministry