



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo | December 4, 2018



"Advent is a journey toward Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis

Important Upcoming Dates

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,

Happy Advent! Evidence of the upcoming holiday can be seen all around the Preschool. We have a lovely Christmas tree near the entrance thanks to Boy Scout Troop 314, which was decorated by our Extended Day students. In classrooms, children are busy making gifts for families, acting out the Nativity, and singing Christmas carols. It is so nice to hear the 4s and 5s sing as they practice for their Christmas concert next Friday! Last week the Otters helped make Mary and Jesus decorations for our homebound parishioners and our families generously filled 66 bags with toys and clothes for our Angel Tree families. Many of our families enjoyed the parish Advent Festival last Saturday and discussions about home decorations and Advent wreaths can be heard all over the school. Holiday preparations are in full swing! No matter how you prepare for Christmas, I hope your heart is filled with love and the true spirit of the season!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements



Holiday Gift Bag Outreach Thank You!

Preschool families donated 66 filled bags of toys and clothes for our Angel Tree families. Thank you for your generosity! This will brighten the holidays for many families experiencing tough times.

Preschool T-shirt/Sweatshirt Ordering Extended until 12/7

On-line ordering for St. Raphael Preschool t-shirts and sweatshirts has been extended until this Friday, December 7th. Orders will be delivered to the preschool office on

12/12. <https://bit.ly/2DKK94F>

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.

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: \$21,447

News from Around the 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 to other moms and learning about our Catholic faith. **Meetings are the 2nd Thursday each month from 9:00 am – 11:45 am in Room 112.** Includes social time, prayer time, and guest speakers.

Come for all or part of the meeting! Can't come every month? Just come when you can!

December 13th Meeting: *Meet Mary*

Mary has appeared many times over the years and has many titles. What do they mean and how do they effect us today? See Mary through a mother's eyes as we hear from various Moms about Mary and her many miracles. Enjoy our semiannual Pot Luck as well!