



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## *Weekly Memo | December 11, 2018*



*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."*

Pope Benedict XVI

### **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 this Friday. Hope to see you there!

*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,*

*The Preschool is always a happy place, but it is especially joyful during Advent! You can hear children singing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, see them retelling the story of our Savior's birth as they play with nativity sets, and witness their excitement as they craft a surprise gift for their families. As adults we often get caught up in the stress of holiday preparations, so I hope that you are taking time to prepare your heart and mind during Advent.*

*This quote from Neal A. Maxwell is the perfect reminder of this most important Christmas preparation: "Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is enough room for Jesus."*

*There will be no newsletter next week. On behalf of all of our staff, we wish you a very merry Christmas and a blessed 2019!*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

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## Preschool News and Announcements



### **Preschool Registration for 2019-2020**

Class schedules and tuition rates for 2019-2020 will be available on December 19, as the Finance Council meeting was postponed due to the snow. We will send out registration information after approval from the Finance Council and Pastor.

Registration will open on January 3rd when classes resume and will be available both on-line and in paper copy. Current families will receive class choice priority if registration is complete (registration form and fee are turned in) by Thursday, January 24th at 3pm. After that time we will place all other students in classes. Please see the office with questions. We are excited for another great school year! Thanks for helping us get the word out about our preschool!

## Soccer Shots Winter/Spring Session

Soccer Shots will begin a new session on January 11th that runs through May 17th. This soccer program for ages 3-5 meets on Fridays from 12-12:40pm. Your child does not have to attend preschool on Fridays to sign up for Soccer Shots. For more information or to register your child, visit <https://ssrdu.configio.com/search?loc=181>. See Ms. BJ with 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:** \$22,500

## News from Saint Raphael Catholic School



### SRCS Kindergarten Registration

**Rising kindergarten parents:** The deadline to apply to Saint Raphael Catholic School is January 31!

Spots are filling so be sure to get your child's application in as soon as possible. Apply online [here](#). Please remember: Families with older siblings at SRCS still need to apply for their rising kindergartner.

Questions? Contact Mary Morgan at 919-865-5754 or [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org)

### Box Tops Collection

The Box Tops for Education program is an easy way to help schools raise funds. Preschools are not eligible for this program, but you can help SRCS! Just look for pink Box Tops on products, clip them, and send them to school. There will be a collection bin in the Preschool office. For more information on the program, including a list of participating products, visit [www.BTFE.com](http://www.BTFE.com). Thanks for your support!

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!