



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## Weekly Memo | February 19, 2019



*Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.*

Leo Buscaglia

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

#### *March 8: Preschool Will Be in Session*

There will now be classes held on March 8th, which on the original calendar was a teacher retreat day.

This is now a weather make-up day.

#### *March 11, 12, 15: Class and Individual Photos*

Class and individual photos will be taken on these days. Please see the schedule below for the day your child's class will have Picture Day.

#### *March 15: Discipleship Rate Tuition Forms Due*

If you are an active parishioner of our parish and would like to apply or reapply for the Discipleship Tuition Rate (formerly called Stewardship Rate) for the 2019-20 school year, forms are due by March 15.

This form must be resubmitted each year.

*Dear Parents,*

*This morning all preschool teachers in the Diocese of Raleigh met at St. Michael for a spiritual retreat and professional development. The theme of the morning was "Remember Your Why"- why we chose to teach and why we choose the activities we do for our classrooms. Our "why" as Catholic early childhood educators is to help form lifelong learners and disciples of Jesus. We heard some powerful research: on average, people retain 10% of what they see, 30-40% of what they hear, and 90% of what they see, hear, and do. This is why a hands-on, play based, developmentally appropriate curriculum is so important for young children. On behalf of all of our staff, thank you for allowing us to serve your family by providing a high quality, faith filled early education for your children. We feel blessed to work with such wonderful students!*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

## Preschool News and Announcements



### **40th Anniversary T-Shirts- Order by 2/27!**

We are getting excited for our 40th anniversary celebration in May! If you came to Family Math & Science Night, you saw all the teachers wearing the anniversary shirts. If you would like to order one for your child or yourself, now is the time! Orders will be accepted until February 27th. Click [HERE](#) for the order form. Please return completed forms and payment to the Preschool office.

### **Preschool Parent Surveys**

Last week all families were sent a link to the on-line version of our Parent Survey. Your feedback about our program is so valuable- please take a few minutes to complete it! If you prefer a paper copy, some are available at your child's classroom sign-in table this week. March 1 is the last day to submit your parent survey. We appreciate your input!

### Picture Days- March 12, 13, 15

We are working with the Preschool division of Lifetouch to provide our class and individual photos this spring. No prepayment is necessary- you will receive proofs of your child's photos. Below is the picture day schedule:

Monday, March 11th: Bunnies, Owls, Frogs, Eagles, Yellow Puppies

Tuesday, March 12th: Cubs, Pandas, Dolphins, Turtles, Red Puppies

Friday, March 15th: Otters, Spotted Puppies

### Important 2019-20 School Year Reminders

Our registration has been off to an amazing start! Thanks for referring your friends to us- please continue to do so! We have limited spaces left in our 2s and PreK classes. Some classes are already filled with a wait list. There are still a number of 3s spots open. If you know of someone who is interested in our school, please tell them to stop by before our rosters are full!

Parish affiliation applications must be resubmitted each year. If you are a member of St. Raphael parish and would like to apply or reapply for the discipleship tuition rate, please do so anytime before March 15th. For families with financial need, tuition assistance applications through FACTS are due by April 1st. Further information on both of these can be found on the Admissions page of our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/admissions/>

All registered families will receive more information in April, including a tuition contract, 2019-20 calendar, and health forms. The first month's tuition for 2019-20 is due May 1st. Payment is necessary to hold your child's spot.

### 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:** \$34,740

## News from Saint Raphael Catholic School

### SRCS Kindergarten Registration

**Rising kindergarten parents:** If you wish to enroll your rising kindergartner at SRCS, 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)

## News from Around the Parish

### Family Rosary Prayer Group

You are invited to join the Family Rosary Prayer Group this Saturday, February 23rd, at 6:30pm in the Lewis Room. For more information, contact Jeanine at [jeaninevignjevic@gmail.com](mailto:jeaninevignjevic@gmail.com).

### Our Lady of Hope & an Invitation to Deepen Deliberately

### Our Lady Of Hope



The statue of Mary of Hope is of our Blessed Mother pregnant with Our Savior, Jesus Christ. Praying to Our Lady of Hope during pregnancy or when trying to conceive, can be a source of wonderful peace and grace. The Mary of Hope Pilgrim Ministry brings the statue to your home along with prayers including the St. Gerard Novena.

If you are interested in having the statue at your house please contact Amy Saavedra at [amy.saavedra@nc.rr.com](mailto:amy.saavedra@nc.rr.com) or 919 605-2183

### God's Grace, Human Space: Experiencing the Sacred in Everyday Life



Join us for a parish-wide Pre-Lent Retreat  
Friday, February 22  
7:00-9:00 pm  
In the church

In today's modern lifestyle, we often compartmentalize work, family, friends, religion, prayer, and leisure. We "relegate God" to convenient locations and times, spending time with Him only on specific days of the week and in specific locations. This retreat will help us all learn ways to keep God ever present in every moment of our lives, while balancing the demands of everyday life.

We invite you to join us for this exciting opportunity to deepen deliberately.

Visit [www.saintraphael.org/rickymanalo](http://www.saintraphael.org/rickymanalo) to learn more.