



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## Weekly Memo | February 26, 2019



*We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

### **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,*

*How wonderful to see the sun after so much rain! The children were so excited to get back out on the playground again. We hope that the early spring the groundhog predicted will begin soon.*

*There is a lot going on at the Preschool in March! Our Monday classes will attend a presentation about bugs by Outback Learning Safari. These former preschool teachers do an amazing job engaging the kids in science learning with puppets and songs. Next Wednesday, March 6, is Ash Wednesday. Father Bruce will visit each class with ashes. Don't forget that Friday, March 8th, is now a regular school day (weather make-up day). The following week will be class and individual photos, along with a performance by the Irish dancers of Inis Cairde School. To finish the month, we'll have an interactive story teller perform on Friday, March 29. These special programs are possible with thanks to Ignatius Fund donations. We are excited for all these fun events!*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

## Preschool News and Announcements



### **Join the 40th Anniversary Planning Committee**

Love planning parties? We need your help planning and implementing our 40th anniversary celebration! The majority of the party is planned, but many hands are needed to make the day run smoothly. Please let BJ or Molly know if you would like to help. Our next meeting is March 21st at 9:15am. You are welcome to bring your children to the meeting if necessary.

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

If you would like to order one for your child or yourself, now is the time! Orders will be accepted until Wednesday, February 27th. Click [HERE](#) for the order form. Please return completed forms and payment to the Preschool office.

### **Preschool Parent Surveys**

All families were sent a link to the on-line version of our Parent Survey earlier in the month. 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 Friday, 3/1, is the last day to submit your parent survey. We appreciate your input!

### **Picture Day Helpers Needed**

We are looking for one parent helper for Monday, March 11th and one for Tuesday, March 12th during class and individual photos. A time commitment of 9am until noon is necessary, but picture day helpers will receive a \$50 certificate from Lifetouch to use toward their photo purchase. Please let BJ know if you are able and willing to help or if you have any questions!

### **Picture Days- March 11, 12, 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

### **New Preschool Summer Camp Offerings!**

We are excited to announce new summer camp offerings at St. Raphael Preschool! There will be two weeks of camp available- June 3-7 and June 10-14, 9am until noon with an optional Lunch bunch add-on from 12-1pm. To give you a preview, some of our new camp themes are Outdoor Adventures, Letterland Animal Adventure, and STEAM (exploring art with science, technology, engineering, and math). Registration information will come out in early April. Any fully potty trained child age 3 through rising kindergarten is eligible to register for our camps.

### **Soccer Shots Spring Session Sign-Up**

Soccer Shots is now enrolling students for their 8 week spring session, Fridays from March 15 - May 17. For more details and registration information, please click [HERE](#).

### **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:** \$35,340

## News from Saint Raphael Catholic School

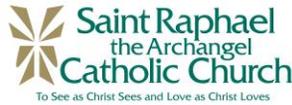


### SRCS Kindergarten Registration

**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



## Feast of St. Joseph Celebration



# Come Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph

**Tuesday  
March 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for Mass at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary to begin the celebration of St. Joseph.

After Mass, the celebration of the Feast Day will embark with the Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar in the Atrium.

We will sing a litany and partake in an Italian Tupa-Tupa Tradition with our children.

Afterwards we will process to the Lewis Room with our new Statue platform and celebrate together with a Pot Luck Meal and a variety of activities for the whole family.

Please contact Mothers in Faith at [MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com](mailto:MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up to help or bring items.

### Feast Day Includes:

- ~ Special St. Joseph Mass at 11:00 am
- ~ Blessing of the Altar and Tupa-Tupa in the Atrium at 11:45 am
- ~ Procession to the Lewis Room, pot luck, and activities at 12:00 noon

Come enjoy a pot-luck gathering, while celebrating St. Joseph as a worker, protector, father and husband!

We will honor all fathers by carrying pictures of our fathers during the procession and adding them to the St. Joseph table in the Lewis Room for a special blessing.

**All parishioners are invited to join at any time during the festivities.**



**Please bring your favorite pot luck dish to share and a picture of your father to honor during the feast day celebration.**

**Pot Luck dishes may be dropped off in the Lewis Room prior to the 11:00 am Mass.**