

*Weekly Memo | April 9, 2019*



*"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." -- St. Pio of Pietrelcina*

## **Important Upcoming Dates**

### *April 18-26: Preschool closed for Easter Break*

The Preschool will be closed for Easter break from Holy Thursday through April 26th. Classes will resume on Monday, April 29th.

### *May 18: Preschool's 40th Anniversary Celebration*

Mark your calendars for family fun! We will celebrate our 40th anniversary on Saturday, May 18th, 3-5:15pm in Ignatius Hall, followed by 5:30 Mass.

*Dear Parents,*

*As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, I am filled with love and gratitude for the amazing ladies who work at St. Raphael Preschool. They are the most faith-filled, dedicated people that I know and everything they do is done with love. No matter what*

*the situation, they stay focused on what is important- our students. I'm blessed to see them nurture children's excitement for learning every day.*

*As we prepare for next school year, we have a few staffing changes to announce. After 19 years at St. Raphael Preschool, Ms. Margaret is retiring from teaching. She plans to spend more time at the beach with her husband but promises to come back and visit. Two staff members are relocating with their families- Ms. Teresa to Richmond, VA and Ms. Terri to Greensboro. Ms. Ally has decided to focus on her family next year as her daughter transitions to kindergarten. We will still see her at the Preschool, though, since her son will be an Owl. We wish all of these ladies our best as they begin new chapters of their lives!*

*We are lucky to have current staff members ready to move into these open positions. Ms. Amy and Ms. Diane are adding days to their work schedules to teach the Cubs class together. Ms. Nikki, who has assisted Ms. Terri in Catechesis this year, will take the lead in the Atrium. We are excited to welcome Ms. Amanda Houchin as our Red Puppies teacher. She has extensive kindergarten and preschool teaching experience in our area, including at St. Catherine of Siena. Please join us in making her feel welcome in the fall!*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

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## Preschool News and Announcements



### **Project Linus Quilts- Thank You!**

A huge thank you to committee chair Joanne Pikoulis and her amazing committee- Jennifer Murphy, Angela Ermi, Linda McManus, Stephanie Caccamo, and Gisele Manole - for helping the children sew their fabric squares into beautiful quilts last week! The kids loved pushing the pedal and were excited to make their own special stitch. In May we will infuse the quilts with our love and prayers before sending them to Project Linus. Thanks for supporting this important service project!

### **40th Anniversary Scholarship Raffle- Tickets on Sale Now!**

In honor of our 40th anniversary, we are holding a raffle to raise money for student scholarships so that all children can receive a faith-filled early education. We have some amazing prizes- a \$500 gift certificate to the Original Mattress Factory, a date night basket with wine, gifts, and a \$100 gift certificate to 42nd Street Oyster Bar, and a family fun basket including a photography package, a birthday party at eNeRGy Kidz, Irish dancing classes at Inis Cairde, and more! We also just received a year's membership to Planet Fitness! Raffle tickets will be sold in the Preschool hallway beginning midweek and are also available on-line. The drawing will happen on May 18th at our 40th anniversary celebration, but you need not be present to win. Please spread the word to your friends and family! We are also appreciative of donations to our [40th Anniversary Fund](#). More information can be found on our website by choosing "40th Anniversary Fund" on the sidebar: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/>

### **Register Now for Preschool Summer Camp!**

St. Raphael Preschool will offer two weeks of summer camp- June 3-7 and 10-14. Camps run 9am-noon with optional Lunch Bunch noon-1pm and Early Arrival (new this year!) from 8-9am. All children aged 3 through rising K who are fully potty-trained are eligible to register. It is not necessary to be a current student to attend our camps, so please tell your family, friends, and neighbors! You can find the registration form and camp information [HERE](#). Completed registration forms and payment should be returned to the Preschool office.

### **Ignatius Fund Update**

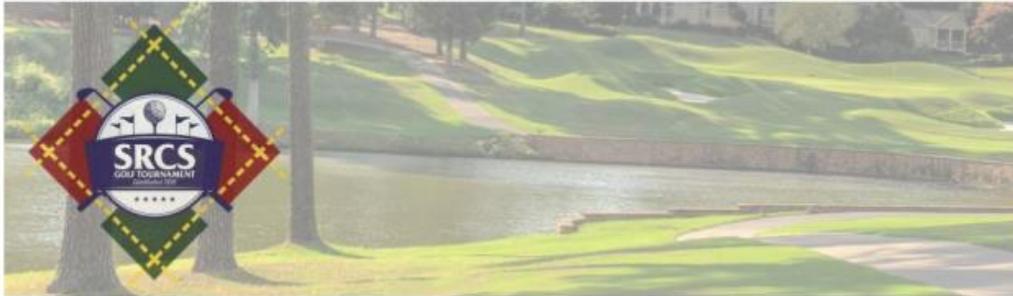


Thank you to all who have already contributed to the Ignatius Fund! By making a tax deductible donation, you are directly impacting the lives of St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool students and faculty while pledging your support to Catholic education. Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

**Goal:** \$80,000 with 100% participation

**Raised to date:** \$43,470

## News from Saint Raphael Catholic School



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### 19TH ANNUAL RYAN O'CONNELL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 6, 2019  
1 P.M. Shotgun Start  
North Ridge Country Club  
6612 Falls of the Neuse Road  
Raleigh, NC 27615

Extended Early Bird Savings \$150  
SRCS Alumni rate of \$140

To register or to become a sponsor, go to  
[www.saintraphaelschool.org/golf/](http://www.saintraphaelschool.org/golf/) or contact Betsy Coley or Brittany  
Taylor at [ROCGolf@saintraphael.org](mailto:ROCGolf@saintraphael.org).

*All proceeds benefit the Ryan O'Connell Scholarship Fund which provides assistance  
for school families facing hardships and other unexpected needs.*