



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

## *Weekly Memo | April 2, 2019*



*"We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but His grace transforms us and makes us new."*

Pope Benedict XVI

### **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,*

*Each week during Lent I visit all the 2 and 3 year olds' music classes to do a short presentation. We read a portion of the Easter story from my favorite book, The Easter Story by Brian Wildsmith. The book is filled with beautiful, brightly colored illustrations and on every page there is at least one angel with Jesus. We point this out so the children understand that even during the saddest times, Jesus was never alone. Last week we read about Jesus washing his friends' feet and blessing and sharing bread and wine at the Last Supper. Knowing that these actions of caring are done for them by their parents helps the children better understand how Jesus was showing great love in this way. We teach the children that just like the angel was always with Jesus in our Easter book, Jesus is always with us.*

*Many blessings,  
Molly DeAngelo*

## Preschool News and Announcements



### **April Registration Packet**

All families who are registered for the 2019-20 school year and have paid the registration fee will receive a packet of information from the office this week. This envelope will include a welcome letter, preliminary calendar, tuition contract, autodraft form, and health assessment. Some of these items require immediate action, so please be on the lookout for this packet to come home with your child! If you did not receive a packet but think you registered your child here for next school year, please contact Ms. BJ as soon as possible.

### **A Message from the Teacher Appreciation Week Committee**

St. Raphael Preschool has some of the most amazing teachers! Let's show them how much we appreciate all they do for our children!

This year's **Teacher Appreciation Week is April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**. There are lots of opportunities to show how much we care about our teachers. An information packet went home last week with all the

details but here are a few ways to be involved.

**Volunteer:** TAW is successful because of all the volunteers! Please consider helping in a classroom, decorating, or with the luncheon. Click on the sign up genius below to see how to get involved. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044dadab2aa0fc1-teacher2>

**Feed Them:** One of the most comforting ways to show how much you care is through food. We have multiple opportunities to provide food for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, from bringing in breakfast items to making them a home cooked meal to take home. Please consider bringing in items from the sign up genius below: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044dadab2aa0fc1-teacher3>

**Kid's Gifts:** Teacher's find inspiration in many ways, including gifts from kids and new school supplies! Below is a list of craft supplies the teacher's would like. Please consider giving items from this list to the teachers from our kids. Please bring items to the box outside the preschool office by **Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Suggested Craft Gifts from Kids:**

wiggly eyes, craft feathers, craft sticks (wooden), Do-a-Dot paints, card stock - all colors, colorful sharpies, Golf tees, Crayola crayons, pony beads, sidewalk chalk, stickers, coloring books for Early Arrival, paper towels, Clorox wipes, Kleenex tissues, bright color tissue paper, Twistables colored pencils, Crayola colored pencils, Kwix Stix, solid tempera paint sticks

Thank you for helping show our teachers how much we appreciate! For questions or more details please contact [MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com](mailto:MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com).

Joyfully, the Teacher Appreciation Committee

**40th Anniversary Scholarship Raffle**

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! Raffle tickets will be sold in the Preschool hallway beginning next week 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:** \$42,670

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## **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)

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## **News from Around the Parish**

### **Family Rosary**

Family Rosary Prayer Group next meets on Saturday, April 6th, at 6:30pm in the St. Raphael Lewis room. If you and family will be attending, please bring a dish with you for a potluck meal. Heat and refrigeration will be provided. See you there!