



SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

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"A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."

St. Francis of Assisi

Important Upcoming Dates

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.

May 15-17: Spring Celebrations and BOGO Book Fair

See below for more information!

May 24: Last Day of Preschool

All classes will dismiss at noon on this last day of school. There will be no Extended Day or Lunch Bunch.

Dear Parents,

What a fun start to our week! We had beautiful weather for Field Days. The kids had an amazing time playing with the parachute, having a sack race, hitting teeballs, and doing an obstacle course. We really appreciate all the families who volunteered. Without your help, this event would not be possible!

Have you responded to the Evite yet? Our 40th anniversary celebration is less than 2 weeks away! If you didn't receive the Evite, please let the office know. All current and alumni families are invited. There will be lots of fun activities that afternoon followed by 5:30pm Mass. We hope you all can be there to help us celebrate this milestone!

*Many blessings,
Molly DeAngelo*

Preschool News and Announcements

Field Day Thank Yous!

Thank you for the many parents and grandparents who helped out with Field Days! This is always a favorite memory for the children. An especially big thank you goes to our planning committee- Ashleigh Mosca, Geoff Gerko, Misty Wright, Reed Murphy, Mary Kate Llamas, Eric Daniel, and our Creative Movement teacher, Ms. Lisa.

Spring Celebration Music Concerts and Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

May 15-17 will be busy- our 3s, 4s, and 5s classes will perform spring music concerts and we'll have a "buy one book, get one free" Scholastic Book Fair in our hallways! The music concert schedule is:

Wednesday, 5/15 at 11am in the Lewis Room- Frogs and Bunnies

Thursday, 5/16 at 11:30am in the Lewis Room- Cubs and Turtles

Friday, 5/17 at 10:30am in the Church- Owls, Pandas, Otters, Dolphins, and Eagles

Help Needed for 40th Anniversary Celebration!

We are so excited for our upcoming celebration! Many hands are needed to make this special event a

success. Are you able to volunteer? We are in need of paper good donations, volunteers to help at the event (at the food table, helping at center activities, etc.), and raffle ticket sellers during drop off and pick up times leading up to the event. Please help out if you can. We appreciate the support!

Raffle Ticket Sales: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054aa4a723a20-raffle>

Celebration Donations: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4faca2ea0fb6-items>

Celebration Volunteers: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d4faca2ea0fb6-40th>

40th Anniversary Scholarship Raffle- Have You Bought Your Tickets?

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! 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/>

Spaces Still Available for 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 online through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>

Goal: \$80,000 with 100% participation

Raised to date: \$63,470

News from Saint Raphael Catholic School

SRCS Presents Peter Pan Jr.

Saint Raphael Catholic School presents Disney's Peter Pan Jr. on Wednesday, May 8th and Thursday, May 9th at 7pm in Ignatius Hall. Admission is free!

News from Around the Parish

Message from Fr. Phil

Hi St. Raphael preschool families:

Fr. Phil here! It's with much gratitude to Fr. Chris Ryan, S.J. that I write to let you know that our Jesuit superiors have let us know that his two years of dedicated service at St. Raphael will conclude on May 12. He's moving out of Raleigh to work with his Jesuit province in discerning his next mission. We were only promised Fr. Chris for one year back in 2017. What a blessing it was extended to two!

Please join me in thanking him for his heartfelt service as parochial vicar. There will be farewell receptions for him in Ignatius Hall on Saturday, May 11 after the 5:30 pm Mass and Sunday, May 12 after the 9:30 am and 2:30 pm Masses. God bless, Fr. Phil Hurley, S.J.

An Invitation from Mothers in Faith

Welcoming Mothers of all ages to our Mothers in Faith meetings! Whether you are a mom to toddlers, teens or grand kids, all moms are welcome to join us on our faith journey towards Christ. Meet other mothers, enjoy engaging guest speakers and grow closer to our parish community.

Next Mothers in Faith Meeting- Thursday, May 9th at 9:30am in rm 112

May Meeting: *Decorating Tips of Christ's Love - How to make your home a beautiful reminder of our Catholic Faith*

Ever wonder how to integrate our Catholic faith into your home? Want to do something more than place a statue on the mantel? Learn how to make your faith literally a part of your home. It's not glaring and out of place but instead it brings peace and a gentle reminder of Christ's love.

For more information contact Mothers in Faith at MothersInFaithSR@yahoo.com.

Blessing of the Child in the Womb

All expectant parents are cordially invited to have their child in the womb blessed on Sunday, May 12th in the Mary Chapel.