

St. Raphael School Celebrates 15 Year Anniversary

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In Saint Peter's Square last month, Pope Francis reminded us of the true measure of success. He said, "Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured not on what someone has, but on what someone gives." As the St. Raphael School community celebrates its 15-year anniversary, it is the spirit of giving that has allowed its mission to flourish. Through faith and reason, our school community challenges students to lead lives of service while embracing the love of God and neighbor.

The birth of St. Raphael School (SRS), and its continued success, is due to the commitment to Catholic education by the members of the St. Raphael community. As Fr. Meyers often said, "Fr. Bill may have planted the seed, but we, as a parish, have made it grow."

The success of our school is due in part to the generosity of our community through the Annual Fr. Bill Finch Memorial St. Raphael Golf Classic. This year's fundraising golf tournament held on Friday, October 1, 2021 at Bretton Woods will support families economically impacted by COVID-19 as well as our continuation of safety protocols.

The culture and traditions created over the last 15 years have built the school's identity. Grandparent's Day is one of those



Above: Grandparent's Day is a favorite tradition at St. Raphael School.



At left: St. Raphael School celebrates its 15-year anniversary!



We honor Fr. Bill Finch and the seed he planted in our flourishing St. Raphael community.

traditions that allows us to promote the vital role grandparents play in our student's education while expressing our gratitude for being our strongest community supporters. This special celebration is a favorite among students and this year was no different.

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Upcoming Events

St. Raphael 13 Annual Golf Classic (Oct. 1 at Bretton Woods)

Join us for the St. Raphael Golf Classic! Players and guests can look forward to enjoying one of the top golf courses in the area, food and drink all day long, and true spirited fun. Noon shotgun start. Details about participating, sponsorship, and basket raffle sale can be found on the SRS homepage at <https://straphaelschoolmd.org/>

SRS Open House 2022-2023 (Oct. 18)

St. Raphael School Open House starts at 9:30 a.m. with a presentation, followed by a Q&A session and a tour of the school. Childcare is available, if needed. St. Raphael School is grades K-8 and specializes in tailored academics through small-group instruction, integrated technology (including one-to-one tablet program for middle school), and differentiated learning. SRS is enrolling for next year. To schedule a tour for an alternate date, contact Julie Cress at 301-762-2143. Details for the Open House can also be found on the SRS homepage at <https://straphaelschoolmd.org/>

Angels on the Run (Oct. 30)

All are welcome to participate in the annual Angels on the Run 5K. The run starts at St. Raphael School and continues on through the surrounding neighborhood. The event is for all ages and includes a 1K walk/run. Festivities begin at 8 a.m. and end around 10:30am. Watch the SRS home page for registration and event details. <https://straphaelschoolmd.org/>

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