



Saint Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church

"Go, set the world on fire!"

St. Raphael Vision Statement: *to be a vibrant, growing parish that invites people to encounter Jesus and forms them as passionate disciples who serve his mission by their lives. Our members commit to: pray profoundly, connect consciously, serve selflessly, deepen deliberately, invite intentionally, and welcome warmly.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your trust in choosing our Catholic schools to assist you in the education of your children. I hope that our schools and parish will be a blessing to your children, and in turn to your whole family, whether your children are at St. Raphael Catholic School and Preschool or at Cardinal Gibbons High School. Likewise, the presence of Catholic school children and families enriches and makes the whole parish community here at St. Raphael more vibrant.

People support each other here at St. Raphael and I hope you and your family find all the support you need here. There's always opportunity for even **more** mutual support and care. St. Raphael as a parish also *needs you* as a family with your particular gifts to offer support to others!

I want to continue to honor this unique relationship between school families and the larger parish community. One important way of doing this is offering a special tuition rate to families who are active parishioners, the "discipleship rate." **Why "discipleship"?** Because the tuition rate is offered in partnership with families who **generously give** of their unique gifts: by their regular presence at Sunday Mass, by participating in parish opportunities to live out our vision commitments and by giving financially to the parish proportional to their means to support the good things happening as we journey toward our vision. **I invite you as a family to discern the ways God is calling you** to offer your particular gifts to the parish community as active parishioners.

In such a large and diverse parish, there are many opportunities for each one of us to live out our commitments. As we move toward our vision of being a parish whose members commit to **praying** profoundly, **connecting** consciously, **deepening** deliberately, **inviting** intentionally and **welcoming** warmly, I ask that you join us on the journey!

Enclosed you'll find a **Guide to Discipleship for Catholic School Families** and a **Covenant for Catholic School Families**. I invite you to take time to pray and discuss these as a family. The **Guide** offers suggestions to help you discern the specific commitments you're called to make as a family, as active parishioners at St. Raphael. This part is for you to keep. The **Covenant** is a way to make a commitment as a family with the larger parish community for the coming year. We ask that you submit just this Covenant page with your application for the 2019-2020 school year: the process for submission is explained in the Guide.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and our schools, to follow where Jesus is leading us as a St. Raphael community!

God bless,

Fr. Phil Hurley, S.J.
Pastor

Guide to Discipleship for Catholic School Families 2019-2020

*The basic guideline for a family to be active parishioners at St. Raphael who are to receive the **discipleship tuition rate** at one of our Catholic schools is that the family be registered members of the parish who participate in Mass here weekly, participate in parish opportunities to live out our vision commitments, share their unique gifts by giving of their talents in service to the parish, and regularly give to fund the mission of the parish financially as they are able. All of this is part of serving the mission of Jesus by your lives as a Catholic family.*

1. **Please prayerfully discuss the following questions and reflections as a family.** Consider what it means to be active parishioners, faithfully sharing the gifts God has given you, and to support others in our parish:
 - **Prayer** and the *sacraments* are privileged ways to encounter Jesus. Do we fully and actively participate at Mass at least weekly? Do we foster in our family an eagerness to receive forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a regular basis? Are we involved actively in sacramental preparation with our children in discerning their readiness to celebrate the sacraments (i.e. First Communion, Confirmation) while **deepening** our relationship with Jesus? (See sacrament preparation information attached.) Are we committed to praying regularly as a family at home?
 - What are some ways we can **invite** and **welcome** those we meet who might feel far from God and church community to come back? (e.g. invite them to try *Alpha* with us, or to point them to our *welcome tables* before or after Mass)?
 - Do we have a **generous spirit** as members of our parish community? Do we understand the many ways we can support others on their journey of faith as we also deepen our faith as a family? Are our priorities in line with our calling as spouses, parents, children, and as brothers and sisters? Are we ready to actively support our St. Raphael community in various ways? Are we willing to offer our energies, resources and skills to strengthen the programs and ministries of the entire parish? Do we **give generously** and regularly from our financial resources to fund the good things in the mission of the Church?
 - Please stop by the Welcome Center in the church atrium to find information about the many ministries here at St. Raphael. There you will meet members of our Welcome Ministry who will share many exciting opportunities to help you **connect** with others in our parish and **serve** selflessly as active disciples at St. Raphael. This information can also be found on our parish website www.saintraphael.org
 - **Imagine** if *each* individual and *every* family at St. Raphael were engaged in **deepening as disciples** who embrace our vision commitments. Our great parish would be even more amazing! More people would be reached and know Jesus' love and healing and help in their lives. More people would be drawn to come to St. Raphael. More people would be drawn to the Catholic Church for the first time, or the first time in a long while. **How is God calling you as a Catholic school family to be part of all this?**
2. Following your prayerful discernment as a family regarding your active discipleship, please complete the enclosed **Covenant for Catholic School Families**. More specific qualifications won't need verification unless there is a significant question as to how a family is involved with the parish community.
3. Please submit the **Covenant** form with your oldest child's St. Raphael Catholic School or Preschool registration form. Only one form is needed per family.

****NOTE:** If you **ONLY** have a student at Cardinal Gibbons High School, **OR YOUR OLDEST CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING** Cardinal Gibbons High School, please return your form to the **PARISH OFFICE**. **Your form will be shared with St. Raphael Catholic School. No covenant form should be sent to Cardinal Gibbons High School.**

The covenant form is also available on the parish website www.saintraphael.org. We're glad to help you in providing a Catholic education for your children, and we're grateful to have your active participation as disciples of Jesus in the life of our parish.



Catholic Sacramental Preparation Information

Come be a part of the sacramental process! Grow together with your child in the faith. **All Catholic families interested in celebrating First Eucharist or Confirmation at St. Raphael's need to register for a two year process of preparation.**

For First Eucharist, the earliest age that preparation can begin is 1st grade. The child should already have celebrated the sacrament of Baptism.

For Confirmation, the earliest age that preparation can begin is 7th grade. The child should already have celebrated the sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist.

Sacramental preparation can always happen at an older age. Families should register for the first year preparation process and then re-register the second year.

Registration for First Eucharist and Confirmation will occur **during the summer of 2019 online via the Parish website.** All Sacramental preparation is coordinated and administered through the Parish Office of Lifelong Faith Formation. Please contact us at 919-865-5735 or saintraphael.org for more information!

Covenant for Catholic School Families
Discipleship Rate Tuition
2019-2020

I _____, am parent/guardian of the following student(s) enrolled at St. Raphael Preschool, St. Raphael Catholic School or Cardinal Gibbons High School.

Child's First Name	Child's Last Name	Grade or Preschool Age	School

I do attest that we as a family have prayerfully considered our level of commitment as active parishioners and disciples who will embrace the vision of St. Raphael. We are registered parishioners. We also intend to grow as true disciples of Jesus, fully engaged Catholics who participate in and support our parish, our fellow parishioners, and the larger community the parish serves, in all the ways God is inviting us to. We commit to be generous with our time, energy, skills and financial resources. We intend to actively participate in the gift of the sacramental and prayer life of the parish, especially weekly Mass.

Below are some of the ways we have discerned to continue or begin supporting the parish community as an active parish family during the upcoming school year:

This list is not exhaustive as we may be called by the Holy Spirit to offer our energy, skills or resources to other or additional projects/ministries not yet identified.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approved by Pastor: _____

Fr. Phillip R. Hurley, S.J.

More specific qualifications won't be needed unless there is a significant question as to how a family is involved with the parish community.

Re-Registration Checklist for 2019-2020 School Year

Below are the items you will need to complete for each child to re-register for the 2019-20 school year at Saint Raphael Catholic School and submit to the main office by Monday, January 7, 2019.

1. Re-Registration Form
2. Volunteer Opportunity Form
3. Check or payment for re-registration fee per the form
4. Discipleship Form (formerly Stewardship Form) for the 2019-2020 school year

Have questions? Who should you contact?

Financial questions, including tuition payments, financial aid, or payment information, please contact Erin Boretti at 919-865-5753 or via email at eboretti@saintraphael.org.

Re-registration Form questions, please contact Janet Pritchett at 919-865-5752 or via email at jpritchett@saintraphael.org.

Volunteer Form questions, please contact the main office at 919-865-5750.

Questions about kindergarten registration. If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in 2019, please contact Mary Morgan at 919-865-5754, or via email at mmorgan@saintraphael.org as soon as possible. Kindergarten applications must be received by January 31, 2019.



St. Raphael Catholic School 2019 – 2020 School Year Student Re-Registration

Re-registration fees for the 2019 – 2020 school year are \$150 per student, with a maximum of \$300 per family (Grades 1 - 8). Please note that this form and payment are due in the school office by Monday, January 7, 2019, in order to secure your space for the 2019-2020 school year. **After January 7, 2019, the fee is \$200 per student, with a maximum of \$350 per family.** This fee is non-refundable.

PLEASE NOTE: Your family's re-registration will not be final until all owed monies are paid in full.

Family Name: _____

(Please Print)

Student (Grades 1 – 8) First and Last Names please	Grade entering in Fall of 2019

Please enclose the \$150 re-registration fee for each returning student (family maximum of \$300) for all students Grades 1 - 8 re-registering for the 2019 – 2020 school year by January 7, 2019. This payment ensures your student's spot for the 2019 - 2020 school year. **This fee is non-refundable.**

If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in 2019, please complete an online application for your child as soon as possible. The application is available on the school website (www.saintraphaelschool.org) under the **Admissions** tab. Please call Mary Morgan at (919) 865-5754 or email her (mmorgan@saintraphael.org) with any questions. Kindergarten applications must be received by January 31, 2019.

If you will be applying for Financial Aid, you will still need to complete this form and pay the above fees on the due date. Financial Assistance Forms are available at online.factsmgt.com. The application deadline for FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment is **April 1, 2019**. Financial assistance awards will be mailed by May 31, 2019.

Please check the appropriate box below, sign and return this form to the St. Raphael School office with payment by **Monday, January 7, 2019.**

- Our family currently uses auto-draft for tuition payments, and requests the re-registration fee in the amount of (circle one) \$150 or \$300 be drafted from our account. I understand the draft will occur on January 20, 2019.
- Our family has enclosed a check or cash payment for the re-registration fee.
- Our family will not be returning to SRCS for the following reason: _____

Signature _____ Date _____

ST. RAPHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION SCHEDULE

2019-2020 Annual Tuition Rates

St. Raphael Discipleship Tuition Rate: \$6,330 one child, \$5,888 each additional child.

- This tuition rate is for families who have chosen to do their best at being disciples of St. Raphael Parish. - Discipleship of the parish means being a Catholic registered member of the parish, participating in Mass here weekly, and sharing your time, talent, and treasure (identifiably) with the parish.**

Catholic Tuition Rate: \$7,667 one child, \$7,130 each additional child

- This tuition rate is for Catholic families.

(Families who are members of a neighboring parish without a school MAY be eligible for a \$500 tuition subsidy from their parish. Please submit a completed Raleigh Deanery form signed by your Pastor.)**

Interfaith Tuition Rate: \$8,717

- This tuition rate is for non-Catholic families.

** Your Discipleship Status will be verified annually with our Pastor.

	Discipleship Tuition		Catholic Tuition Rate		Interfaith Tuition	
	10 mo. Rate June-March	12 mo. Rate June-May	10 mo. Rate June-March	12 mo. Rate June-May	10 mo. Rate June-March	12 mo. Rate June-May
1 child	\$633.00	\$527.50	\$766.70	\$638.92	\$871.70	\$726.42
2 children	\$1,221.80	\$1,018.17	\$1,479.70	\$1,233.08	\$1,743.40	\$1,452.83
3 children	\$1,810.60	\$1,508.83	\$2,192.70	\$1,827.25	\$2,615.10	\$2,179.25
4 children	\$2,399.40	\$1,999.50	\$2,905.70	\$2,421.42	\$3,486.80	\$2,905.67

2019-2020 FEES (Please note: All fees listed below are non-refundable.)

- \$125 – Application Fee per child (one-time fee, due at time of application).
- \$150 – Re registration fee per child (annual fee for returning students).
- \$250 – New Student Fee per child, one-time fee due within one week of acceptance to St. Raphael Catholic School, up to a family maximum of \$500.

TUITION PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Payment in full by June 1, 2019
2. Semi-annual payments — First payment is due by June 1, 2019. The second payment is due by January 1, 2020.
3. 10 months Electronic Tuition Payment — Tuition is drafted from your bank account on either the 5th or 20th of the month. Tuition payments will be divided into 10 equal payments beginning in June 2019 and ending in March, 2020.
4. 12 months Electronic Tuition Payment – Tuition is drafted from your bank account on either the 5th or 20th of the month. Tuition will be divided into 12 equal payments beginning in June 2019 and ending in May 2020.

SRCS Parent Volunteer Form: 2019-20

At Saint Raphael Catholic School, we pride ourselves on our strong community. We recognize that for student success, a positive partnership between home and school is vital. To keep both our school community and our students thriving, *your volunteer efforts are critical and appreciated!* Please review this volunteer form and choose all options in which you are willing to participate. Additionally, please specify if you are interested in learning more information about being a leader for a particular event. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership!

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Lunch (ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Appreciation Week (May) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Beautification Committee (ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Fun Nights (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Gala/Auction (August-November) | <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Schools Week (January) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Day (November) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kindergarten Thanksgiving Luncheon (November) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts (August, ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Movie Nights (Fall and Spring) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Boosters Club (ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Guardians in the Community (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Tournament (January-May) | <input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Boosters Club (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth Grade Reception (7th Grade Parent) | <input type="checkbox"/> Moonlight Madness (February) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Dances (ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Day Volunteer (early August) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day (Late May/June) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents Day (October) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing (K Sampler, Open Houses) | <input type="checkbox"/> Home & School Association Committee (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daddy/Daughter Dance (February/March) | <input type="checkbox"/> K-5 Soccer Intramurals (Fall and Spring) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scavenger Haunt (October) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother/Son Kickball Game (October) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photocopying for teachers (ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter/Envelope Stuffing (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trivia Nights | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Roll Luncheon (February) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Supply Kits (June and August) | <input type="checkbox"/> Box Tops for Education (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library Help (ongoing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign-Up/Tear Down Events (ongoing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon | <input type="checkbox"/> School Advisory Committee (ongoing) |

Please tell us volunteer opportunities that would bring you joy to be part of at the school: _____

I would be interested in my information about being a leader for the following event: _____