

School News

A peek behind our classroom doors

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Full-Circle Learning



Our K-8 Signature Units include cross-curricular academics, and most culminate with a field trip that brings all of the learning to life.

Above: A highlight of third grade is a field trip to Emmitsburg to see the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (shown) and The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. The visit caps off the grade's "Super Saints" Signature Unit.

Right: Our kindergartners' annual field trip to the Wings of Fancy Butterfly Exhibit at Brookside Gardens is the perfect way to culminate their "Life Cycle of the Butterfly" Signature Unit.

Photos by Nina Cardillo and Elizabeth Pagan





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Who's Excited About Our New Classes?!



We are thrilled to announce that we are responding to the needs and wishes of our parents by offering full-time classes for our 3's, 4's, and 4-Plus—as well as a NEW program for younger children called Stay and Play.

The full-time classes will be 9:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. with the same teachers and will include lunch and recess. Children will be able to attend Before Care starting at 7 a.m. and After Care until 6 p.m.

The morning sessions will feature our traditional early-childhood format—free play,

circle time, story time, and an art project, as well as large- and small-motor activities. We will include religion and music. For our full-time students, the afternoon sessions will incorporate enrichment elements of fitness, nutrition, science, math, literature, and movement. On Fridays, we will continue to offer conversational Spanish.

We are working hard to support our parents while reducing transitions for our little ones. For more information about these exciting enhancements to our program, contact Julie Cress at 301-762-2143 or jcress@straphaels.org.

Introducing Stay and Play

New for 2018-19: St. Raphael Nursery School will host Stay and Play drop-in sessions for parents to bring their younger ones to campus. Our little friends will enjoy music, art, circle time, stories, and more as they get comfortable at SRNS. This will be a time for parents to connect, trade resources and parenting tips, and just share with each other in our warm, welcoming Catholic setting.