

# The NAZ Newsletter

*A monthly newsletter for the parents and families of Nazareth Academy High School*

**January 2019**



## Important Dates

### **Friday, January 25**

"B" Schedule - 1:00 PM Dismissal  
Department Meetings

### **Saturday, January 26**

Snowball Dance  
7:00 - 10:00 PM  
Philadelphia Ballroom

### **January 27 - February 2**

Catholic Schools Week

### **Thursday, February 7**

Course Verification Day  
"C" Schedule

### **Friday, February 8**

Battle of the Bands  
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
NAHS Gym

### **Sunday, February 10**

Girls Day Out *Hosted by NAPA*  
1:00 PM  
NAHS Gym

### **Friday, February 15**

"B" Schedule - 1:00 PM Dismissal  
Faculty Meeting

### **February 18 - February 22**

Mid Winter Break  
No Classes

## Last Month Recap

- ◆ On Thursday, January 3rd, our students and teachers began the Spring Semester. It is hard to believe in only 5 short months we will be wrapping up final exams and be preparing for the final days of the 2018-2019 school year. Best of luck to all our students in the Spring Semester!
- ◆ During the first full week of the new semester, Mr. Meredith met with each individual class year in the Performing Arts Center. Mr. Meredith's Class meetings were upbeat, motivational and focused on self, school, and what lies ahead for each grade. To learn more about these Class Meetings, see the Principal's Perspective section of the newsletter.
- ◆ On Thursday, January 17th, 40 students and 6 faculty members braved the weather and traveled to Gretna Glen Retreat Camp in Lebanon, PA for the Kairos Retreat. The spirit of the Kairos Retreat is one of acceptance and compassion for others, and allowed our students to open up to God's love.

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My hope is that you were able to enjoy quality time with family and friends during the Christmas season.

## 90th Celebration Continues

Thank you for your support of our second annual Taste of the Town held in November. The results are in: we raised more than \$20,000 for technology. This has allowed us to make some improvements to our internet and wireless connections! Thank you to all who came out to the event and for your support of the raffle!

In April, Nazareth Academy High School will celebrate its **Legacy Gala**. We are thrilled to be honoring the following members of the Nazareth Family:

*Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth*  
*Faculty Member ~ Ms. Frances Wieczczynski '66*  
*Legacy Family ~ Greco/Monari Family*

We hope you are able to join us for the elegant event and congratulate these truly remarkable honorees.

*NAHS 90th Anniversary Legacy Gala*  
*Friday, April 26th ~ 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM*  
*Union League Golf Club at Torresdale*

To sponsor the event, purchase a ticket, or place a program advertisement, [please click here](#).

## Throwback Thursday

Please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to enjoy our Throwback Thursday posts showing the history of the school through yearbook memories. It has been a wonderful journey, and we look forward to the next 90 years!





## Catholic Schools Week: January 27th - February 2nd

As a Catholic, independent school, Nazareth Academy joins school across the country celebrating Catholic Schools Week, beginning on January 27th. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. In my brief time here at Nazareth, I have witnessed learning, serving, leading, and succeeding in abundance in our student body. Our students truly embrace the mission of Mother Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd to take Nazareth out into the world. On campus, we will have many events to celebrate Catholic Schools Week, highlighted by a school-wide Mass on Tuesday, January 29th. We thank you for your commitment to a Catholic Education at Nazareth Academy.

## New School Website

In case you missed it, Nazareth Academy has launched a new website! We are thrilled to unveil our redesigned school website. [Click here](#) to view our brand new Nazareth school website. We hope you love it as much as we do! For any feedback or comments, please email [info@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:info@nazarethacademyhs.org)

## Social Media

During the Class Meetings (see next page), I addressed the responsible use of social media and creating a digital footprint that would present each student in the most positive light. Last month, a representative from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office spoke directly to the freshman class about the potential dangers of social media. Please reinforce with your daughters not to engage, share with, or respond to an unknown user via social media or to post or share any inappropriate or illegal content. To assist you in this effort, we are going to schedule the representative for the Attorney General's Office to return for a parent presentation, date to be announced.

## Class Meetings

From January 7th through 10th, I was grateful to be able to host Class Meetings, specifically with each class during Activity Period. The purpose of each Class Meeting was to discuss themes relevant to each class, along with reminders about expectations and challenges, and to also set personal goals for each student. With the new semester and Course Selection upon us, this was a great time to reboot, so to speak.

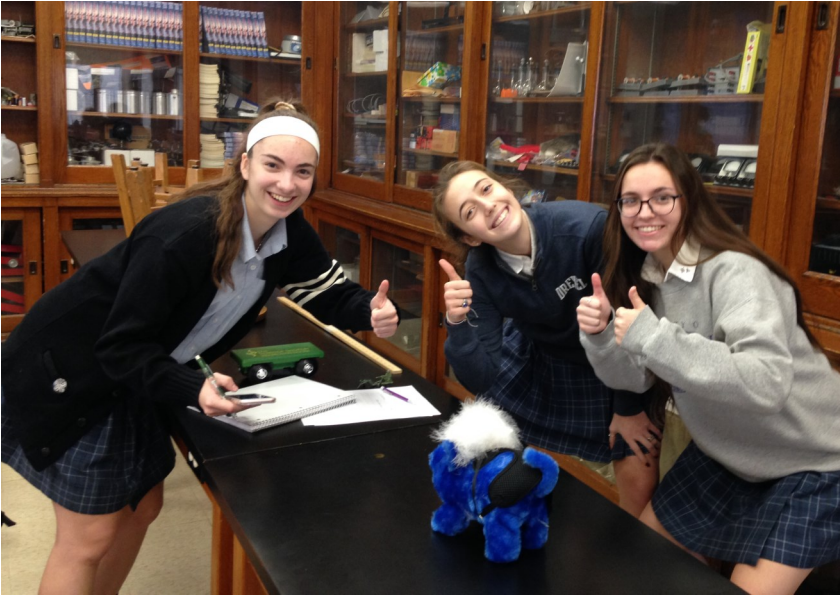
The meeting was designed to be upbeat, and each meeting opened with a music video featuring [Brave by Sara Barielles](#). My message was that to be a teenager in 2019, it takes great bravery. Teenagers face difficult decisions and challenges each and every day. At times, some adults dismiss the life of a teenager as “not real world” but I reminded our students that yes, in fact, the “struggle is real” and it takes bravery not just to make a decision, but to make the right decision.

Although the purpose and delivery of the Class Meeting was to be upbeat and positive by setting personal goals and discussing opportunities specific to each class, I did hold them to account regarding high expectations for them. In particular, for each class and all students, I reminded them about the school uniform and proper decorum in our Chapel. I shared that I do not see this as a severe or pervasive problem, but this is an opportunity to reflect and to do better. As their parents and guardians, I ask for your support as our students strive to be their best selves.

At the close of the meeting, I asked each student to give me an exit ticket on an index card where they answered the question, “What do I need to know?” As principal, my door is always open but it is not often the case when a student rushes to my office to share. In this anonymous setting, our students told me a great deal of what I need to know. I appreciate their candor and their willingness to share in a respectful, reflective way.







This time of the year is very busy for academics and I am thrilled to share a few updates with you!

## Course Information Day

Course Information Day took place during the “C” schedule on Wednesday, January 16th. Department chairpersons spoke to each class individually concerning the offerings available within their departments.

Freshmen were instructed in their language classes as to how to electronically register for their classes. Mrs. Konnovitch will also be assisting transfer students and is available for any student needing a refresher in this process. Online registration will be closed on Monday, January 28th.

## Course Verification Day

Course Verification Day will take place during the “C” schedule on Thursday, February 7th. During this time, students will check to ensure that they are enrolled for their registered courses.

All course offerings and descriptions are listed in the [Course Catalog](#). Please check that your daughter meets that which is necessary for any course that has prerequisites.

## Dual Partnership at Holy Family University

If your daughter (Junior/Senior) is enrolling in a dual partnership class at Holy Family University, it is required that it is time compatible with our Block 1 or Block 4 class at Nazareth Academy High School. To learn more about the dual enrollment program with Holy Family University, follow [this link](#).

## New Course Offerings

We are very excited to expand our course offerings to include online classes taken through the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy. The permitted courses are listed in the Course Catalog and no class may be chosen if it is also offered at Nazareth Academy High School. These classes may be used as course electives. The courses will earn credit but will not be factored into the grade point average. The cost for a full year course is \$370.00/enrollee and the cost for a one semester course is \$265.00. The JVLA suggests five to seven hours of focused attention each week in order to achieve positive results.

The new class offerings at Nazareth Academy include the following: Epidemiology in History, Women in History, Women in Art History, and Advanced Placement Calculus BC. Classes will run if a required number of students are expressing interest. All level 4 language classes will offer an Honors or AP option. If the AP level is chosen, the student is required to sit for the Advanced Placement examination as in all other AP classes.

## Mid-Spring Deficiency Reports

Mid-Spring Deficiency Reports will be sent out on Tuesday, February 26th and are due signed and returned to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, March 5th.





## Uniform Update

The new fleece sweatshirt is available this year for seniors only. If any senior is interested they can contact Mrs. Budd.

## School Functions Dress Code

After years of debate the juniors are permitted to wear strapless gowns for the Junior Dinner Dance. Young men escorting your daughters may wear either a suit/sports jacket, shirt and tie.

In keeping with the ideals of Nazareth Academy the dress code for the school functions (Snowball Dance, Junior Dinner Dance, Senior Prom) needs to be clarified. It is the desire of Nazareth Academy that students dress modestly and appropriately at all school functions. Dress affects behavior and performance, “Clothes make the man/woman,” or the dictum “Dress right, act right”. The school reserves the right to address students that are not appropriately dressed at all school functions. Nazareth asks students to dress and groom themselves as individuals with a sense of responsibility and self-respect. It is not a matter of what you must wear, it’s more a matter of what we don’t believe is appropriate. If dress attire is offensive, or provocative to others, then this constitutes inappropriate dress.

Appropriate dress at the Snowball Dance is one of semi-formal attire. Please note sun-dresses, and ultra-short spandex dresses/skirts are NOT permitted. Low-cut, or tight dresses and dresses with high slits are not in keeping with the image befitting a Nazareth Academy student and are NOT proper attire. All dresses need to be a proper length – no more than 4-5 inches above the knee. The girls should be aware of the importance of proper undergarments – bras, spanx, spanx-like underwear etc. that should be worn under certain dresses.

The dress code at Nazareth Academy is based on the theory that learning to use acceptable manners and selecting attire appropriate to specific occasions and activities are critical in the total education process. Understanding and employing these behaviors not only improves the quality of one’s life, but also contributes to optimum morale, as well as embellishes the overall campus image. Dressing properly also plays a major role in instilling a sense of integrity and an appreciation for value and ethics.



The continuous demonstration of appropriate manners and dress insures that Nazareth Academy students meet the standards of quality achievement in the social, physical, moral, and educational aspects of their lives – essential areas of development necessary for propelling them toward successful careers. Proper dress should always exemplify young Christian women. We want each young lady to possess pride in representing Nazareth Academy at school functions by showing respect for oneself and others. Failure to comply with these expectations will result in a phone call to you on the evening of the dance/prom, and your daughter and her date will be asked to leave the dance/prom. Improper dress will also result in a 10- point demerit for lack of cooperation. These are the standards of Nazareth Academy High School. We are trying our best to prepare your daughters for the real world where expectations must be met and rules are a part of life. Please assist us as we implement this code of dress. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

## **Electronic Databases**

As has been communicated previously, Nazareth Academy offers its students several databases which they can use for their research. The databases are accessed through the library webpage. Since Nazareth has a new website, the steps for accessing the library page have changed a little. The directions are as follows:

- Go to the school Website
- Click the Search Icon
- Type the word “library” in the search bar
- Click the Search Icon
- Click Library Resources
- Scroll down to databases
- Use the following Usernames and Passwords:

### **Issues and Controversies**

Username: nazarethahs Password: pandas

### **Britannica School and Britannica Academic**

Username: nazarethahs2

Password: pandas2

*(You get to Britannica Academic through Britannica School. To get to Academic, click the word Academic. It is to the right on the blue bar.)*

### **Student Resources in Context**

Password: academy

### **Academic Search Elite**

Username: s8350158 Password: sapphire3#



We have reached the half way point of the winter sports season. Our teams continue to have success on the court, mats, the track and in the pool. Basketball is currently 9-6 and ranked second in District One. Swimming has a 7-1 record and our Track 4 x 800-meter relay is ranked 19th in the state. Cheerleading won another first place finish at the Upper Darby High School cheer competition and will be competing at Nationals on February 8th. Our girls continue to represent Nazareth with grace and pride. Here's hoping for a strong finish. Keep up the great work!

We hope to see you out at one of our games, competitions, or meets. You can find all of our upcoming games on our website by [clicking here](#).

## Important Dates:

### January 25th

Nazareth Basketball will hold a Grade School Night vs. New Foundations Charter. JV will play at 5:30 and Varsity at 7:00. All grade schools are invited to attend and receive a free t-shirt. Make sure you wear your team basketball jersey

### February 25th

Family ID opens for spring sports registration. If you do not register you cannot tryout.

### February 26th

Concussion Testing will be held in the athletic conference room at 2:30. Any Freshman or Junior who has not taken the concussion test this year must take the test in order to tryout.

### February 28th

Location: Performing Arts Center Time: 6:30

Dr. Hammoud, our team physician, will be presenting to all parents and student athletes. She will be discussing ACL injuries and prevention.

### March 4th

Spring Sports: Lacrosse, Softball, Outdoor Track

First day of spring sports tryouts begin.

### March 10th

Last day to register for spring sports on Family ID. Again, registration on Family ID must be completed to tryout.

The following items and actions are mandatory in order to try out for a spring sport. Links can be found on the website:

- Register on Family ID
- Concussion Test (Only Freshmen and Juniors who have not played a fall or winter sport)
- PIAA Physical Form

# Nazareth Academy Parents Association

Parent volunteers are needed for the following dates and events:

- February 10th - Girls Day Out (Nazareth Gym -12:00 PM -5:00 PM) (Dads needed)
- March 9th- 7th Grade Practice Test (Nazareth 7:00 am - 12:30 PM)
- March 31st - Class of 2023 Commitment Day Mass & Breakfast (8:15 AM - 1:00 PM)
- April 10th - Spring Open House (Nazareth 5:15 PM - 9:15 PM)
- May 3rd - 7th Grade beach bag bingo (Nazareth 5:45 PM - 9:45 PM)
- May 31st- Graduation (Nazareth 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM)

*Parents can go on our website and sign up through SignUp Genius or they can email Lisa Bristow directly at [lmbristow69@gmail.com](mailto:lmbristow69@gmail.com).*





*Nazareth Academy Parent Association*

# *Girls Day Out!*



*Disney Theme*

***Sunday, February 10, 2019***

***1:00 PM - 5:00 PM***

*(First game of Quizzo starts at 1:45 PM)*

***Nazareth Academy High School***

***Join us for an afternoon with your daughters of***

**TRIVIA, FOOD, and FUN**

*Tickets:*

*\$70.00 for mom and 1 daughter*

*\$90.00 for mom and 2 daughters*

*\$100.00 for mom and 3 daughters*

***\*\*\$30.00 per additional alumnae daughter\*\****

*Admission price includes:*

*~ All materials needed for the game*

*~ hot buffet lunch, water, soda, tea, coffee and desserts.*

*Also available will be 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets which include tickets to Junior and Senior Prom, Father/Daughter Dance, Hershey Park passes, and much more!*

***\*\*\*Recognition of all Seniors in attendance.\*\*\****





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## Girls Day Out!

*Sunday, February 10, 2019*

The day includes Quizzo game prizes, hot food buffet, beverages, 50/50 chances, raffle baskets and much more!

Prizes include:

Best decorated tables and Top Scoring Table

*If anyone is interested in putting together a team of 10, please submit the names of the members of the TEAM with a captain. Please submit your request via email to Michele Strain at [dancekidzmom@comcast.net](mailto:dancekidzmom@comcast.net).*

*Please have only one person submit the request for a team.*

*Having a team is not necessary to attend the event. If you do not have a request for a team we will put together one for you. We want everyone to come and have a fun-filled afternoon.*

***Please submit this form to the Main Office,***

***Attn: Mrs. Michele Strain by Friday, January 25th.***

***Please make checks payable to Nazareth Academy High School.***

***We would like to attend the Girls Day Out on Sunday, February 10, 2019!***

Daughter(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Number of Tickets:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$70.00 Mom and 1 Daughter

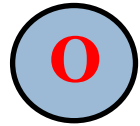
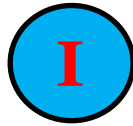
\_\_\_\_\_ \$90.00 Mom and 2 Daughters

\_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 Mom and 3 Daughters

\_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 per additional alumnae daughter

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## NAZ BAG BINGO

***Sunday, March 10, 2019***

*Doors open at 12:00 PM*

*BINGO begins at 1:00 PM*

***Spend Sunday Fun Day at Nazareth!***

*Tickets are \$30.00 in advance*

*\$35.00 at the door*

***Every BINGO wins a bag!***

*Multiple bags available each game for multiple BINGOs*

*50/50 tickets and raffle baskets available as well!*

*Extra BINGO sheets and daubers available for purchase*

*This event is BYOB and snacks.*

*Complimentary water, dessert, coffee and tea  
will also be available.*

*To purchase tickets online,*

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

*Or contact the Alumnae Office*

*215.268.1047*

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