

# The NAZ Newsletter

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

**March 2019**



## Last Month Recap

- ◆ On Wednesday, March 6th our students gathered in both Chapel and the Student Dining Room to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The message of this year's Ash Wednesday was as followed: The shape of the ashes are in a cross because we know that our Savior, Jesus has redeemed us through the cross and turns our "ashes" into beautiful blessings and graces.
- ◆ Excellent job by our Nazareth girls and our Athletes Helping Athletes Club in hosting their second annual Athletes Helping Athletes Fun Night on Friday, March 1st! This special night was filled with laughs, smiles, high fives and fun for all! Athletes Helping Athletes is an organization whose mission is to connect local special needs athletes with mainstream student-athletes in a spirit of friendship for their mutual benefit and inspiration.
- ◆ On Tuesday, March 12th The Minding Your Mind organization visited NAHS to share their story with our girls and parents about the importance of opening up about depression, eating disorders, and drug and alcohol abuse.



## Important Dates

### Friday, March 22

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

### Friday, March 29

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

### Sunday, March 31

Class of 2023 Commitment Day  
Mass and Breakfast

### Wednesday, April 3

College Representatives Panel  
7:00 PM in Performing Arts Center

### Saturday, April 6

Junior Dinner Dance  
6:00 PM - Black Lake Room

### Wednesday, April 10

Spring Open House  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

### Thurs. April 18th - Tues. April 23rd

Easter Break  
No School for Students

### Wednesday, April 24th

Classes Resume

## *Embracing Faith, Family, and Education*



## 90th Anniversary Legacy Gala

The Legacy Gala celebrating our 90th Anniversary is Friday, April 26th at 6:00 pm at the Union League Golf Club at Torresdale. As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the faculty, staff and students lead by the guiding principles of the Sisters: Faithful Listening, Loving Relationships and Recognizing God in the Everyday. By doing so, it makes it very easy to advance our mission of Embracing Faith, Family and Education every day. And so, we are very proud to be honoring the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

We are honoring the Greco/Monari Family as our Legacy family and Ms. Wiecezynski '66 for her dedicated service of more than 45 years to Nazareth Academy High.

For all that they have done for your daughters and in helping to create virtuous leaders of tomorrow, please consider supporting this event with a gift or an ad in their honor.

[Click here](#) for sponsorship, program ad, gift and ticket information.

## Financial Aid

We recognize that choosing an independent private school is a major financial decision for families. Nazareth Academy High School seeks students from all socioeconomic backgrounds and it is our philosophy to keep the school within financial reach of as many girls as is possible. Having talented students from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds strengthens Nazareth in every way.

Please remember that the financial aid application for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Please [click here](#) to apply. The deadline is April 15, 2019.



## Important Information Regarding the ID Cards

As a reminder, all students should wear their ID cards on a visible lanyard. Students must swipe into the building every day. In the near future, the doors between the gym and school will be locked during the day and students must access using their ID cards. Security is a responsibility we take very seriously and student cooperation is both appreciated and necessary. Also, please note that the Brock payment system will require the ID for payment, moving away from the pin number. This will help lines move more quickly and avoid mis-keyed pin entry. If your daughter needs a replacement ID, she should report to the Attendance/Security office immediately.

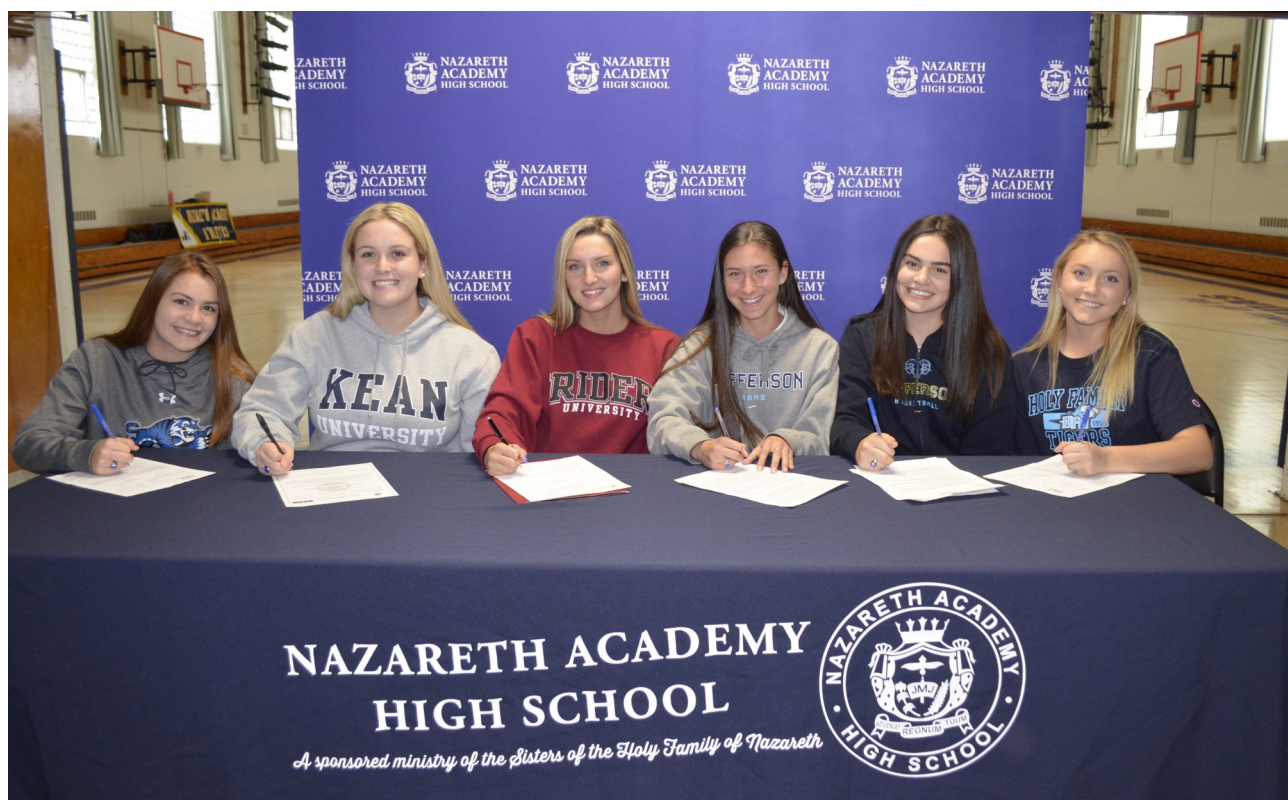
## Social Media

Please follow us on Facebook 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!

## NAPA

### Class Reps Needed!

Thank you to those who responded to our February survey. NAPA is looking for parent class reps to help recruit new members and volunteers as well as to help share important information. Please complete this survey to let us know you are interested in getting more involved.





## Lent

During his homily on Ash Wednesday Mass on March 6th to open the season of Lent, Pope Francis said, “Earthly realities fade away like dust in the wind. Possessions are temporary, power passes, success wanes. The culture of appearance prevalent today, which persuades us to live for passing things, is a great deception.”

Here at Nazareth on Ash Wednesday, our students, faculty, and staff were reminded of this during prayer services in the Chapel and in the Student Dining Room. All were marked with ashes, dust, as a sign of our faith. In this issue, Ms. Donnelly, our Campus Minister, speaks to this and other acts of prayer and almsgiving during Lent.

Mother Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, wrote, “Each soul, upon offering herself to the Lord, must be prepared to accept both Cross and Suffering out of love for Him.” May this Lenten Season remind us of the life, suffering, and death of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as we prepare for his Resurrection.

## Calendar Updates

In this issue, please take note of the calendar changes outlined by Mrs. Budd. These changes were made after the school year began and are not included on the original school calendar.

## **Early Dismissal Policy**

Please note the Early Dismissal Policy outlined on page 22 of the Student Handbook:

When a student must leave early, a note must be given to the Attendance Office in the morning requesting an early dismissal; only in case of EXTREME EMERGENCY WILL A STUDENT BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL VIA TELEPHONE MESSAGE. When possible, parents are requested to make doctor and dentist appointments after school hours. If it is necessary for a student to leave school early for a doctor's appointment, she MUST bring a doctor's note to the Attendance Office on her return to school.

\*Students dismissed after 11:30 am count as being present for a full day. Students leaving prior to 11:30 am are considered absent for the day.

## **Student Bathroom Project**

The project to refresh the student bathrooms has been underway since mid-February. I thank our Student Council and our Facilities Department for their work the student bathrooms. The paint and maintenance was completed by the Facilities Team while the design pieces were planned and executed by the Student Council, led by the Leadership Team. We look forward to completion of the project this spring!

## **The ClassH-Room**

Teachers and students from Nazareth will travel to the Fox 29 studios in Old City on Saturday, March 30 to compete on the gameshow, The ClassH-Room Philly, which airs daily on Fox 29 at 6:30 PM. Stay tuned for air date!

## **One Last Thing...**

In the wake of this week's college admissions scandal, my mind keeps going back to our students. I think of our 105 seniors in the Class of 2019, many who still await their college decisions. I think of the rest of the students at Nazareth who will be making the same journey in the coming years. I think of my own daughters; one already in college, one currently awaiting college decisions, and eventual decisions way down the road for my younger daughters. In other words, this is very personal for all of us who have watched our daughters or our students over the years work hard to build up their high school record to prepare for the college admission process. I offer this column by Heidi Stevens from the Chicago Tribune that was published on March 12, 2019 for consideration by you and your daughters. [Click here](#) to view in PDF form for easy reading.





Wednesday March 6th marked Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent! As a reminder of the importance of this time of spiritual renewal, we distributed ashes during Activity Period. Throughout March there will be opportunities for you to continue Lenten obligations should you choose to participate.

In the spirit of almsgiving we are hosting a "Nazareth Baby Shower!" Students and faculty will be asked to donate baby items; diapers, wipes, bottles, binkies, clothing, towels, booties and socks, etcetera to help create gift baskets for expectant mothers who cannot afford these items. Proceeds are going to be donated to the Sisters of Life who will come to speak to the girls about their work of promoting the dignity of human life.

Prayer Zone Thursdays will be held in the Chapel during Activity Period. Activities will include Stations of the Cross and Lenten reflections. Eucharistic Adoration will be available on March 20th and again in April before Easter. An opportunity for Lenten Confessions will be offered on March 28th. These activities will end on Thursday, April 11th.

Know of my love and prayers for you and your families. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [sdonnelly@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:sdonnelly@nazarethacademyhs.org) or 215. 268.1061.



Time has passed too quickly and I can't believe that we have completed our Mid-Spring Semester on Friday, March 8. The first important reminder is our May Examination Schedule. The reason that I publish this early is that no changes may be made. We are fortunate to have a week specifically dedicated to taking exams built into our schedule. That being stated, there can be no deviations. Please refer to the Exam Policy found on pages 10 and 11 in the Student Handbook.

## **NAHS May Examination Schedule**

### **Tuesday, May 21 (2-60 minute examinations)**

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM Prayers, Attendance & Announcements

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 and Block 1 Classes meeting M, W, F

9:40-10:40 AM Block 2 and Blocks 2A and 2B

### **Wednesday, May 22 (2-60 minute examinations)**

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM Prayers, Attendance & Announcements

8:30-9:30 AM Block 3 and Block 3A

9:40-10:40 AM Block 4 and Block 4 Classes meeting M, W, F

### **Thursday, May 23 (3-60 minute examinations)**

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM Prayers, Attendance & Announcements

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 Class meeting T, Th, F

9:40-10:40 AM Block 3B

10:50-11:50 AM Block 4 Class meeting T, Th, F

Exam Make-Up Day

### **Friday, May 24**

No School-Faculty Clerical Day

Grades Due by 2:00 PM

## **Exemptions**

The only exam exemption permitted is granted to seniors who have earned an A-/A at every marking period. Any student who is enrolled in an AP class is not required to take a final exam if this is approved by her teacher. Juniors who are enrolled in either a Social Studies or an English AP class will have an assessment to ensure that they are ready to advance to a senior AP in that discipline.

## **Grades**

Faculty will be submitting the Mid-Spring Semester grades by 8 a.m. on Monday, March 11. Grades will be posted and ready to be viewed electronically on Thursday, March 14. Honors and grade point averages are calculated on the semester only.

## **Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy**

We are very pleased to expand our course selection by offering this online version of classes. These classes are open to juniors and seniors. Students received a contract and payment information on Thursday, March 7. Please feel free to contact me should you have any additional questions.

## **New Classes Offered at NAHS**

In addition to our partnership with Holy Family University and the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy, we have internally expanded our course offerings. As a result of student interest and enrollment, the new classes which will run in 2019-2020 are Epidemiology in History and AP Calculus BC. Dependent upon prerequisites, any student who is enrolled in a level 4 language class now has the option of registering for the class on either an honors or AP level. All AP students are required to take the Advanced Placement Examination.

## **Course Remediation**

Any student who fails a class must rectify this failure over the summer. No student will receive course credit unless a minimum grade of 75 is earned and a transcript is submitted to the Assistant Principal for Academics prior to the first day of school. No grade above a "C" will be listed on the report card and this grade will be listed by the specific course and labeled as Course Remediation. All course remediation will be taken online through the Jesuit Virtual Learning Academy.

## **Spring Deficiency Reports**

Final Spring Semester Deficiency Reports are due on Tuesday, April 16 and are to be returned to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, April 23.





## Student Council Nominations

On Tuesday, March 19th Student Council Self-Nominations open. A sign up form will be available in the Student Council Office.

## Junior Dinner Dance

On Friday, April 6th our Annual Junior Dinner Dance will be held. The Class of 2020 will dance the night away at the Black Lake Room from 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## Spring Uniforms

On Monday, April 8th the Spring Uniform will begin. The blue seersucker skirt, white or blue polo shirts, white low socks and regulation dirty buck shoes are the requirement. Sweaters may be worn if it is chilly. Socks may be purchased in the Panda Pit.

## Art Trip to East Falls Glassworks

The Art Department is running a trip to Philadelphia for a glassblowing workshop on Friday, May 24th. This is a hands-on workshop at East Falls Glassworks in which each student will create their own glass ornament. The cost for this unique experience is \$110. Space is limited. ALL are welcome. Deadline to sign up is March 29th. Fill out this [Permission Form](#) and return it to Mrs. Shaw. For questions, email [bshaw@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:bshaw@nazarethacademyhs.org)

## March and April Calendar Notes

Date	Schedule	Event	Notes
March 22nd	"B" Schedule	Faculty Retreat	<i>This is a calendar revision</i>
March 29th	"B" Schedule	Faculty Meeting	<i>This is a calendar revision</i>
April 18th - April 23rd	No School	Easter Break	<i>Classes resume on Wednesday, April 24th. This is a calendar revision</i>
April 23rd	No School	Professional Development Day	<i>This is a calendar revision</i>

## Schedule for the Last Days of School

Date	Event
May 20th	May Procession
May 21st - May 23rd	Semester Exams
May 24th	Clerical Day for Faculty; No School for Students
May 27th	Memorial Day - School Closed
May 28th	Hershey Park Trip; <i>This is a calendar revision</i>
May 29th	Class Day Awards; Special Schedule with 1 hour delay; Senior Slideshow
May 30th	Ascension Thursday; Baccalaureate Rehearsal for Seniors; Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors - Assembly Scheduled
May 31st	Class of 2019 Baccalaureate Mass (Chapel) - 10:00 AM; Class of 2019 Graduation (Holy Family Univ. - 11:30 AM) School closed for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors
June 3rd	School Closed; <i>This is a calendar revision.</i>
June 4th	Last day of school for students; Student Council Installation

## Diocesan Scholars

Congratulations to Kristin Bell and Sydney Jardine who are our Diocesan Scholars for the 2019 – 2020 School Year! Each of these students has the scholarship opportunity to take up to twelve college credits in senior year.

## Social Media 101: What Parents and Educators Need to Know

Please join us on March 28th at 6:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center for this important presentation given by Mr. Anthony Luker, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. This program provides a foundational education in regards to the dangers of the online community. All parents are encouraged to attend.

## College Representatives Panel

Please join us on April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center, for our annual College Representatives Panel. As in past years, there is no agenda for this meeting. It is a question and answer format that leads to informative discussion. This is an opportunity to bring any and all of your questions about college and hear directly from the reps!

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# Athletics

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Mr. Dan Bradley

Spring sports are in full swing. Over 109 student-athletes registered for a spring sport. What a great turnout! Thanks for getting all PIAA paperwork to the Athletic Department and registering in a timely manner. The girls and coaches all survived the weather during tryouts. Let's hope for warmer days ahead. We look forward to seeing you at a game or a meet. You can find spring schedules on our website. Let's have a great spring season!

## Congratulations!

Congrats to Mary Kate McDade Magagna '05 (Head Coach, Basketball) on the birth of her son. Joseph Daniel was born on Friday, March 8. Prayers and best wishes to Coach Magagna and her family!

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*cordially invites you to*

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**Holy Family of Nazareth**

*Ms. Frances Wiecezynski '66*

*Legacy Faculty*

*The Monari/Greco Family*

*Legacy Family*

*Friday, April 26, 2019*

*The Union League Golf Club at Torresdale  
Philadelphia, PA 19114*

*Cocktails ~ 6:00 PM*

*Dinner ~ 7:00 PM*

*Semi-formal attire*

**[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION](#)**