

The NAZ Newsletter

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

October 2019



Last Month Recap

- On Wednesday October 9th, we welcomed 50 alumnae and parents of Nazareth into our school for Career Day. The guest speakers spent the first two hours of the school day sharing their career and experiences with our girls. Thank you to everyone who helped impact our girls' future!
- On September 28th, we honored our students who have been named to our various honors societies for the 2019-2020 school year. Congratulations to the newest members of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Language Honor Societies, Mu Alpha Theta Honor (Math) Society, and Science Honor Society!
- From Thursday, October 10th to Sunday, October 13th, our students and adult retreat leaders participated in Kairos LXI. As part of the Kairos retreat students experienced the power of God's warmth and blessing while strengthening their relationship with Him, their classmates and teachers.



Upcoming Events

October 24th - October 27th

Annual School Play

Mamma Mia - Show times listed at the end of the newsletter

Thursday, October 31st

Clash Day, Pig Race and Fall Festival

Special Schedule

Friday, November 1st

All Saints Day - Holy Day
School Closed

Saturday, November 2nd

Taste of the Town

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

All parents and friends are invited!

Monday, November 4th

Winter Uniform begins

Tuesday, November 5th

NAPA General Parent Meeting

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Performing Arts Center

Saturday, November 9th

Father - Daughter Dance

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

School Gym

Embracing Faith, Family, and Education



Closing the Gap Between Tuition and Actual Costs

There is a gap between private school tuition and the cost of educating students giving them a comprehensive academic and student life experience. The reality is that at Nazareth there is a gap between tuition and the cost of a Nazareth education. The annual tuition costs do not provide 100% of the costs involved in offering a quality Catholic education that strives to meet the needs of each and every student. Last year that gap was more than \$2,500 per student.

So how do schools meet the challenge of filling that gap? A strong fundraising program of individual giving from alumnae, current and alumnae parents and friends of Nazareth Academy!

Last year our strong fundraising program enabled us to meet unexpected and unbudgeted expenses that were nearly \$500,000. Due to successful fundraising, prudent decision making and strategic budget analysis, in May Nazareth had a projected surplus which allowed us to pay those bills plus:

- Upgrade of the Naz News equipment
- Purchase of a new sound system for the Student Dining Room
- Refinish the gym floor and before closing out the year, contract to address the dangerous and poor condition of the soccer and lacrosse field
- Purchase of new fire-rated doors

Over the last three years, the fundraising efforts of the Advancement Office along with strategic fiscal budgetary oversight has made an impact on the experience we are providing with projected surpluses that resulted in:

- Upgrading to interactive Smartboards
- Sending our chorale off to Carnegie Hall
- Replacing the homemade whiteboards with professional whiteboards
- Adding much needed positions such as Director of Academic Enrichment, Director of College Counseling, and an additional school counselor
- Publishing our first ever Viewbook to enhance our recruitment efforts
- Upgrading the website and publishing a video that captures the great things happening at Nazareth

Thank you to all the parents who respond to the Nazareth Fund appeal.

Thank you to those who supported the raffle and to those who are planning to attend our Taste of the Town on November 2nd.

We hope you will consider supporting these types of events and fundraisers to help make our school as great as it can possibly be!

School Store

The school store is now available online. [Start shopping now!](#)

NAPA ~ Nazareth Academy Parent Association

[Click here](#) for the parent page of the website which include events, announcements, volunteer information and much more.

Family Directory

You should have received an email this week updating you regarding the Family Directory. Information will be printed from the online form submitted earlier this year, or the form you returned to school in October.

The family directory will be printed and distributed in homeroom on November 4th. You **MUST** opt out if you do not want the information printed. Please [click here](#), by October 18th to opt out of the family directory.

Mother/Daughter Mass and Brunch

Thank you to all the moms and daughters who joined us for the annual Mother Daughter Mass and Brunch. It was a great event and we look forward to next year's!

Volunteers for School, Admissions and Advancement Events

Nazareth is always in need of volunteers for our many NAPA, Admissions, Advancement and School events. [Click here](#) to complete the volunteer form for the 2019 -2020 school year. We will share this sign-up sheet in every monthly newsletter. You will need volunteer clearances. [Click here](#) for instructions on how to obtain volunteer clearances.

Homeroom Ambassadors

Thank you to those who volunteered to be a Parent Ambassador for Homerooms. We hope this added level of communication will be beneficial to our parents. If you signed up to be a parent homeroom ambassador, and were not notified of your assignment, please email Mrs. Strain at Napa@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming NAPA Events

NEW DATE AND LOCATION:

Snowball Dance ~ January 24th ~ 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM ~ Philadelphia Ballroom
\$90 per couple, \$45 per individual ticket

Mass and Fashion Show ~ February 9th ~ 10:00 AM ~ Gym
Details to follow

General Parent Meetings ~ 1st Tuesday of Every Month at 6:30 pm with Light Refreshments

More than 50 families joined us for the October presentation by Nancy Caramanico about how to create a positive digital footprint.

Tuesday November 5th's meeting is a presentation on College Financial Aid by Ms. Bonnie Behm, Director of Financial Assistance for Villanova University. She is responsible for the overall management of the Office of Financial Assistance. She has been working in Villanova's financial aid department for the last 20 years, giving her an expert perspective on the topic of financial aid. She will be presenting and providing financial aid information, insight on how to pay for college, and answering general financial aid questions.

Upcoming Presentations

December 3rd: Minding Your Mind, student mental health

January 7th: Class Meeting for parents from Mr. Meredith. sharing the important information that he shares with students at the annual January Class Meetings

Incentives for Attending NAPA General Monthly

At each meeting there is an incentive for attending. October's incentive was a dress down for every student who had a parent in attendance.

The November incentive is a chance to win a \$25 gift card. Each parent/guardian will receive a ticket when they arrive. The winning ticket will be pulled after the presentation.



This issue of our monthly newsletter falls on the heels of KLXI, our Kairos retreat for seniors and selected juniors. At last week's retreat, I was fortunate to join our students as one of the retreat's adult leaders. I was witness to the students getting to know themselves better, all while growing closer to their classmates, and deepening their relationship with God. Before the school year closes, most of the senior class attends one of the three Kairos retreats. It is an important milestone in their spiritual journey as young women of faith. Also, it speaks volumes to the charism of the Sisters of Holy Family Nazareth of loving relationships, faithful listening, and seeing God in the every day.

October also saw other special events designed to place intentional focus on our students' future. Nancy Caramanico, a national speaker who focuses on educational technology, opened the month with a presentation at our NAPA General Meeting about students building a digital portfolio that makes them college and career ready. For the first time during the school day, we hosted Career Day where many alumnae and our parents led sessions for our students. All of our students were scheduled for six sessions throughout the morning. In this issue, you will read about Instant Decision Days and College Interview Sessions scheduled by our College Counseling Department along with the steps taken by the Counseling Department for "Laying the Groundwork for the Future." The future will be here sooner rather than later and our students will be ready.

Calendar Notes

Reminder that Friday, November 1st, All Saints Day, is now a School Holiday, and school will be closed that day.



First, a huge thank-you to all the families who aided and supported our school supply drive in September. Our supplies aided many elementary students in the greater-Philadelphia area. As for our canned food and sock drive; "Socktoberfest" a big thank you to Madelena Kowalski, Class of 2023, for working with Nazareth to collect the socks for the veterans and homeless in the United States. The canned foods will be taken with us to the St. Francis Inn soup kitchen where a few of our students will volunteer. There truly is a faith and family feel to their academic lives!

All that good news, and after just returning from our first run of seniors Kairos retreats, Nazareth is off to a fruitful start to see how and where God is working in the lives of our girls! Please remember November 1st, All Saints' Day, is a Holy Day of obligation. While there is no school that day, please remember to attend Mass.

Junior Ring Mass

Junior Ring Mass is right around the corner! If any of our junior students has a family member who is a priest or deacon who would like to concelebrate or assist at Mass, please contact me by October 31.



Exams

Exams will take place from Tuesday, December 17th until Thursday, December 20th. I am attaching the schedule now (located on the next page) so that you may make necessary arrangements for this timeframe since the students are not in school for full days. Please note that no changes may be made to the existing examination schedule.

All classes that run for the entire academic year will administer Mid-Term exams during this period. Classes that run for one semester will administer Final exams during this period. For one semester classes, a Mid-Term exam may be given at the discretion of the teacher.

The only students who may receive an examination exemption are seniors who have maintained an A-/A for the mid-marking report and at the time of the final exam. For classes that run the entire year, a senior must earn an A-/A for every marking period. At the discretion of the teacher, advanced placement students need not sit for a final examination. All AP students must take the advanced placement exam administered by College Board.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Our third annual Book Fair will be held on Thursday, December 5th. This event will be held at the B&N store in the Neshaminy Mall from 5:30 until 9:00 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendars and come to see performances given by our chorus/chorale, guitar ensemble and dance team. You will be able to view selected works from our talented artists and examine presentations from our robotics and rocketry teams. NAHS receives a percentage of purchases for the evening including food purchases, so come hungry! They will offer blue and yellow frappes! There will also be a window of time where online purchases may be accepted. I will notify you of the dates and purchase code once they become available.

NAHS December Examination Schedule 2019

Tuesday, December 17th (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 Blocks 2, 2a and Block 2b

Wednesday, December 18th (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, December 19th (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

Friday, December 20th

NO SCHOOL-FACULTY CLERICAL DAY

EXAM MAKE-UP DAY

GRADES DUE BY 2:00 PM



Thank you for entrusting your daughters to us. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any questions may arise.



October-November Events

October 21st-29th	Freshman Student Council Self-Nominations
October 24th-27th	School Play Mamma Mia
October 31st	Clash Day, Pig Race and Fall Festival
November 1st	*No School
November 2nd	8th Grade Placement Test 7:45AM-12PM Taste of the Town 6PM-10PM
November 4th	Winter Uniform Begins
November 5th	Freshman Student Council Elections in Homeroom NAPA Meeting 6:30PM
November 6th	*B Schedule, 1:00 Dismissal, Department Meetings
November 7th	Class of 2020 Senior Photo
November 9th	Father Daughter Dance 7PM-10PM
November 14th	*A Schedule
November 14th	Ring Mass
November 15th	*Ring Day with Special Schedule for in school Junior Celebration, replacing Ring Dance
*Calendar Revision	

The school calendar is still available online at NazarethAcademyHS.org/SchoolCalendar.

Fall Open House

On Saturday, October 19th, we will have our Fall Open House from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM for prospective students. Future Pandas and their families will go on tours, meet our teachers, receive helpful admission information and learn about all of the extracurricular offerings we have here at Nazareth Academy High School. Many of our students will be volunteering to give tours, demonstrate their talents and share what makes Nazareth Academy High School so special with our visitors.

Taste of the Town and Pig Race

The Taste of the Town is Nazareth Academy High School's major fundraiser. It is a wonderful night for adults to enjoy good food, music and fun. Students have been selling raffle tickets from the Taste of the Town which is our major school fundraiser. All money raised directly benefits our school and our students in so many ways. Many students have won candy and prizes and there are still a few more incentive days in their future including the chance to win some gift cards to some of their favorite places. Students and homerooms are accomplishing their ticket sale goals and some have received a toy pig to race in the Pig Race on Thursday, October 31st. This is a fun tradition for homerooms to participate in the school fundraiser and then celebrate their accomplishment with a spirited toy pig race. We are looking forward to seeing each homeroom's creativity as they decorate their themed toy pig and then race to be this year's winner.

Clash Day

Clash Day occurs every year as close to Halloween as possible. It is Student Council's special TAG Day that allows students and faculty to come to school dressed up in fun and appropriate costumes. This year, Student Council is introducing a Fall Festival for the school on Clash Day full of games, "trunk or treating" and many prizes to be won.



Uniform

Winter Uniform begins on November 4th and will be in effect until April 14th. Please review the student handbook for proper uniform requirements with regards to the winter uniform. Please also note that the following change has been made in the Student Handbook, which is available online.:

DRESS DOWN DAY (TAG DAY) Students participating in Dress Down Days are still expected to dress appropriately. Wearing Nazareth gear is strongly encouraged. Halters, mid-riffs, short skirts, and tight pants are inappropriate and not becoming to a student attending Nazareth Academy. Shoes with no backs, flip-flops, and slippers are inappropriate. The Student Handbook can be found under the Family tab, by selecting Students. It also has its own link on the right side of the homepage or at the top of the homepage, under the Quick Links tab.

Ring Mass and Ring Day

Juniors will receive their class rings on Thursday, November 14th during a beautiful eucharistic celebration at night in our chapel. It is a very special night for our junior class and we will keep them all in our prayers as they are welcomed as upperclasswomen of NAHS. Each student will receive two tickets and a message will be sent out if there are more tickets available for families. The celebration will continue on Friday, November 15th as we participate in Ring Day as a school community with a special schedule and a Junior Celebration.





Laying the Groundwork for the Future

The Counseling Department has been working with students in the Freshman class to create accounts on [Naviance](#), [College Board](#) and [Khan Academy](#).

During Freshman year, we are beginning to lay the groundwork for career and college exploration. These sites offer a variety of tools that will assist your child in career discovery, major discovery and college choice. We also encourage parents to visit and explore these websites to see what they have to offer.

Students who are currently enrolled in Freshman Counseling Seminar as well as Freshmen who are enrolled as Music Majors have been assisted by Counseling in linking their College Board and Khan Academy accounts. All other Freshmen, as well as transfer and/or international students will go through this same process at the start of the Spring Semester. However, if students would like to log on to these sites sooner, they are most welcome to see their School Counselor for assistance.

Challenge Day 2019-2020

Our Counseling Department is preparing for Nazareth Academy High School's first annual Challenge Day on Friday, November 22, 2019. The goal of Challenge Day is to empower our students to "Be the Change" they wish to see in our school and community. Challenge Day is a 4-hour counseling workshop, which includes activities that are designed to help students break down barriers so that they begin to see each other as human beings and perhaps not be so quick to judge by what's "on the outside." Counselors will facilitate powerful activities that elicit leadership, motivate students to reduce the acceptability of cliques, bullying, and oppression, and inspire them to create an environment of compassion, empathy, and respect in our school and community. Students who are interested in participating in this rewarding and inspiring day will be required to obtain a signature of permission by their teachers and parents.

HOBY

Applications for the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar will soon become available to all sophomores. The HOBY Leadership Seminar is a three-day conference that is a fun and interactive leadership training. This conference focuses on building and expanding leadership skills. The students will have the opportunity to stay on a college campus and explore leadership from three perspectives: individual, group and society. They will discover how leadership can lead to social change, and create relationships and bond with other sophomores from across the region. Participation in this seminar also reflects highly on a College Resume.

The 2020 HOBY conference will be held at Albright College from June 5th through June 7th. Two students from Nazareth Academy will be chosen and the primary student will be awarded a scholarship while the second student will need to fund the conference if they choose to attend.

Listed below, is a timeline for any Sophomore interested in applying for HOBY:

- October 21, 2019: A sign-up sheet will be posted outside Ms. Dibelius' office in the Counseling Suite.
- November 1, 2019: Applications will be sent to all girls who sign up.
- November 4, 2019: Deadline: All applications are to be returned to Mrs. Dibelius by the end of the school day.

For questions or concerns, about the aforementioned counseling programs, please feel free to contact Mrs. Jessica MacKay at (215) 268-1030 or JMacKay@NazarethAcademyHS.org



Upcoming ACT and SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

SAT:

Test Date: Nov 2 2019 ~ Registration: Oct 3, 2019 ~ Late Registration: Oct 22, 2019

Test Date: Dec 7, 2019 ~ Registration: Nov. 8, 2019 ~ Late Registration: Nov. 26, 2019

ACT:

Test Date: Dec 14, 2019 ~ Registration: Nov 8, 2019 ~ Late Registration: Nov 22, 2019

Test Date: Feb 8, 2020 ~ Registration: Jan 10, 2020 ~ Late Registration: Jan 17, 2020

Junior College Planning Meeting

On Tuesday October 22nd, Mrs. Glasson will be conducting a Junior Parent College Planning Presentation. The presentation will provide parents with general information as to how juniors can prepare for college. This will also give parents the opportunity to ask general questions regarding the college planning process. The presentation will begin promptly at 6:30 in the Performing Arts Center.

College Visits at Nazareth

Nazareth Academy utilizes college reps to confirm college visits. Every college that is scheduled will college reps will appear on the home page of your daughter's Naviance account. Please encourage your daughters to check which colleges will be on campus!

Please remember to check the [counseling page](#) of the Nazareth website for additional opportunities/information. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mrs. Glasson at 215-268-1074 or dglasson@nazarethacademyhs.org, or Ms. Mikulski at 215-268-1077 or amikulski@nazarethacademyhs.org. Thank you!

Instant Decision and Interview Days

Bloomsburg University Small Group Information Session- October 25th

Students have the opportunity to participate in a small group information session with Bloomsburg University. This is an opportunity to meet with an admission counselor, ask questions, and receive some valuable information about the University. Bloomsburg University will be visiting October 25, 2019. Please sign up with Mrs. Glasson or Ms. Mikulski. Only 20 students may participate in the small group information session. Please realize that this is a first come first serve sign up.

LaSalle University Interview/ Instant Decision Day- October 28th

On Monday October 28th, LaSalle University will be visiting Nazareth Academy to conduct interviews and provide admissions decisions. Students who have signed up will have the opportunity to meet one on one with an admissions counselor to ask questions, discuss their applications, and receive information about the institution. Please sign up with Mrs. Glasson or Ms. Mikulski by October 23rd. In order to receive an admissions decision, students must apply by October 26th.

Rosemont University Interview/ Instant Decision Day- November 5th

Rosemont University Interview/ Instant Decision Day is being held on November 5th. Students will be able to receive an admissions decision that day or conduct an individual interview. Decisions are not binding. To receive an admissions decision, students must apply prior to October 28th. Please sign up with Mrs. Glasson or Ms. Mikulski by October 28th.

Immaculata University Interview/ Instant Decision Day- November 15th

Nazareth Academy is hosting Immaculata University on November 15th. A college admissions counselor will be coming to conduct interviews, answer questions, and review applications. In order to receive an admissions decision, students must apply by November 11th. This interview day will be available to only 10 students. Please sign up with Mrs. Glasson or Ms. Mikulski as this is on a first come, first served basis.

As the Fall season continues for some of our teams, our tennis and golf teams have already finished their seasons. Malia Cipolloni and Paige Montijo competed in the AACA Singles Tennis Tournament. Katharine Hibbs, Natalie Pellegrino, Paige Mojito and Julia McAtee competed in the AACA Doubles Tennis Tournament. Our golf team finished their season with a 5th place finish in the AACA League Championship and golfer Eryal Szyszko finished 14th out of 65 golfers. Our Cross Country finished second in the AACA. They are looking to make a strong run in Districts as well.

Our soccer and volleyball teams are still competing and looking to finish strongly. Soccer is currently fighting for a top seed in District One; they have 5 games remaining and are ranked 5th in District One with a 10-3-1 record. The volleyball team is working extremely hard and continuing to improve; the future is bright for a very young volleyball team!

Winter Sports Registration

Winter sports registration will open October 14th and include JV & Varsity Basketball, Varsity Swimming and Varsity Indoor Track. In order to participate in a Winter sport, you must be registered on Family ID and have submitted PIAA form to the Athletic Department; you can find the necessary information and links by going to the Nazareth Academy website and clicking "Quick Links" and then choose "Student Information and Forms." Concussion testing for winter sports will take place for any Junior or Freshman on Nov. 5th at 2:30 in the Athletic Conference room. Any Junior or Freshman who took the concussion test in the fall does not need to take the test again. Direct any questions to Mr. Bradley at dbradley@nazarethacademyhs.org.

Hope to see you at a game, match or meet. Let's go Pandas!



Student Spotlight: Josephine Nguyen '20

Congratulations to Josephine Nguyen '20 who has been named by the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program as a Commended Student! Commended students are recognized for exceptional academic promise demonstrated on the qualifying test used for National Merit Scholarships. Over 1.5 million students take this test, based on October 2018 PSAT results, and only 34,000 are awarded this honor. Congratulations again, Josephine!



In Loving Remembrance

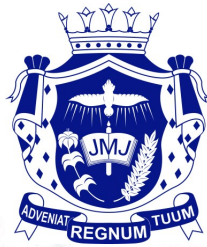
Please remember in your prayers recently deceased members of the Nazareth Family, especially:

- Mrs. Claudia Palmieri, mother of Mrs. Mary Jane Durkin, World Language Teacher

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

-Luke 23:42





NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

presents



MAMMA MIA!

Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 PM

Friday, October 25 at 7:00 PM

Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, October 27 at 12:00 PM & 5:00 PM

Nazareth Academy High School

4001 Grant Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19114

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults.

\$10.00 for students and children.

Children under the age of 5 are free.

*Tickets can be purchased at the door or online
at NazarethAcademyHS.org/MammaMia*

NAZARETH ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL'S **TASTE OF THE TOWN**

Featuring a sampling of the area's finest cuisine



Saturday, November 2, 2019

6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

NAHS School Gym



Live music and entertainment featuring:

THE HEARTBEATS

All alumnae, parents, family and friends are welcome!

Tickets are \$40.00 in advance

\$50.00 at the door

The night will feature food and drinks from the area's finest restaurants, bars, and caterers.

Included in the festivities will be a live band, DJ, dancing, raffle baskets, 50/50 and a great night out with friends and family!

Don't Forget: Our Silent Auction Will Be Live!



Must be 21 to attend.

[Click Here To Register Online](#)



**NAZARETH
ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL**

2019 Father-Daughter Dance

Saturday, November 9, 2019

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM



\$75 Father & Daughter

\$20 for Additional Daughters

Please send checks by 10/28 or register online at

NazarethAcademyHS.org/FDD