

The NAZ Newsletter

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

March 2020



Dear Nazareth Family,

We are all living through a difficult and historic time. Cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented period are paramount. Here at Nazareth, we continue to stay true to our mission - caring for our family. We are following the advice from the appropriate authorities in how to best provide for the health, safety, and well-being of our community. We are deeply grateful for the trust our parents and students place in us every day, and especially during these uncertain and challenging times. As we move into the new mode of virtual teaching and learning, we need to be flexible and patient as we all navigate uncharted territory.

We are keeping our entire community, our students, parents, alumnae, faculty, and friends, in our thoughts and prayers.

Because communication is so important, we will be in touch more frequently through email. For example, we [shared this video](#) with our students on March 17. With the most recent guidelines for social distancing and gatherings, the administration will be meeting later this week to review the calendar of events.

In this unique time, please remember to be patient with, and care for, one another.

May the Holy Family of Nazareth keep us safe and healthy.

Embracing Faith, Family, and Education



"I "Jesus knows us and knows who we are. He tolerates us with patience and mercy"

Hello families! As we enter this holy season of Lent, we come together as a family to pray and trust in the mercy of Jesus -- who offered Himself up for us, for love of us. Lent is the time of year our faith is restored, strengthened, and united to the sacrifice of Christ who willingly underwent trial and sacrifice to prove just how far He would go to claim us as beloved. It is the time His ministry reached its culmination of all He did to bring the Kingdom of Heaven (of peace, and love) to an Earth so desperate for it. Jesus delights in showing us mercy! Don't be afraid! He is ready to heal us, forgive us, and restore us with His healing and grace. He shed His blood to prove it and we can receive all of it as Easter approaches.

From March 8th through 13th we celebrated Catholic Sisters Week! During this Catholic Sisters Week, we prayed in thanksgiving for women religious who dedicate their lives to the search for God in service of God's people. We thank God for the religious women we have here at Nazareth, and who support us through this school by their prayers, love, and mission.

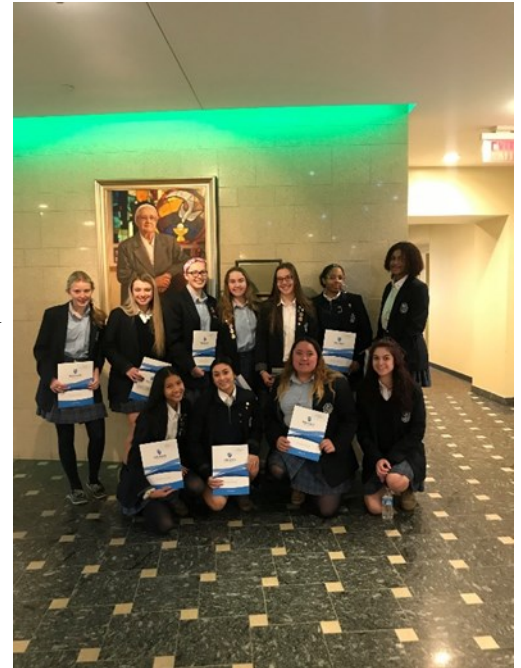
Know of our love and prayers for all our Nazareth families this blessed time of spiritual renewal! Holy Family of Nazareth, pray for us!

Counseling Department

Mrs. Jessica MacKay

Women in Leadership

On Friday, March 6th, Mrs. MacKay accompanied a group of 11th and 12th grade students to the Women in Leadership Conference at Holy Family University. The students found the seminar to be very educational and inspiring. They listened to a panel of women share their empowering stories of success from various fields and backgrounds. Additionally, the girls participated in break-out sessions where they interacted with other female student leaders from surrounding private and archdiocesan schools. A special thank you goes out to the Association of Catholic Teachers for sponsoring this event, to the counselors for nominating our students for this opportunity, and especially to the students who represented Nazareth Academy High School.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Dr. Stephanie Akoumany facilitated an interactive discussion with the student body on Tuesday, March 10th. The students were guided through meditation and mindfulness activities to provoke profound thought about who they want to be. Dr. Akoumany emphasized the importance of being oneself at all times and creating allies from all backgrounds. The students had opportunities to connect and share their experiences. The overall message was to find ways to “show up for each other” and be the change you want to see. Dr. Akoumany concluded the day with a professional development for our faculty and staff.



Upcoming ACT and SAT Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

SAT:

*Test Date: May 2nd 2020 Registration: Apr. 3rd 2020 Late Registration: Apr. 14th 2020

***May 2nd SAT Test Date has been canceled by CollegeBoard.**

Test Date: June 6th 2020 Registration: May 8th 2020 Late Registration: May 27th 2020

ACT:

Test Date: June 13th 2020 Registration: May 8th 2020 Late Registration: May 22nd 2020

Test Date: Jul. 18th 2020 Registration: June 19th 2020 Late Registration: June 26th 2020

Graduation Booklet Survey

- The senior class was given a Graduation Booklet Survey during homeroom. This survey is used for Nazareth's graduation booklet and is due back to Mrs. Glasson or Ms. Mikulski by April 2nd 2020.
- We ask that seniors make copies of their acceptance and scholarships/grants. These documents will be attached to the pre-graduation survey as verification of the information.

Important Reminders for Juniors:

The junior class has been reminded of the information that must be turned into their college counselor as soon as possible. It is important that following information is complete to ensure no delay in the college application process as a senior:

- **College Counseling Brag Survey:** This survey is used to assist the counselors to write a detailed and personalized letter of recommendation. The more information provided in the survey the more information that will be included in your letter.
- **Parental Authorization Form:** Students were given a copy of a Parental Authorization Form. In order for the college counselor to communicate to colleges or send any documentation on your daughter's behalf you must have the form signed returned to the college counselors. There are printed forms available in the counseling department.
- **Teacher Recommendations:** Now is the time for Juniors to ask two teachers to write letters of recommendation on their behalf.
- **Nazareth Email Accounts:** All communication is given to student via email. It is important that juniors check their emails for college related information, summer opportunities, and scholarship information.