

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**August 22, 2021**

*“I desire that the Kingdom of God flourish in you and that the spirit of the Holy Family be among you.”*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## **From the Office of the Principal**

### ***Mr. Jim Meredith***

Welcome back! We are thrilled to be welcoming our all of our students back to campus this week, especially our newest students, members of the Class of 2025 and our transfer students!

## **Schedules and Reminders for the Opening Week of School**

### **Daily Schedule**

- Monday, August 23: Faculty Organizational Day, 8:30-2:30, No School for Students
- Tuesday, August 24: Faculty Professional Development, 8:30-2:30, No School for Students; Freshman and New Student Orientation and Welcome Night, 6 PM
- Wednesday, August 25: Freshmen Only Report, 1 PM dismissal
- Thursday, August 26: All Students Report, 1 PM dismissal
- Friday, August 27: All Students Report, 1 PM dismissal; Welcome Back Block Party, 12 PM

### **Reminders for the Opening Week of School**

- Students are encouraged to wear Nazareth attire or blue and gold in place of the school uniform this week. The official school uniform begins on Monday, August 30, 2021.
- Lunch will be sold every day this week but students may wish to bring their lunch to account for shortened lunch periods.
- Students traveling home via district bussing may remain on campus under reasonable supervision until the busses arrive at 2:10.
- Please refer to the Health and Safety Protocols that were shared on Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday, August 25, 2021**  
**Class of 2025 Opening Day**

**Class of 2025: 7:40-1:00**

Assemble in Homeroom	7:40
Prayers and Announcements	7:45-7:57
Extended Homeroom	8:00-10:21

**Bell Schedule**

10:24-10:38	First Block
10:41-10:51	Second Block A
10:54-11:04	Second Block B
11:07-11:17	Third Block A
11:20-11:30	Third Block B
11:33-11:43	Fourth Block A
11:46-11:56	Fourth Block B
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00	Dismissal

**Thursday, August 26, 2021**  
**All Students Report**

**All Students: 7:40-1:00**

Assemble in Homeroom	7:40
Prayers and Announcements	7:45-7:57
Extended Homeroom	8:00-8:37
Student Assemblies	8:40-9:30

*Freshmen report to the Performing Arts Center, Sophomores report to the Chapel,  
Juniors and Seniors report to the Gym.*

**Bell Schedule**

9:33-9:53	First Block A
9:56-10:16	First Block B
10:19-10:39	Second Block A
10:42-11:02	Second Block B
11:05-11:28	Activity Period
11:31-11:51	Third Block A
11:54-12:14	Third Block B
12:17-12:37	Fourth Block A
12:40-1:00	Fourth Block B
1:00	Dismissal

*There will be a session at 1:05 PM in Room 220 for any student who needs assistance with  
PowerSchool or other school network applications. This session is especially encouraged for our  
transfer students. It will conclude by 2:10.*

**Friday, August 27, 2021**  
**All Students Report**

**Bell Schedule**

7:40	Warning Bell
7:45-7:51	Homeroom
7:54-8:19	First Block A
8:21-8:46	First Block B
8:49-9:14	Second Block A
9:17-9:42	Second Block B
9:45-10:08	Activity Period
10:11-10:36	Third Block A
10:39-11:04	Third Block B
11:07-11:32	Fourth Block A
11:35-12:00	Fourth Block B

*Welcome Back Block Party for all students and staff, beginning at noon. The Block Party will be held on the grounds and will have food, including the Waffle Cabin food truck, music, and games for our staff and students. We will be having an event for all Nazareth students welcoming them back to school. Students are to remain at the event until at least 1:00, but we encourage them to enjoy the fun until after 2:00.*

**Personnel Announcements**

**Director of Counseling**

Nazareth Academy High School is pleased to announce that Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley has been appointed Director of Counseling and will begin on August 30, 2021.

Ms. Whiteley currently serves as the Senior Mental Health Counselor at Holy Redeemer Counseling Center in Huntingdon Valley. Prior to her arrival at Holy Redeemer, Ms. Whiteley led the Counseling Department at the Charter High School for Architecture + Design in Philadelphia as Director of Counseling for eight years, leading a team of counselors and working with students in the areas of emotional, academic and college/career counseling. Before her tenure at CHAD, Ms. Whiteley served as a school counselor at schools in Philadelphia and Bucks County, in addition to working as a therapist, counselor, and social worker.

Ms. Whiteley earned her a B.A. in English from The King's College in Briarcliff Manor, New York, and her M.S. in Counseling from West Chester University. She completed her guidance certification work at Eastern University.

Ms. Whiteley is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Pennsylvania (LPC) and Pennsylvania Level II Certified Secondary School Counselor, as well as a National Certified Counselor (NCC). Ms. Whiteley is also an International Certified Counselor in Co-occurring Disorders (CCDP-D). In 1998, she co-authored an article in *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment* that addressed assessing the needs of substance abusing women.

Welcome to Nazareth, Ms. Whiteley!

### **School Nurse**

Ms. Fern Clifford, RN, BLS certified, will serve as our new School Nurse, working three days per week, beginning on Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome to Nazareth, Ms. Clifford!

### **Additional or New Roles at Nazareth**

The following announcements are related to current members of our Nazareth team taking on additional or new roles:

- Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling
- Mrs. Natalie Graveley and Mrs. Kerstin Greenewald, Student Council Moderators
- Mr. Mike Sokolowski, Naz News Moderator

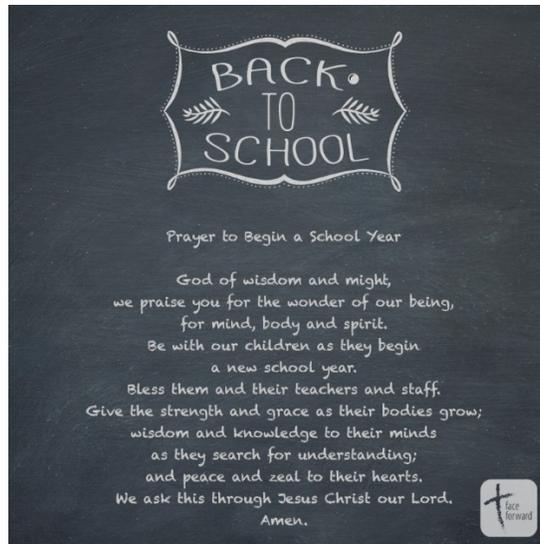
We wish them congratulations and provide our support and prayerful best wishes in their new assignments here at Nazareth!

## **From the Office of the President**

### ***Mrs. Denise LePera***

What a blessing to have your daughters beginning this school year in-person! We look forward to a safe and productive year.

### **Thought for the Week**



### **Summer/Fall Projects**

It has been a very exciting summer at Nazareth.

- The parking lot was repaved, lined and a Belgian Block curb was added along the soccer/lacrosse field.
- The Chapel air handler will be replaced.

- The Performing Arts Center was renovated with a new floor, paint and a new portable stage has been ordered to meet our various performing arts needs.
- The Student Dining Room was painted.
- All new security cameras will be installed to provide full coverage of all entry points.
- Thirteen new smartboards were installed and the wiring was redone throughout the school.
- In early fall we will have a new projector and sound system for the gym.
- The gym floor was buffed, cleaned and received a new coat of stain.
- The bathroom outside the gym lobby got a new door and will be open for use.
- The major project will be a new boiler system for the fall.

### **Admissions**

As parents you are one of our biggest champions. You know the value of a Nazareth education, the uniqueness of the charism of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, and the life-long impact of being a Panda. We are thrilled to welcome 16 transfer students and 70 freshmen along with their families to the Nazareth sisterhood!

Recruitment for the next class of Pandas has begun. If you would be willing to put an Open House lawn sign on your property or business, please have your daughter see Ms. D on the second floor.

### **Who to Contact?**

As you know from experience, Ms. D is hard at work recruiting the next class and is often out of the office during the fall months, so please [click here](#) for the guide of Nazareth staff to call with specific questions. General questions should be directed to Michele Konicki in the Main Office at [mkonicki@NazarethAcademyHs.org](mailto:mkonicki@NazarethAcademyHs.org) or 215.637.7676, ext. 1100.

### **Drop-off and Pick-Up**

If you drop your daughter off at Nazareth in the morning, please pull up past the Chapel steps to allow for multiple cars to drop off.

At dismissal, please turn right at the first row, then follow the arrows making a left at the soccer field and driving to the last row making a left. You will then make a left to proceed back to the first row. Parents should not be parked in the aisles with arrows pointing towards the soccer field. Having parents' cars line the perimeter of the lot is a safer process to exit.

### **Reminder Regarding ID Cards and Lunch Accounts**

As a reminder, all students must wear their ID cards on a visible Nazareth Academy High School lanyard. Students must swipe into the building every day.

Students will use their ID cards to make purchases in the Student Dining Room. This will help lines move more quickly. If your daughter needs a replacement ID, please complete this [form](#) and have your daughter report to the Attendance/Security Office.

You can load your card and check balances through [MyKidsSpending](#). All outstanding lunch balances will be billed to FACTS. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Miller at [tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org) or 215.268.1070.

### **School Calendar**

The school calendar is available online at [NazarethAcademyHS.org/SchoolCalendar](http://NazarethAcademyHS.org/SchoolCalendar). Please note that you can print the calendar by clicking the print icon. To upload to your phone, click on the RSS feed and follow the instructions.

### **School Store**

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

### **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 both current and past students enjoy the glimpses back into our proud past.

### **NAPA ~ Nazareth Academy Parent Association**

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

#### **NAPA Board 2021-2022**

**Grace Pirolli P'22**  
President

**Michelle Rozanski P '22**  
Volunteer Coordinator

**Denise Kowalski P '23**  
Vice-President

**Bridie Tobler P '23**  
Corresponding Secretary

**Sally Unger '85 P '23**  
Treasurer

**Michelina Garofalo Serianni '95 P '24**  
Recording Secretary

**Terri Evans**  
NAPA moderator

### **NAPA Monthly Meetings**

The first General Parent Meeting for the 2021-2022 school year will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the PAC.

### **Mum Sale**

The Fall Mum sale begins on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Mums will come in 3 different colors, yellow, orange and purple. They are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. An email will be sent with the link to purchase your mums.

### **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 2021 - 2022 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.

### **Mark Your Calendars for NAPA Events**

**Mother/Daughter Mass and Brunch ~ Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am Mass with Brunch Immediately Following**

For your convenience, online registration and payment is available for the Mother/Daughter Brunch by [clicking here](#).

### **Grandparent Mass and Breakfast ~ Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am Mass with Breakfast Immediately Following**

We are excited for the return of this special event where we have the privilege of honoring our Grandparents! Many of our students' grandparents play a critical role in the lives of their grandchildren. As a token of our appreciation and thanksgiving, we will be hosting Mass in our Chapel followed by breakfast on campus. Students from all grades are invited to attend the Mass with their grandparent(s).

### **Freshman AR Workshop ~ September 8th and September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Girls Night Out for the Class of 2025 will be held at the [AR Workshop](#) from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. This is a great way for the Class of 2025 and their mothers to meet each other while enjoying a night creating one of the many projects AR Workshop offers. There are limited spots for both nights so please register now for [September 8th](#) or [September 22nd](#).

## **From the Office of Academic Affairs**

### ***Mrs. Pat Quinn, Assistant Principal***

I am anxiously looking forward to seeing your daughters on August 25/26. Thank you for your patience and endurance during this past year. We are excited to begin this school year together. We are blessed to have dedicated teachers who are faithful to the mission of Nazareth Academy.

Classes that had summer assignments were posted on the website. As you are aware, not all classes required summer assignments. The goal of any summer assignment is to provide support for future learning and to ease the transition back to school. Please note the due dates for these assignments. Syllabi will be distributed for all classes and will include course expectations, content, and grading policy. Your signature will be required to ensure that you are aware of all required for a successful completion of the course.

The last day for roster changes (drop/add) is Thursday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will allow a student to change a class and perhaps add a new class without an appreciable loss of time. After September 2<sup>nd</sup>, if a class is dropped, a designation of W (withdrawal) will appear on the transcript. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, no class may be dropped.

Please be aware that I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have concerning your daughters' academic progress. My office number is 215-268-1056 and my email is [quinn@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:quinn@nazarethacademyhs.org). I am excited for this academic year and all that it entails.

## **From the Office of Student Life**

### ***Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal***

I am thrilled to be here, and I look forward to learning more about Nazareth Academy and meeting you and your daughters. I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with the girls beyond the walls of the classroom. Being involved will greatly enrich your daughter's high school experience and foster strong pride in her school. I want your daughter to look forward to coming to school every day and feel like NAHS truly is her second home. I will do everything that I can to make this a reality for your daughter by

bringing my enthusiasm and energy to all student activities. I am here to help and support you in any way that I can. The whole Nazareth community has been so kind in welcoming me. I am most grateful. Go Pandas! God bless!

## **From the Office of the Athletic Department**

***Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director***

### **Weekly Athletic Schedule August 23 – August 29, 2021**

#### **Monday, August 23**

2:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC  
9:00 – 11:00 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Fluehr Park/Eden Hall  
3:00 – 5:00 – V Golf Practice – Byrne  
4:00 – 8:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym

#### **Tuesday, August 24**

8:00 – 10:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym  
9:00 – 11:00 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
2:00 – 4:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC  
2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Fluehr Park/Eden Hall

#### **Wednesday, August 25**

9:00 – 11:00 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Fluehr Park/Eden Hall  
3:30 – 5:30pm V Golf vs. VJM – Away  
3:30 – 5:30pm JV Soccer vs CB South – Away  
3:30 – 5:30pm V Soccer vs CB South – Away  
4:00 – 8:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym

#### **Thursday, August 26**

2:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC  
1:30 – 3:30 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Golf vs. VMA – Away  
3:00 – 6:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym  
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer – Nazareth Gym

#### **Friday, August 27**

1:30 – 3:30 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
2:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC  
3:45 – 6:45 – JV VB vs. Norristown – Home  
3:45 – 6:45 – V VB vs. Norristown – Home – Nazareth Gym