

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**August 29, 2021**

*“Let all your activities be animated by a holy and unselfish motive.”*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## **From the Office of the Principal Mr. Jim Meredith**

Thank you for a fantastic opening week! The enthusiasm of our staff and students was in abundance. We were especially thankful to welcome our new transfer students and the Class of 2025 to Nazareth this week on Welcome Night and on our opening days. Classes have begun and Monday begins regular schedules. As I shared with our students, this is going to be a great year. This great year is now underway.

For this week, on Thursday, our Counseling Department will meet with our students during the Special C Schedule beginning at 9:15 AM for presentations specific to each class. Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director of Counseling, will visit each freshman homeroom classroom. Mrs. Emma Menszak, School Counselor, will meet with the sophomores in the Student Dining Room. Ms. Maria Koloudis, College Counselor and School Counselor, will meet with the juniors in the Performing Arts Center while Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling, will meet with the seniors in the Chapel.



## Schedule for the Week

Monday, August 30: A Schedule

Tuesday, August 31: A Schedule

Wednesday, September 1: A Schedule

Thursday, September 2: Special C Schedule

Friday, September 3: School Closed, Labor Day Holiday

### Monday, August 30-Wednesday, September 1

	A Schedule
Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM -7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM- 9:21 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM - 8:39 AM
Block 1B	8:42 AM- 9:21 AM
BLOCK 2	9:24 AM-10:45 AM
Block 2A	9:24 AM-10:03 AM
Block 2B	10:06 AM-10:45 AM
Activity Period	10:48 AM-11:23 AM
BLOCK 3	11:26 AM-12:47 PM
Block 3A	11:26 AM-12:05 PM
Block 3B	12:08 PM-12:47 PM
BLOCK 4	12:50 PM- 2:10 PM
Block 4A	12:50 PM- 1:29 PM
Block 4B	1:32 PM-2:10 PM

### Thursday, September 2

	Special C Schedule
Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM-7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM-9:11 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM-8:34 AM
Block 1B	8:37 AM-9:11 AM
Special Event	9:14 AM-9:54 AM
BLOCK 2	9:57AM-11:08 AM
Block 2A	9:57 AM-10:31 AM
Block 2B	10:34 AM-11:08 AM
Activity Period	11:11 AM-11:42 AM
BLOCK 3	11:45 AM-12:56 PM
Block 3A	11:45 AM-12:19 PM
Block 3B	12:22 PM-12:56 PM
BLOCK 4	12:59 PM-2:10 PM
Block 4A	12:59 PM-1:33 PM
Block 4B	1:36 PM-2:10 PM

### Back to School Night: September 9, 2021

Looking ahead, Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Information to follow!

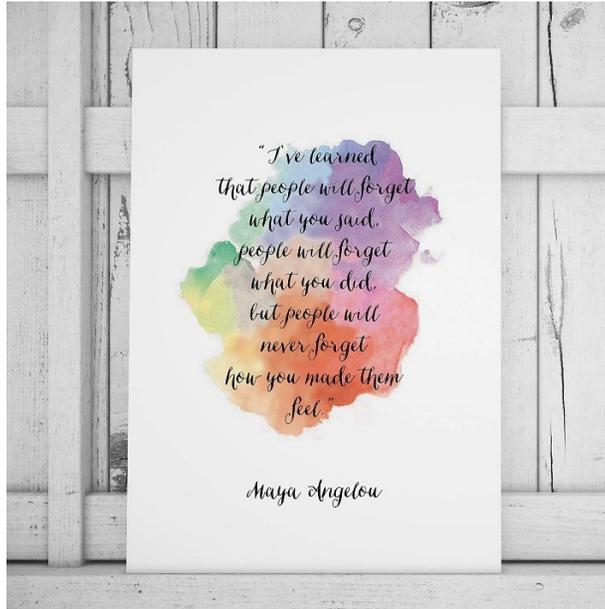


## From the Office of the President

### *Mrs. Denise LePera*

We hope that the first week was successful! The girls seem thrilled to be back fully in-person and there was enthusiasm everywhere.

### Thought for the Week



### Grandparent Mass and Breakfast

Grandparents Day Mass and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Mass begins at 10:00 AM and the breakfast will immediately follow in the gym. Please [RSVP](#) by September 3rd to reserve your seats at Mass and the breakfast.

### PA Tax Credits and Coffee

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30-8:00 am

Turn your PA state taxes into tuition assistance for Nazareth Academy Students!

This workshop will explain how you can give the gift of a Nazareth education - grab your coffee and join us on Teams to learn how! Join Jeff Gibson from BLOCS (Business Leaders Organized for Catholic Schools) to learn how you can take advantage of these programs and benefit Nazareth students. Businesses and individuals can redirect up to 100% of their personal PA state tax bill to Nazareth through the PA EITC and OSTC programs.

[Click here to register!](#)

### Open House Lawn Signs

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 stop by the Main Office.

## 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 at the end of the year. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Miller at [tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org) or 215.268.1070.

## Daily Check-in

Parents are to complete the required Health Questionnaire before school each day their daughter is attending. For your convenience, a message via SchoolMessenger will be sent each school day at 6 AM with the link to the form. We also have signs with a QR code for students to scan if the form was not completed. These signs are posted at each entrance.

## Fall Sports Gear

Nazareth Academy Fall sports are hosting online shops until August 30<sup>th</sup>! One day left to place your order! 🐼 📣 🏈 🏀 ⚽ 🎾 🏐

- [Cheerleading Shop](#)
- [Cross Country Shop](#)
- [Golf Shop](#)
- [Soccer Shop](#)
- [Tennis Shop](#)
- [Volleyball Shop](#)

## From the Office of Campus Ministry

### *Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister*

**"I desire that the Kingdom of God flourish within you and the spirit of the Holy Family be among you."**

**-Mother Foundress**

I have seen the Kingdom of God flourish this week. As we continue to meditate on this quote, and ponder for ourselves what it means, may we always know that we have the capacity to love in a way no other member of this family can, or will. The community needs your unique gifts and talents. The faculty and staff need your gifts and talents. None of us can love the same and we would be lacking if your love was not present within these walls.

- This year we will be recognizing students for their spirit and actions that embody Nazareth. The month of September will focus on the Sisters' charism of loving relationships. Love is the very heart of Nazareth and God compels us to form loving, compassionate relationships in our personal and professional lives. Any student who models loving relationships in the eyes of any faculty/staff member, can be awarded for the charism award. May our students shine away!
- There will be a parent Kairos meeting for parents of seniors on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Chapel

## From the Office of Academic Affairs

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



It was wonderful to see your daughters back at Nazareth this week! I was delighted to see so many smiling faces.

Classes that had summer assignments were posted on the website. As you are aware, not all classes required summer assignments.

Syllabi were distributed for all classes which included course expectations, content, and the grading policy. Your signature will be required to ensure that you are aware of all required for a successful completion of the course. The academic weight of each summer assignment is dependent upon the teacher.

The last day for roster changes (drop/add) will be 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 am 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). Please do not hesitate to contact me.

## From the Office of Student Life

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

The NAHS community kicked off the school year with a Welcome Back Block Party on Friday. The girls had a great time coming together to play outdoor games and enjoy waffles, ice cream, pretzels, and water. It was a festive way to start the school year!

Fall/Spring uniforms begin on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. If needed, please consult page 21 of the [Student Handbook](#).





I am starting to schedule individual sessions with your students to see where they are in their post-secondary process and to assist them with whatever they may need.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

### **Class of 2023**

The junior class will listen to a presentation given by Ms. Kaloudis on September 2nd to help them start thinking more about their post-secondary options. Students will receive their college counselor assignments this day! Please encourage your students to read their emails! The College Counseling team is going to start sending the junior class weekly emails with any pertinent information they may need for their post-secondary process.

There will be a junior college presentation night in October, so be on the lookout for more information regarding this night coming soon.

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

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

#### **Weekly Athletic Schedule August 30, 2021-September 5, 2021**

#### **Monday, August 30**

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground  
2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Benjamin Rush  
3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:00 – 5:00 – V Golf vs. GMA/VJM – Home  
4:00 – 8:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym

#### **Tuesday, August 31**

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground  
2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Benjamin Rush  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Golf vs. MSJ/GMA – Away  
3:30 – 5:30 – JV Soccer vs PJP II – Away  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Soccer vs PJP II – Away  
3:45 – 6:30 – V VB vs. Norristown/CR – Nazareth Gym – Tri Match  
3:45 – 6:30 – JV VB vs. Norristown/CR – Nazareth Gym – Tri Match  
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer – Nazareth Gym

#### **Wednesday, September 1**

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground  
2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Fluehr Park/Eden Hall  
3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Golf vs. MSJ/GMA – Away  
3:45 – 6:30 – V VB vs. Christopher Dock – Away  
3:45 – 6:30 – JV VB vs. Christopher Dock – Away

### **Thursday, September 2**

3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Golf vs. VMA – Away  
3:45 – 6:00 – V Tennis vs. SH – Away  
4:00 – 8:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym

### **Friday, September 3**

3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – TBC  
9:00 – 9:00 – V Cheer Choreography – Nazareth Gym

### **Saturday, September 4**

9:00 – 9:00 – V Cheer Choreography – Nazareth Gym

## **From the Office of the Nazareth Academy Parent Association (NAPA) Mrs. Grace Pirolli P '22**

### **Welcome Mass and Breakfast**

Thank you to all who joined us for our Mother/Daughter Breakfast. It was great having everyone at NAPA's first in person event for the 2021-2022 school year. It was so exciting to have more than 100 girls and moms/guardians join us for this event! Seniors were presented with a beautiful sunflower to kick off this momentous year!

### **Monthly Meetings**

Please join us for our first [NAPA General Parent Meeting](#) on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 in the Performing Arts Center. Please bring your questions and ideas. Looking forward to meeting all of you!

### **Mum Sale**

The NAPA Mum sale starts Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, \$10 each; 3 for \$25.00 ~ 9" plants in your choice of Orange, Purple or Yellow. [Click here](#) to purchase your mums. Plant pick up in school parking lot, Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-10:30 AM.

### **Carmel & Chocolate Dipped Apples**

Gertrude Hawk Carmel & Chocolate Dipped Apples will be available for purchase \$12.00 each or 2 for \$20.00 starting in September details to follow.

### **NAPA 50/50**

We are happy to bring back our NAPA 50/50 - Welcome back to School 50/50 Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, \$5.00 a ticket 200 spots for a chance to win \$500.00.

Sales will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. *Gotta play to win!*



**Freshman AR Workshop ~ NEW DATE AND LOCATION  
September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Nazareth Academy High School Gym**

**6:00 pm**

The workshop will take place at Nazareth! Please take note of new date Wednesday, **September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 6:00 PM in the school gym. Please use [this link](#) to register for this event. We hope to see all of our freshmen and their parents there!

**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.



**Prayer Intentions**

We pray for the happy repose of the souls of our American servicemembers and the civilians killed in the terrorist attack in Afghanistan. We also pray for the consolation and comfort for those who love them, especially their families and friends.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Also, please remember all intentions of the Nazareth Community in your prayers, especially the following:

- Those impacted by the coronavirus, the victims and the first responders on the front lines fighting this virus
- Those in the path of Hurricane Ida
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*