

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**September 12, 2021**

*“Jesus is your strength, light and protection.”*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

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

***Mrs. Denise LePera***

### **September 11th**

We will never forget those who lost their lives that fateful day, and those who ran towards the towers, into the fire and up the stairs to save others – our heroes! I often reflect on a quote Fred Rogers said that his mother said to him as a young boy, frightened of the news: “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are willing to help.” And on that day, there were many helpers who risked their lives to save the lives of thousands.

### **Grandparents Mass and Breakfast**

Thank you to the students and grandparents who joined us for our Grandparents Day Mass and Breakfast. As we all know, grandparents are treasured in our family, and we were happy to spend the morning with them! It was a great crowd of nearly 200!

### **Welcome to the Nazareth LinkedIn**

We invite you to join the Nazareth Academy’s growing [LinkedIn page](#)! As a community that embraces faith, family and education, we want to build a network where you can continue to incorporate these values into your professional lives.

As a parent, you can follow the Nazareth Academy High [LinkedIn page](#) to stay updated on Nazareth events, Alumnae highlights, and networking opportunities. If you are an alumna, you can now find the “Alumni” tab on the Nazareth [LinkedIn page](#) which will allow you to connect and network with other Nazareth alumnae within LinkedIn. To do so, please make sure you have listed Nazareth Academy High School under the “Education” section. This will automatically add you into the “Alumni” tab on our page. (Even if you already have this done, please re-list the school to ensure you are added into the tab. The Nazareth logo will appear next to your high school listing once updated.)



Creating a strong presence on this platform will showcase Nazareth Academy's far-reaching network and provide professional benefits to our students far beyond their time at Nazareth. We hope that this LinkedIn tool will allow our Nazareth community to connect, network and celebrate one another's professional achievements.

### **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!](#)

### **Bring Your Sister to School Day ~ September 20<sup>th</sup>**

Bring Your Sister to School Day is back! If you have a daughter in 5th through 8th grades who would like to spend the day with her older sister at Nazareth, please [click here](#) to register. This will be an awesome day for your daughters! Please note that the day is limited to only sisters, including half-sisters and stepsisters.

### **COVID Corner**

As of Friday, we have had 6 positive cases with only one from school contact. The other cases were exposed outside of Nazareth, and did not have an infectious period.

Please remember to complete the [Daily Check-in](#) whenever your daughter will be in school.

We will continue to update the Nazareth parents of our on-going cases in this space. Our goal is to follow the guidance above to ensure there is no risk of closure due to non-compliance of the city's mandates and recommendations. All while remaining full in-person and making every student, faculty and staff member feel safe.

Quick Links and Reference:

[Daily Health Screening Questionnaire](#)

[Current Guidance for Schools from the City of Philadelphia Department of Health](#)

[Quarantine Visual Aid](#)

[PA Department of Health Dashboard](#)

Thank you for your support and patience as we navigate what is hopefully the last few months of the challenges of the pandemic.

## From the Office of the Principal

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

Thank you to all who attended our remote Back to School Night on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. For anyone who missed the evening, please feel free to contact your daughter's teachers if you any questions.

#### **Freshman Week**

Freshman Week is upon us! Please see later in this issue as both Ms. Shannon Donnelly and Mrs. Theresa Hartey share important information for this special week.

Here are a few additional reminders:

- No class for freshmen only on Friday as they will attend their Freshman Retreat in the gym after Homeroom; **all other students have class**
- Students are reminded to wear their blazers as Mass for all will be in the Chapel
- All students will gather for the Little Miss Freshman Pageant outside, along the circle at the Chapel steps, at 1 PM on Friday (*students are encouraged to bring a beach towel or blanket to sit and enjoy the pageant*)
- The parking lot on Friday will be closed to vehicular traffic from 12:45 until 2 PM

#### **Traffic Light**

After much communication with the City of Philadelphia, the traffic light on Grant Avenue is now working properly. We are grateful to Councilman Bobby Henon's office for assistance with this matter. When dropping students off at the circle, please pull up as close as possible to accommodate traffic.

#### **Prayers Request and Personnel Announcement**

Please remember our school librarian Sister Maryellen Whitaker, SSJ, in your prayers as she heals from a knee injury. Sister Maryellen will be out for the approximately next two weeks for rest and recovery. Your prayers are appreciated.

Beginning on Thursday, September 9, Mrs. Fran Feeny started working in the library during Sister Maryellen's absence. Ms. Feeny served as an English teacher and department chair at many schools including Archbishop Ryan, Archbishop Kennedy, Kennedy-Kenrick, and Archbishop Carroll. Ms. Feeny most recently served at St. Basil Academy.

Welcome to Nazareth, Ms. Feeny!

#### **Schedule for the Week: Freshman Week**

Monday, September 13: A Schedule

Tuesday, September 14: A Schedule

Wednesday, September 15: A Schedule

Thursday, September 16: A Schedule

Friday, September 17, Nazareth Day: Special Schedule, Opening Liturgy, Freshman Retreat Day, Little Miss Freshman Pageant

### Monday, September 13-Thursday, September 16

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

### Friday, September 17

Special Schedule	
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Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM- 7:55AM
BLOCK 1	7:58 AM-8:45 AM
Block 1A	7:58 AM- 8:20 AM
Block 1B	8:23 AM-8:45 AM
Mass	8:48 AM-10:05 AM
BLOCK 2	10:08 AM-10:55AM
Block 2A	10:08 AM-10:30 AM
Block 2B	10:33 AM-10:55 PM
Activity Period	10:58 PM-11:20 PM
BLOCK 3	11:23AM -12:10 PM
Block 3A	11:23 AM -11:45 PM
Block 3B	11:48 PM-1210 PM
BLOCK 4	12:13 PM -1:00 PM
Block 4A	12:13 PM-12:35 PM
Block 4B	12:38 PM-1:00 PM
Little Miss Freshman Pageant 1:00PM-2:10PM	

## From the Office of Campus Ministry

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

#### Freshman Week

Happy Freshman Week! A joyful week awaits us at Nazareth as we celebrate our new students during their freshman week. I have a great day planned for them this Friday during their retreat day, starting the day off with our first Nazareth Mass!

Here is the info you need for Friday:

#### For all freshman students, regarding Friday's retreat day:

- Please go to homeroom in the morning. Freshman will be called down to the gym after Naz News.
- You will have the opportunity to buy lunch if you need to, but **packing a lunch is recommended.**
- **Please have your blazers on in the morning - you will wear them for Mass**
- Bring a bag for costumes and/or (modest) attire for the Little Miss Freshman Pageant!
- All books and belongings can be left at home or in lockers for the day

#### School Supplies/Canned Goods Drives

Our School Supplies/Canned Goods Drives are happening now! Please see Mrs. Hartey's section of this update for what we are collecting. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Kairos Meeting: Senior Parents ~ September 13<sup>th</sup> 6 pm**

This Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, is the Kairos Parent information meeting at 6pm. There will be a virtual option for those who would like to participate from home. Please contact me at [sdonnelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:sdonnelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org) or details on how to attend virtually.

There will also be one more date added if you cannot attend -- *\*Please ask your daughter to check her email to know which retreat she is attending. If she is attending October, you will want to get the meeting details ASAP.*

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

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

Last week we kicked off our freshman festivities with a Freshman/Senior Meet and Greet.

Now onto Freshman Week! Here are the themes for each day:

Monday (9/13) – Media Monday (Anything including social media, etc.) (think of tiktok, vine, etc.)

Tuesday (9/14)– Crazy Hair and Makeup

Wednesday (9/15) – Celebrity Day (any appropriate celebrity)

Thursday (9/16) – SENIOR Citizen Day (Freshmen dress up as 93-year-olds 😊)

Friday (9/17) – Freshman Retreat Day/Lil' Miss Freshman Pageant (Weather permitting, we will hold the pageant outside.) The freshmen will not attend classes but instead will participate in a class retreat. At the conclusion of the retreat, the freshmen will package up the items from our collection.

During Freshman Week, we will hold two important collections.

#### **School Supplies for the Breathing Room Foundation**

Crayola markers and colored pencils, Composition books, Folders, Highlighters  
1, 3, and 5 subject notebooks, Backpacks, lunch boxes, Hand sanitizer, and antibacterial wipes

#### **Pantry Items for Caring for Friends**

Pasta or rice, Canned meats, Canned fruits or veggies, Canned tomatoes or tomato sauce, and other staple items for the pantry

**Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** will be Bring Your Sister to School Day.



**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** will be Club Fair Day during which students will have a chance to see and learn more about all the awesome opportunities that we have here at Nazareth!

**Uniforms:** For colder days, the students may only wear either their school sweaters or the official ¼ zip fleeces. Gym sweatshirts may be worn on gym days only. Can you please review this policy at home with your daughters?

It has been great meeting so many of your daughters! They are kind and welcoming and fill our school building with a ton of positive energy!

Thank you. Have a great week. Go Pandas! God bless!

## **From the Office of College Counseling**

### ***Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling***

#### **Class of 2022**

The College Counseling Team is hosting a Senior College Parent Night from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM on Tuesday September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Performing Arts Center. Please consider attending this event to learn more about the college application process and how the College Counseling Team will be supporting your students. You will have the option to select "in-person" or "virtual attendance via Teams" when registering. If you select virtual attendance, a Microsoft Teams link will be sent to you before the event. Please complete this [RSVP Form](#) by 8:00 AM on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Transcript Request Form Class of 2022**

When your student applies to a college or university, they need to request that their transcript be sent to that particular school. This should be done through the [Transcript Request Form](#). There is a \$3 fee per transcript that is sent. (Example: If your student applies to 5 colleges, then the fee is \$15.)

#### **Instant Decision Days Class of 2022**

Nazareth will be hosting an Instant Decision Day with [Holy Family University](#) on October 7th. Students who participate will be given an admission decision this day. Students should register by October 1st and complete an application to Holy Family University by October 4<sup>th</sup>. If your student is interested in registering, please have them fill out this [FORM](#).

Nazareth will be hosting an Instant Decision Day with [La Salle University](#) on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Students who participate will be given an admission decision this day. Students should register for this event and complete an application to La Salle University by October 7<sup>th</sup>. If your student is interested in registering, please have them fill out this [FORM](#).

#### **Interview Day Class of 2022**

Nazareth will be hosting an Interview Day with [Saint Joseph's University](#) on October 26th. Students who participate will not be given an admission decision, but they can speak with the admissions representative about their application to Saint Joseph's University, about the university, or about anything else they would like to discuss related to admissions. It is preferred if students apply to Saint Joseph's University before October 26<sup>th</sup>, but it is not required. Students should register for this event by October 21<sup>st</sup> by filling out this [FORM](#).

## From the Office of the Athletic Department

**Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director**

### Weekly Athletic Schedule September 13, 2021-September 19, 2021

#### Monday, September 13

9:30 – 1:30 – V Golf vs. District Qualifier – Away *Good luck to Casey Stone, '24!*  
2:45 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Benjamin Rush  
3:45 – 6:00 – V Tennis vs. MM – Away – Van  
3:45 – 5:00 – JV VB vs. MSJ – Away  
4:00 – 5:30 – V Soccer vs VJM – Away  
5:00 – 6:30 – V VB vs. MSJ – Away  
5:30 – 7:00 – JV Soccer vs VJM – Away

#### Tuesday, September 14

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
2:45 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Benjamin Rush  
3:00 – 5:00 – JV Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Golf vs. VMA – Home  
3:30 – 6:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym  
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer – Nazareth Gym

#### Wednesday, September 15

2:30 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Fluehr Park/Eden Hall  
3:45 – 6:00 – V Tennis vs. VJM – Home –Torresdale Playground  
4:00 – 5:30 – V XC Meet – GMA – Away – Van  
4:00 – 5:30 – V Soccer vs VMA – Home – PSC  
5:30 – 7:00 – JV Soccer vs VMA – Home – PSC  
5:00 – 6:30 – V VB vs. VMA – Home  
3:45 – 5:00 – JV VB vs. VMA – Home

#### Thursday, September 16

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Union League  
3:00 – 5:00 – JV Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Soccer Practice – TBC  
3:45 – 5:00 – JV VB vs. MM – Away  
5:00 – 6:30 – V VB vs. MM – Away  
3:30 – 5:30 – V Golf vs. MSJ – Away \*\*1:45 Dismissal\*\* – Van  
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer – Nazareth Gym

#### Friday, September 17

3:45 – 6:00 – V Tennis vs. GMA – Away – Van  
4:00 – 8:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym  
4:00 – 5:30 – V Soccer vs MSJ – Away

5:30 – 7:00 – JV Soccer vs MSJ – Away

### **Saturday, September 18**

1:00 – 2:15 – V VB vs. MaST – Home

2:30 – 4:00 – JV VB vs. MaST – Home

### **Sunday, September 19**

6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer – Nazareth Gym

## **Prayer Intentions**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Those impacted by the coronavirus, the victims and the first responders on the front lines fighting this virus
- Those affected by Hurricane Ida, most especially those who were killed, injured, and lost their homes
- Victims of the September 11, 2001 Terror Attacks
- American men and women serving overseas
- The Afghan people and Afghan refugees, most especially those who are joining the Philadelphia-area community
- Our Jewish brothers and sisters who are observing Yom Kippur this week
- All Nazareth Grandparents
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- Mr. John Skylakon, husband of Ms. Michele Kelly (*Attendance*)
- Sister Maryellen Whitaker (*Library*)
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

