

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

September 19, 2021

“Love, based by faith and lived by faith, must have its expression in every deed and in all situations.”

–Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera



What a wonderful week for our freshmen! Traditions are important in all that we do here at Nazareth. A long-time tradition is our Annual Alumnae Mass and Communion Breakfast. This event is held each year in November around Mother Foundress Day.

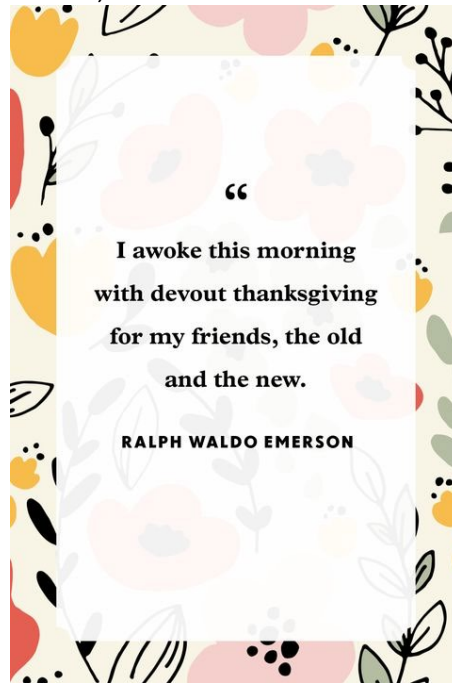
We are thrilled that we can celebrate together again, after last year's restrictions. We want to honor an alumna and a faculty/staff member who exemplify our mission of embracing faith, family and education while living out the core values of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth: faithful listening, loving relationships and recognizing God in the every day. The awards are named for Mother Foundress and Sister Neomisias, Nazareth's first principal. With that, I am thrilled to announce this year's honorees:

**Mother Foundress Alumna Award
Kathy Wyszynski '77**

**Sister Neomisias Faculty Staff Award
Mrs. Amy McDonald**

Thought for the Day

How wonderful it was to pin our freshmen and transfer students at our opening school liturgy. The Nazareth family is truly about old friends, and the new!



Advancement Office

Virtual Bingo ~ October 15th

Virtual Bingo is back. We will be playing bingo for gift cards of your choice, as well as 3 cash games. \$30 per ticket. [Click here to purchase your tickets.](#) We hope you will join us with your family and friends for a night of bingo.

Taste of the Town

Taste of the Town is November 13, 2021 featuring TF Squared and local restaurants sampling their cuisine. We will have raffle baskets, 50/50 and a basket of cheer. Tickets can be purchased for \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door. [Click here to purchase your tickets.](#)

We need items to make the raffle baskets. Some basket themes could include a movie night, date night to include restaurant gift certificates, college dorm basket, beach basket, kitchen basket, wine, beer and other spirits, just to name a few. If you are able to donate an item to assist in making of the baskets, please send your donation in with your daughter or drop it off at the Attendance Office marked for the Taste of the Town. For any questions or more information please email alumnae@nazarethacademyhs.org.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the Taste of the Town, we have several sponsorship opportunities. [Please click here for more information.](#)

COVID Corner

This week there was one positive case with no close contacts.

Symptoms and When to Stay Home

Please remember to complete the [Daily Check-in](#) whenever your daughter will be in school. If your daughter has a fever higher than 100.4 or has loss of taste/smell or has shortness of breath, your daughter should stay home. If she is experiencing a combination of two the other symptoms, she should stay home.

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 ongoing support and patience!

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

We are proud to share that Madeline Scott, '22 is one of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 67th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Maddie has earned an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$30 million that will be offered next spring.

High school juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2020 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation.

Congratulations, Maddie!

Ms. Mikulski speaks about October's PSAT, the very important opening step of the next National Merit Scholarship Competition, for the Class of 2023, in this issue.



Schedule for the Week

Monday, September 20: A Schedule

Tuesday, September 21: A Schedule

Wednesday, September 22: A Schedule

Thursday, September 23: A Schedule

Friday, September 24: A Schedule

Monday, September 20-Friday, September 24

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

From the Office of Academic Affairs

Mrs. Pat Quinn, Assistant Principal

- Thank you for your communication regarding COVID positive cases and those exposed who need to quarantine. These students are eligible for remote learning. I notify all teachers as quickly as possible.
- If your daughter needs assistance in any class, she should speak to her teacher immediately for help. Nazareth Academy also offers peer tutoring through National Honor Society (all subjects except mathematics) and *Mu Alpha Theta* (mathematics).
- Deficiency Reports will be mailed home on September 28. They need to be signed and brought back to school with your daughter and returned to the issuing teacher by October 5. I see all students who receive these reports in my office. Please note that our meetings are pastoral and not punitive. Together, we seek to find a solution to remediate a particular grade.
- Honors and GPA are calculated on the semester and not mid-term grades.
- The close of the Mid-Fall marking period is Friday, October 8.

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Congratulations to the students on a fabulous job with Freshman Week! The freshmen and their senior sisters put together creative costumes all week long, the pageant was fantastic, school spirit and sisterhood were pervasive, and it was nice to see the girls having so much fun!

During mass on Friday, we welcomed all new Pandas with a formal pinning ceremony. Father Mike then went on to discuss the importance of unity and family during his homily.

On September 29th, we will hold a Club Fair so that the students can learn more about the 40 plus clubs that we have here at Nazareth!

We are coordinating some new service opportunities for the girls. Next Saturday morning, we will be working at Holy Redeemer Garden with Sister Ana. We will return to the garden on October 9th and October 23rd. Produce from the garden provides the Holy Redeemer Food Pantry with fresh vegetables. We are also making plans to do some tutoring.

Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless.



From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

Resource

Revolution Prep is offering a free webinar to discuss: The Current State of College Admissions - How are Your Applications Being Read With or Without Testing?

Speakers include admissions representatives from Temple University, Tufts University, Rice University, and Pomona College. You can sign up for this event through this [Registration Link](#). The event will take place on Wednesday, September 29th at 6:00PM.

PSAT

The PSAT is taking place on October 13th for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Students received a Student Guide in their homerooms to help them prepare for the PSAT. Here is the link for the [pdf version](#) of that student guide. **Juniors** should pay close attention to the **National Merit Scholarship Program** portion of the Student Guide starting on page 42. Juniors who take the PSAT and meet other National Merit Scholarship Program requirements will enter the 2023 competition for National Merit Scholarship Program recognition and scholarships. Details about the program are listed in the Student Guide.

Upcoming Nazareth College Visits

September 20th: Holy Cross College

Virtual from 10:50AM-11:20AM: [Holy Cross College Teams Link](#)

September 21st: Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Virtual from 10:50AM-11:20AM: [Rutgers Zoom Link](#)

September 22nd: Bryn Athyn College of the New Church

In-Person – Located outside the Panda Pit!

September 23rd: Manor College

In-Person – Located outside the Panda Pit!

September 24th: Saint Joseph's University

In-Person – Located outside the Panda Pit!

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 4th. 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 12th. 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 7th. 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 26th, but it is not required. Students should register for this event by October 21st by filling out this [FORM](#).

From the Office of the Athletic Department

Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director

Weekly Athletic Schedule September 20, 2021-September 26, 2021

Monday, September 20, 2021

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground
2:45 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Benjamin Rush
3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC
5 :00 – JV VB vs. Huberts-Away
6:30 – V VB vs. Huberts Away

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

2:30 – 4:30pm V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground
2:45 – 4:00 – V XC Practice – Benjamin Rush
3:30 – V Golf vs. Merion – Home – Senior Day – Byrne Golf Course
3:45 – V VB vs. VJ – Away – *** 1:30 Dismissal ***
4:00 – V Soccer vs. VMA – Away – *** 1:15 Dismissal ***
5:00 – V VB vs. VJ – Away – *** 1:30 Dismissal ***
5:30 – JV Soccer vs. VMA – Away – *** 1:15 Dismissal ***
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground
3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC
4:00 – 8:00 – JV/V VB Practice – Nazareth Gym
4:00 – V XC vs. VJ – Away – *** 1:30 Dismissal ***

Thursday, September 23, 2021

3 :00 – V Golf vs. Merion – Away – *** 1:30 Dismissal ***
3:30 – 5:30 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC
3:45 – JV VB vs. GMA – Home – Gym
3:45 – V Tennis vs. SH – Home – Torresdale Playground
5:00 – V VB vs. GMA – Home – Gym
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Friday, September 24, 2021

12:30 – V Tennis AACA Singles Tournament – Away – Gwynedd Mercy – *** 11:15 Dismissal ***
3:00 – 5:00 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC
3:45 – JV VB vs. Chester Charter Academy – Away – *** 1:15 Dismissal ***
5:00 – V VB vs. Chester Charter Academy – Away – *** 1:15 Dismissal ***

Saturday, September 25, 2021

9:00 – V XC Meet – Away – Six Flags Invite
5:30 – JV Soccer vs. Ryan – Away
7:00 – V Soccer vs. Ryan – Away

Sunday, September 26, 2021

10:00 – 12:00 – Basketball Clinic – Gym
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Prayer Intentions

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Skylakon, husband of Ms. Michele Kelly (*Attendance Office*). We also pray for the consolation and comfort for those who love him, especially Ms. Kelly and his family and friends.

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

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
- American men and women serving overseas
- The Afghan people and Afghan refugees, most especially those who are joining the Philadelphia-area community
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- Sister Maryellen Whitaker (*Library*)
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

