

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**September 26, 2021**

*“Love is always gentle, patient, ready to sacrifice, and manifests itself in deeds rather than words or feelings.”*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

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

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

And just like that, we said good-bye to summer this week. Fall is upon us! The transformation that is about to happen with leaves changing color will be vibrant. Fall is the perfect time to reflect and embrace change as the scenery around us changes in a most breath-taking manner. Blessings on your fall, and as you watch the leaves fall gracefully to the ground, may you see nature's cycles reflected in your thoughts and always remember that fall reminds us to let go, and release your burdens to God.

## **Thought for the Day**



## **Advancement Office**

### **Virtual Bingo ~ October 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 ~ November 13<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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 were two reported positive cases, with no close contacts at Nazareth.

#### **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.

#### **Vaccination Certification Update**

If your daughter has received her vaccinations since the start of the school year, please update the [Certification of Vaccination Form](#).

#### **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***

It is hard to believe we are already at the last week of September with October beginning on Friday. Looking ahead, students please expect an email this week with information regarding the Club Fair on Wednesday, during the C Schedule. With the important PSAT approaching for grades 9-11 on October 13<sup>th</sup>, please encourage your daughter, most especially if they are juniors, to practice and prepare for the test using Khan Academy and or their College Board accounts.

### **Personnel Announcement**

Mr. Hugh McGovern has joined the Nazareth Academy Family as Assistant Athletic Director. Mr. McGovern earned his M.Ed. from Temple University and his B.S. from the University of Nebraska, where,

as a student-athlete, he set many school records in track and field, was a U.S. Track and Field Federation silver medalist and an All American. He is a member of the Father Judge High School Hall of Fame and the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He taught, coached and served as Athletic Director at Springfield High School and most recently was Athletic Director at St. Basil Academy.

Mr. McGovern and his wife, Elizabeth, are members of Immaculate Conception Parish in Jenkintown and have two sons and six grandchildren.

Welcome to Nazareth, Mr. McGovern!

### **Schedule for the Week**

Monday, September 27: A Schedule

Tuesday, September 28: A Schedule

Wednesday, September 29: C Schedule, Club Fair

Thursday, September 30: A Schedule

Friday, October 1: A Schedule

#### **Mon-Tue Sept. 27-28;-Thus-Fri, Sept. 30/Oct. 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

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021**

##### **C Schedule**

Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM-7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM- 9:01 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM -8:29 AM
Block 1B	8:32 AM- 9:01 AM
Club Fair	9:04 AM -10:24 AM
BLOCK 2	10:27 AM-11:28 AM
Block 2A	10:27 AM-10:56 AM
Block 2B	10:59 AM-11:28 AM
Activity Period	11:31 AM-12:02 PM
BLOCK 3	12:05 PM- 1:06 PM
Block 3A	12:05 PM-12:34 PM
Block 3B	12:37 PM- 1:06 PM
BLOCK 4	1:09 PM- 2:10 PM
Block 4A	1:09 PM- 1:38 PM
Block 4B	1:41 PM- 2:10 PM

## **From the Office of Campus Ministry**

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

**"Let us accomplish what God is calling us to do in Nazareth ... follow the path God of love, that was the only desire of Mary and Joseph."**

*When Mother Foundress said this, she followed it by saying, "God chose two ordinary men and women to love Jesus. All of this was achieved in the ordinary circumstances of everyday living." That is the exact path God has for us: ordinary men and women loved by God, loving Him in return, and the result is peace and joy. When we love Jesus, we honor God the way He deserves. We are the ordinary and He is the extraordinary.*



A HUGE thank you to all those who donated for our School/Canned Good Drive! Our efforts have aided many families in the community. The freshmen helped package the boxes during their retreat day and they were all sent out this week!

A friendly reminder that new service projects are posted outside my office every few days.

## 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 entitled to 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.

*Already, I have had the opportunity to meet with parents, know that I deeply appreciate your dedication concerning your daughters' academic welfare. Please continue to communicate with me. Have a wonderful week!*

## From the Office of College Counseling

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

#### **PSAT**

The PSAT is taking place on October 13<sup>th</sup> for all freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. Reminder: Students should bring their calculator, #2 pencils (not mechanical), water, and a snack on this day.

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.

## Resources

**Prompt** is offering a free livestream event about college essays on Tuesday September 28th at 8:30PM. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Program Description:

During the event, Prompt's CEO, Brad Schiller, will sit down with a real student's essay. While you and your peers watch, he'll discuss:

- Which details will be compelling to admissions readers (and what won't be compelling)
- The structure - what's working, and how to make it better
- A plan of action to strengthen the essay before application deadlines
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**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.

**Gwynedd Mercy University** offers a parent information form so parents can receive information from the university. If you are interested, please use this [FORM](#).

## Upcoming Nazareth College Visits

All visits this week are in-person and located outside the Panda Pit!

**September 27th:** Pennsylvania College of Technology

**September 28th:** Washington College

**September 29th:** Catholic University of America

**September 30th:** Harrisburg University of Science and Technology

**October 1st:** University of Scranton

## Class of 2023

The College Counseling Team is hosting a Junior College Parent Night on Tuesday October 19th from 6:30PM-7:30PM. When registering, parents will have the option to select in person or virtual attendance. If virtual attendance is selected, a Teams meeting link will be provided before the event. Please click [HERE](#) to register by October 18th at 2:30PM.

## 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

We are actively working on coordinating an Instant Decision Day with Thomas Jefferson University. Look out for more information soon!

Nazareth will be hosting an Instant Decision Day with **Holy Family University** on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Students who participate will be given an admission decision this day. Students should register by October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 27, 2021-October 3, 2021**

#### **Monday, September 27**

2:45 – 4:00 – V Cross Country Practice – Rush  
3:00 – V Golf vs. Mount – Away – Van  
3:45 – JV VB vs. Egan – Home  
3:45 – V Tennis vs. MSJ – Home  
5:00 – V VB vs. Egan – Home  
5:30 – JV Soccer vs GMA-Bristol  
7:00 – V Soccer vs GMA – Bristol

#### **Tuesday, September 28**

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground  
2:45 – 4:00 – V Cross Country Practice – Fluehr Park  
3:30 – 5:30 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC  
4:00 – 6:00 – JV & V VB Practice – Gym  
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

#### **Wednesday, September 29**

9:00 – V Golf League Champs-Away – Van \*\*6:45 Departure\*\*  
3:45 – V Tennis vs. VMA – Home  
3:45 – V VB vs. Sacred Heart – Away – 1:30 Dismissal  
4:00 – V XC vs. GMA – Away  
4:00 – V Soccer vs. MM-Home – NE High School  
5:00 – JV VB vs. Sacred Heart – Away – 1:30 Dismissal  
5:30 – JV Soccer vs. MM-Home

### **Thursday, September 30**

2:30 – 4:30 – V Tennis Practice – Torresdale Playground

3:30 – 5:30 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC

4:00 – 6:00 – JV & V VB Practice – Gym

6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

### **Friday, October 1**

3:30 – 5:30 – JV/V Soccer Practice – PSC

3:45 – JV VB vs. MSJ – Away

3:45 – V Tennis vs. MM – Away

5:00 – V VB vs. MSJ – Away

### **Saturday, October 2**

7:30 – 9:00 – V Cross Country Practice – Lorimer Park

12:00 – JV VB vs. Renaissance Academy – Away

1:30 – V Soccer vs. AFS – Away

1:30 – V VB vs. Renaissance Academy – Away

2:00 – V Tennis vs. Abington Friends – Away

### **Sunday, October 3**

10:00 – 12:00 – BB Clinic-Nazareth Gym

5:30 – 7:00 – V Cheer Practice – 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
- 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*
- McCaffery Family
- Sister Maryellen Whitaker (*Library*)
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

