

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**October 3, 2021**

*“Be courageous, with the eyes of your soul fixed upon the heights, rely upon God. Then you will overcome all obstacles.”*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

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

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

In preparation for the PSAT on October 13<sup>th</sup>, students will participate in the Pre-Administration session during the Special C Schedule on Wednesday. Simply put, our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors, will complete the preliminary demographic information session for the test. Students will need a regular, non-mechanical, number two pencil, for this session and for the PSAT. Seniors should use the special schedule to work on their college applications, college essays, or whatever else they need to do for the college process.

### **Calendar Updates**

Please note the following calendar changes:

- There will be no classes on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> to accommodate a PD Day. Students are encouraged to do whatever is best for their personal development. Be kind to yourself, Pandas.
- The NAPA General Meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> has been moved to Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be student mental health presentation for parents from Minding Your Mind.

### **Schedule for the Week**

Monday, October 4: A Schedule

Tuesday, October 5: A Schedule

Wednesday, October 6: Special C Schedule, PSAT Pre-Administration

Thursday, October 7: A Schedule

Friday, October 8: A Schedule



Mon-Tue Oct. 3-4 and Thus-Fri, Oct. 7-8

**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, October 6, 2021

**Special C Schedule**

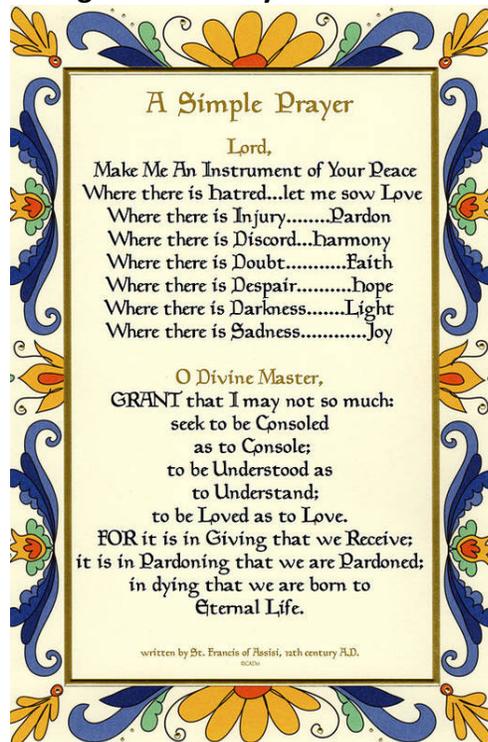
Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM-7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM-9:11 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM-8:34 AM
Block 1B	8:37 AM-9:11 AM
Special Event	9:14 AM-9:54 AM
BLOCK 2	9:57AM-11:08 AM
Block 2A	9:57 AM-10:31 AM
Block 2B	10:34 AM-11:08 AM
Activity Period	11:11 AM-11:42 AM
BLOCK 3	11:45 AM-12:56 PM
Block 3A	11:45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

## From the Office of the President

### *Mrs. Denise LePera*

Tomorrow is the feast of St. Francis Assisi. St. Francis loved all animals and in his honor the blessing of the animals will take place at Catholic parishes and schools across the country. We would all benefit from his simple prayer living out our lives replacing evil with good.

### 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, or 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.](#)

### Taste of the Town Raffle Tickets

On Friday, your daughter received her Taste of the Town Raffle Tickets. The raffle will be held the second week of November to coincide with the Taste of the Town. Each ticket contains two (2) three-digit lottery numbers. We are asking each student to sell a minimum of five tickets. Tickets are \$20.00 and the drawings are based on the Pennsylvania Evening Lottery (straight only). Student incentives for selling their raffles will be announced weekly in school. If needed, more tickets will be available in the Development Office. All tickets are due in homeroom by the morning of Monday, November 8, 2021.

The drawing dates will be:

- November 9, 2021: Green Tickets
- November 10, 2021: Pink Tickets
- November 11, 2021: Blue Tickets
- November 12, 2021: Yellow Tickets

### Winners: \$2,000 value

The winner will receive a \$150.00 gift certificate to **EACH** restaurant listed below along with \$100.00 spending cash for each restaurant, making this a \$2,000.00 value per drawing.

The restaurants featured are as follows:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Macaroni's                   | El Vez Restaurant       |
| NaBrasa Brazilian Steakhouse | Maggiano's Little Italy |
| Morimoto                     | The Capital Grille      |
| Buddakan                     | River House at Odette's |

## COVID Corner

This week there was one reported positive case, 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 Campus Ministry

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

Mother Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, born Frances Siedliska, chose the name of the Good Shepherd to be a true sign of God's expectations for her spirituality. Names are a calling, a destiny, an expression of your characteristics. That's why Jesus changed the names of his Apostles when He chose them. Her name is a manifestation of her duty to be like the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd parable is the story of ultimate care shown in action -- *God will go back for the one lost sheep, every time -- throwing it around His shoulders with joy, lovingly returning him to his other 99 brothers and sisters where they awaited his return with eager joy. May we always know that Jesus picks us up when we are lost!*

### Class of 2023 Ring Mass: Call for Priests or Deacons

If any relatives of the Junior Class are Catholic Priests or Deacons in the area and would like to concelebrate or serve at Junior Ring Mass, please email Ms. Donnelly at [sdonnelly@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:sdonnelly@nazarethacademyhs.org) with his contact information.

### Service Opportunities

- If any students would like to be a part of the "homework club" to assist student at Nazareth Academy Grade School with homework every Thursday in October from 3 - 3:30PM, please sign up outside Ms. Donnelly's office.
- From October 4<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting toiletries for the Afghan Women and Children Refugees. Items collected are travel size shampoo, bar soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hairbrushes, and candy for the kids.

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

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

- Thank you for continuing to communicate with me regarding your student academic questions.
- As of October 1st, no class may be dropped.
- Mid-Fall Deficiency Reports are due back to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, October 5th.
- The close of Mid-Fall semester grades is on Friday, October 8th.
- Report cards will be available online on Thursday, October 14th. GPA and honors are not calculated until the semester ends.

*Thank you for all that you do. Have a great weekend and enjoy this beautiful weather!*

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

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

The generosity of the Nazareth community has been inspiring. Thank you for your many donations for the Breathing Room and Caring for Friends. Thank you for all of your uniform donations as well!

Our next collection will be for the Nationalities Service Center to support the Afghan women and children who have recently arrived in Philadelphia. Our collection will run from October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>. Bins will be available in homerooms for the items. We will assemble bags from the following supplies. For women: shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, pads, deodorant, hairbrushes, combs, tea, and chocolates. For children: shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and lollipops. Thank you to Mr. Jim Daniels for highlighting this need for us!

The Club Fair on Wednesday was a great success; the club leaders and moderators generated a lot of excitement that day. A calendar with imminent club meeting dates will be emailed to students.

Looking ahead...

Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> we will hold our first tag day to benefit Pandalas Stand Up/Domestic Violence Prevention.

Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> Juniors will have breakfast prior to their PSAT testing.

Friday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> Student Council Dress Down Day

Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Clash Day/Student Council will sponsor the Fall Festival at the end of the day.

Thank you to the students who helped Sister Ana last Saturday at Holy Redeemer Garden. You were great! We will return to the garden again on October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We will begin to host homework help sessions at Nazareth Academy Grade School twice a month from 3:00 to 3:45PM. Our first two visits will be on October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cell phones: Please join us in reminding your daughters that cell phones are only to be used at lunchtime and during class for academic purposes designated by their teachers. We want to do all that we can to help the students maintain an academic focus in the classroom.

Thank you for making our newest Pandalas (freshmen and transfer students) feel so welcome. This is a true credit to the kindness that you and your daughters have demonstrated! We are blessed to have

such a wonderful community! Thank you again for all of your support. Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless.

## From the Office of College Counseling

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

#### Resources

The College Counseling Department has launched an Official Instagram account. We'll be posting upcoming events, deadlines, and resources for you and your students. Please encourage your students to follow us and feel free to follow us yourselves. Our handle is: [nahscollegecounseling](#)

Bonnie Behm from Villanova University will be presenting about financial aid at the NAPA meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>! Please attend this event to learn more about financial aid and to ask questions!

The FAFSA application opened October 1st. Seniors and their families should complete this federal student aid [application](#) sooner rather than later for college purposes. Students should check with their colleges to see if there are priority deadlines for FAFSA submission.

Sallie Mae is virtually presenting a discussion on completing the FAFSA on October 6th at 7:00PM. Register [HERE](#). They will present again on October 7th at 8:00PM - register [HERE](#).

The TGR Foundation virtually presents Brown University and Colorado College on October 7th from 6:30PM-7:45PM. Please follow this [LINK](#) to register. Sign up for this event to learn more about these colleges.

The TGR Foundation virtually presents Debunking Financial Aid Myths with Williams College on October 12th from 6:30PM-7:30PM. Follow this [LINK](#) to register. Sign up if you are interested in hearing some tips and tricks in regard to the financial aid process.

#### 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 are expected to wear the proper uniform on this day as well.

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.

#### SAT School Day

For the 28 seniors taking the SAT at Nazareth on October 13<sup>th</sup> please don't forget your calculator, #2 pencils (not mechanical), water, and a snack. Students and parents were sent an email with a payment link for the SAT. Please complete this payment form before October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Upcoming Nazareth College Visits**

All visits this week are in-person and located outside the Panda Pit! The visit with Lynn University was cancelled due to lack of student interest.

**October 4th:** Immaculata University

**October 5th:** East Stroudsburg University

**October 7th:** DeSales University

Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>: Stevenson University is scheduled to meet with students virtually from 10:50AM-11:20AM. Students should sign up for this event via this [FORM](#). If students do not sign up, the visit will be cancelled.

Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>: Stevens Institute of Technology is scheduled to meet with students virtually from 10:50AM-11:20AM. Students should sign up for this event via this [FORM](#). If students do not sign up, the visit will be cancelled.

Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>: Eastern University is scheduled to meet with students virtually from 10:50AM-11:20AM. Students should sign up for this event via this [FORM](#). If students do not sign up, this visit will be cancelled.

### **Class of 2023**

The College Counseling Team is hosting a Junior College Parent Night on Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

Students who have signed up for the **Holy Family University** Instant Decision Day should submit their applications to Holy Family by October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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](#).

Nazareth will be hosting an Instant Decision Day with **Thomas Jefferson University** on November 10<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 Jefferson by November 1st. To register, please complete 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 26th, but it is not required. Students should register for this event by October 21st by filling out this [FORM](#).

### **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
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- Sister Maryellen Whitaker (*Library*)
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

