

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

December 5, 2021

“As you contemplate your Immaculate Mother in the act of the angelic message sent by God, learn from the secret of her humility.”

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd



From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Congratulations to our students who were named All-Catholic in Chorus, Band, and Strings or honored by the PMEA. All of these honors require a competitive audition. Thank you and congratulations to Ms. Kate Chmelko and the Performing Arts Department for their work with our students. This week, the Nazareth Academy community is treated to performances by all of our extraordinarily talented singers and musicians for the Christmas Season:

- Christmas Concert, Performing Arts Center, Thursday, December 9th, 7 PM
- Christmas Concert, Friday, December 10th (*During school day C schedule assembly block, for all students. Students will be called to PAC for performances, juniors/seniors for one concert and freshmen/sophomores for the other concert*)
- Candlelight Concert, Chapel, Sunday, December 12th, 6 PM

All-Catholic Chorus

Soprano 1

Eva Borkowski '23 (1st Chair)
Elizabeth Unger '23
Kaitlyn Pfeifer '23
Grace Palermo '24

Soprano 2

Aniela Duesler '24 (1st Chair)
Meghan Zwiercan '22
Olivia Lucano '23

Alto 1

Nitalyia Schaeber '22
Tatum McHugh '24
Isabella Chango '24

Alto 2

Daria Heletkanycz '24 (1st Chair)
Mercedes Calderon '24
Olivia Wilt '22

All-Catholic Strings

Violin

Daria Heletkanycz '24

String Bass

Alexandria Braddock '25

All-Catholic Band*

Clarinet

Susanna Coyle '24 (2nd chair)

Ciara Garvey '23

Olivia Lucano '23

Trumpet

Belinda Gerz '23

Euphonium

Grace Palermo '24 (1st chair)

Alto Saxophone

Susanna Coyle '24

Ciara Garvey '23

Bassoon

Sophia DiPrimeo '23

**Waiting on Percussion Results, which will be shared when they are released*

PMEA District 12

Band

Sophia DiPrimeo '23 – Bassoon

Chorus

Aniela Duesler '24 – Soprano 2

Schedule for the Week

Monday, December 6: A Schedule

Tuesday, December 7: A Schedule

Wednesday, December 8: No Classes, Faculty and Staff Retreat; Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 9: A Schedule

Friday, December 10: C Schedule, Christmas Concert

Mon-Tues-Thurs, December 6-7-9

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, December 10

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
Christmas Concert	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

Personnel Announcement

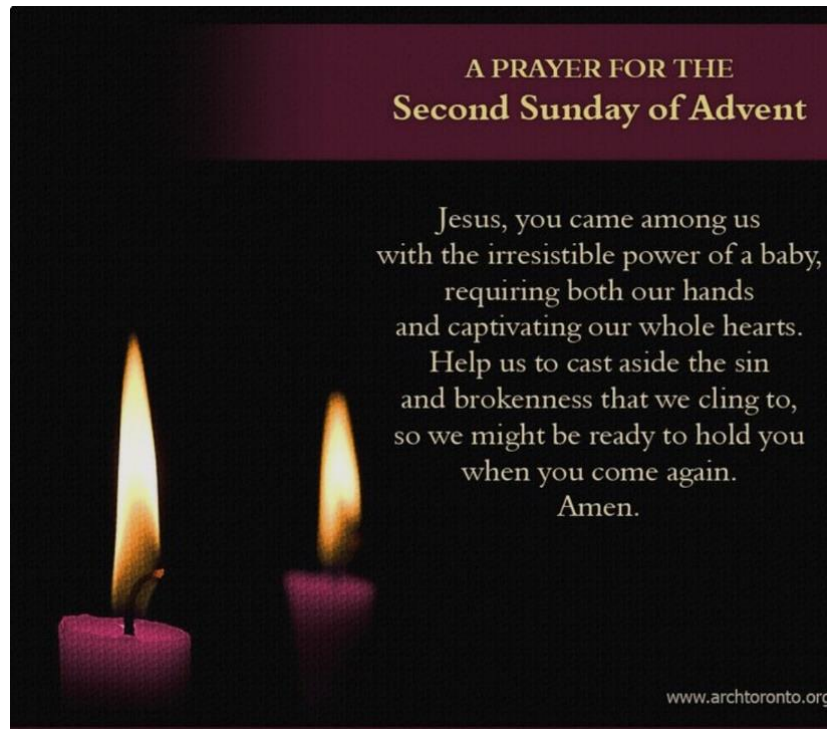
Mr. Jim Daniels has resigned his position to pursue other career opportunities. Mr. Daniels has served here since 2018 and I am thankful for his work with our students in the classroom as a teacher of upper level math classes and social studies, and outside the classroom as well, most recently spearheading a drive to benefit Afghan refugees and making his stage debut in *Legally Blonde*. His last day is on Friday, December 10th.

We are grateful to Mr. Daniels for his service to Nazareth and extend our prayers and best wishes.

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

What joy a new born baby brings to our hearts. This advent season may we cast away our brokenness to prepare ye the way of the Lord.



Advancement Office

EITC/OSTC

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program

Learn how you can redirect your PA tax dollars to fund tuition assistance for deserving students!

It's a simple process and you receive up to 90% in Tax Credits of the donated amount.

Have questions? Want to start the process? Contact Cecilia Biello, Director of Development at 215-268-1048 or CBiello@NazarethAcademyHS.org

SAT Prep Classes

Math ~ Mr. Severino

English ~ Mrs. Severino

The Math and English Departments will be offering after school non-credit SAT Prep courses for the March 12th exam beginning on January 14th and for the May 7th exam beginning on March 11th. These courses will provide additional opportunities for our students to sharpen their skills and to perform better on the SATs.

Classes for the March 12th exam:

Math: January 14, 21, 26, 31, February 4, 11, 16, 28, March 4 and 9

Verbal: January 19 (1:05-2:05), 24, 28, February 2, 7, 14, 18, March 2, 7 and 11

Classes for the May 7th exam:

Math: March 11, 16, 23, 28, April 4, 11, 20(1:05-2:05), 25, 29 and May 4

Verbal: March 14, 18, 25, 30, April 6, 13, 22, 27, May 2 and 6

[Click here to register for the SAT Prep Classes.](#)

Christmas Hours

Offices will close at 12:00 noon on December 16th so that our staff can celebrate at our annual Christmas luncheon.

So that staff can enjoy the Christmas season, the Main Office will be open on a limited basis. In order to provide responses to any concerns or issues, staff will be checking their emails and voicemails and will respond within 48 hours.

December 17th: Clerical Day, Offices Close at 2 pm

December 20, 21, and 22: 9 am to 12 noon

December 27, 28 and 29: 9 am to 12 noon

School and all offices are closed on December 23, 24, 30 and 31st for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

COVID Corner

This week there were two unrelated positive COVID cases and two related positive cases

Case 1 – Index 0 was not in school during the infectious period

Case 2 – Index 0 had 8 students requiring quarantine

Case 3 – Index 1 had 14 students requiring quarantine

Case 4 – Index 0 had 4 students requiring quarantine.

The guidance calls for quarantine and entire class or quarantine when there are three connected cases. We have notified those who are required to quarantine and we have been in communication with the City of Philadelphia.

Please note that there has been a change in the guidance regarding fully vaccinated close contacts and we have notified these individuals.

Asymptomatic fully vaccinated close contacts still do not need to quarantine. However, effective this week, fully vaccinated individuals must test between day 5 and 7 following a known exposure to a confirmed case and wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test. (The City of Philadelphia still requires a mask in K-12 schools regardless of vaccination status.)

We are grateful for your attention to the guidance of the City of Philadelphia and the CDC, especially:

- Completing the daily health questionnaire
- Following proper use of masks
- Using the hand sanitizing stations and washing your hands often

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!

NAPA

Thankful 50/50

Thanks to everyone who supported our Thankful 50/50. Our lucky winner will be drawn tonight and posted on Facebook.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our end of year 50/50 the **largest jackpot of the year \$2021**. Take a chance to win some post-Holiday Cash. Tickets go on sale, Wednesday, December 12th. Details to follow.

2021 Nazareth Christmas Ornament While Supplies Last 🎄

Inspired by our beautiful Nazareth Rose Stain Glass Window.....and replicated by our talented senior Emily Krauss '22. This porcelain signed original piece of art can be displayed on your Christmas tree this year and many more years to come. It is such a beautiful keepsake. Great Pollyanna gift or hostess gift for any Nazareth Alumna. \$25.00 each. Don't wait to purchase or it may be too late. [Click here to purchase your ornament.](#)



From the Office of Campus Ministry ***Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister***

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!*

If you think about how detailed, specific, and generous you yourself are in this time of giving and love, **remember that God is 100x more generous, specific, and detailed about what He wants to give us: His beloved children!**

The courage is asking for it. Actually, for most, it is the *risk* of asking Him that scares us. Our asking can often times bring up feelings of unworthiness or doubt, but that is never how we would want others to feel in our presence, so why would God? Let us joyfully run to the Father and ask Him for His son to melt the clouds of sin and sadness, and drive the dark of doubt away. What a perfect gift to ask for!

December 10th is a \$5 dress down day for CSC -- the money is going toward Operation Santa Claus!

- Students are welcome to sign up to go to Target on December 10th at 3:00 to buy gifts for the families! Contact me for more details.

From the Office of Academic Affairs ***Mrs. Pat Quinn, Assistant Principal***

NAHS December Examination Schedule 2021

Tuesday, December 14 (2 60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 and Block 1 Classes meeting M, W, F

9:40-10:40 AM Blocks 2, 2a and Block 2b

Wednesday, December 15 (2 60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 3 and Block 3A

9:40-10:40 AM Block 4 and Block 4 Classes meeting M, W, F

Thursday, December 16 (3 60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell

8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 Class meeting T, Th, F

9:40-10:40 AM Block 3B

10:50-11:50 AM Block 4 Class meeting T, Th, F

EXAM MAKE-UP DAY

Friday, December 17

NO SCHOOL-FACULTY CLERICAL DAY

GRADES DUE BY 2:00 PM

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Here is our schedule to add a little Christmas Cheer this week to the school uniform: Monday: Christmas sock day, Tuesday: Christmas hat day, Wednesday: Students off, Thursday: Christmas sweater day, Friday: full Christmas dress down day (\$5) to benefit CSC Christmas collection.

Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless!

From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director of Counseling

The Office of the Registrar has the updated 2022-2023 Course Catalog now available on the NAHS website! After students have their 'Course Information Day' assembly in January, students will be completing their course selections for the next school year, so now is a great time for them to start thinking about their course selections. [Click here for the new Course Catalog](#), located within Student Resources under the Family tab on the Nazareth Academy website.

Over the break will also be a good time for students to review the requirements for the Honor Societies if they have that interest. To find those requirements, look at the [School Handbook](#), Honor Societies begin on page 43.

Students can see their Counselor and/or Department Chairs with questions.

From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

Transcripts for Regular Decision Deadline

If students need transcripts sent for the Regular Decision deadline, they must submit the transcript request form by **December 16, 2021**.

Optional College/Post-Secondary Seminars for Class of 2023

Optional College/Post-Secondary seminars will begin in February 2022 for the Class of 2023. A schedule will be released next semester.

College Visits

In-person visits:

December 7th: East Stroudsburg University

December 10th: Rosemont College

PSAT Scores for Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025

PSAT scores from the October test administration should be released on December 7th. Your students will be able to view their scores in their CollegeBoard accounts. If they need assistance with their account, they should contact their college counselor. Freshmen currently in the Freshman Experience block have made CollegeBoard accounts unless they were absent on that particular class day. All freshmen were emailed instructions on how to make a CollegeBoard account but can certainly meet with their college counselor to create it.

Please watch this [VIDEO](#) and follow this [LINK](#) from CollegeBoard to help you understand your student's scores. Students will be receiving their PSAT test booklets back in homeroom this week as an aid for viewing questions they answered correctly or incorrectly.

If students have not already, they can link their Khan Academy account to their CollegeBoard account to receive personalized practice for next year's PSAT or upcoming SAT tests. Follow this [LINK](#) with your student, select "get started", and follow the prompts to match their accounts.

Financial Aid Workshop

Fairleigh Dickinson University is offering a virtual financial aid workshop. Follow the registration link to sign up.

[Workshop December 7th 7:00PM-8:00PM](#)

Programs

Carnegie Mellon University is offering **pre-college summer programs**. Follow this [LINK](#) to register for information sessions regarding the programs.

Rhode Island School of Design is offering **pre-collegiate programs**. They have programs for both the spring and summer of 2022.

The University of Miami is offering **pre-college summer programs** both virtually and in-person for students in 2022. If you are interested, please follow the links.

[Remote Scholar Program](#)

[Summer Program](#)

Resources

Follow the College Counseling Department on **Instagram!** @nahscollegecounseling

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.

The **PA State Grant** program is associated with the FAFSA. There should be more information about PA State grants on the confirmation page you receive after submitting the FAFSA next year. Here is the [LINK](#) for the PA State Grant Program if you are interested in seeing if you are eligible to complete this application.

The **CSS Profile** is completed for certain schools in addition to the FAFSA. Here is a link to the [Student Guide for the CSS Profile](#).

Going Merry offers financial aid [resources](#) and a way to [complete the FAFSA](#) application through their site. Many of your students may have accounts with Going Merry already for scholarship searches. They should be able to use this account to complete the FAFSA if they would rather use Going Merry instead of the FAFSA site.

CollegeBoard offers [CLEP exams](#) for students to potentially earn college credit. If a student receives a passing score on an exam, there is a chance that their college may accept it for college credit. You can follow the previous link for more information and follow this [LINK](#) to see the colleges and universities that accept CLEP exam scores.

From the Office of the Athletic Department

Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director

Cheer Qualifies for Nationals

Congratulations to the student athletes and coaches of the cheerleading team who qualified for Nationals after a successful competition yesterday! We are so proud of you! Keep up the hard work!

Weekly Athletic Schedule 12/6/21-12/12/21

Monday, December 6

All day – No gym use

2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice-Nazareth

3:30 – 5:00 – JV/V Basketball Practice-Torresdale Gym

5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice-Bensalem HS

Tuesday, December 7

All day – No gym use

2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice-Rush

3:30 – 5:00 – JV/V Basketball Practice-Torresdale Gym

5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice-Bensalem HS

Wednesday, December 8

2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice-Rush

4:00 – V & JV BB vs. MaST-Home (S)

5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice-Bensalem HS

6:45 – 8:00 – PSC Soccer-Gym

Thursday, December 9

4:30 – 6:30 – JV/V Basketball Practice-Gym

5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice-Bensalem HS

6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice-Gym

Friday, December 10

3:00 – Bristol V Tip-off BB Tourney-Away

4:00 – 6:00 – NAGS Basketball-GYM

5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice-Bensalem HS

Saturday, December 11

TBD– Bristol V Tip-off BB Tourney-Away

8:00 – V Indoor Track-Away-Ursinus

Sunday, December 12

5:30 – 8:00 – 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
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- Zdunkiewicz Family
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

