

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

January 2, 2022

Listen to the voice of God who loves who immensely.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday. I hope these recent days gave you time to refresh and reconnect with loved ones. May God bless you and your family with a healthy and happy 2022!

Health and Safety

As was communicated before Christmas Break, there were a number of positive Covid cases within our school community. This rise mirrored local and national trends. Adhering to local and CDC guidelines to preserve health and safety, we are committed to maintaining our goal of full, in person instruction. We will continue to monitor conditions at school and locally during the subsequent days and weeks. Thank you for all you to maintain the health and safety of our school community.

If a student becomes sick at school, the student is given a pass to report the Nurse's Office. School personnel will contact the student's parents or guardians if the student needs to be picked up from school. Please see page 28 of the [School Handbook](#) for specifics on this policy.

NAPA General Meeting: January 4th, 6:30 PM

Please join us for our [NAPA General Meeting](#) on Tuesday night at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Patricia Quinn, Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs, and Mrs. Carrie Konnovitch, Registrar, will discuss the 2022-2023 Course Selection Process, which begins in January. This session is valuable and informative to families when considering options for courses.

Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 3: No Classes, Faculty Organizational Day

Tuesday, January 4: No Classes, Faculty Organizational Day; NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 5: A Schedule

Thursday, January 6: A Schedule

Friday, January 7: A Schedule

Wed-Fri, January 5-7

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 the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Celebrated each year on the Sunday after Christmas, the Feast of the Holy Family is a perfect time to reflect upon this holy model of love and unity. May our family at Nazareth and at home always be rooted in Christ. Below are two reflections from St. John Paul II and Pope Francis.

“For every believer, and especially for Christian families, the humble dwelling place in Nazareth is an authentic school of the Gospel. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an intimate community of life and love; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small “domestic church” that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.” St. John Paul II



“In the family life of Mary and Joseph, God is truly at the center, and He is so in the Person of Jesus. This is why the Family of Nazareth is holy. Why? Because it is centered on Jesus. When parents and children together breathe in this climate of faith, they have an energy that allows them to face even difficult trials, as the experience of the Holy Family shows, for example, in the dramatic event of their flight to Egypt: a difficult ordeal. The Baby Jesus with his Mother Mary and with St Joseph are a simple but so luminous icon of the family. The light it casts is the light of mercy and salvation for all the world, the light of truth for every man, for the human family and for individual families. This light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth in those family situations in which, for various reasons, peace is lacking, harmony is lacking, and forgiveness is lacking.” Pope Francis

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.](#)

Business Office

Reminder Regarding ID Cards and Lunch Accounts

As a reminder, all students must wear their ID cards on a visible Nazareth Academy High School lanyard. Students must swipe into the building every day.

Students will use their ID cards to make purchases in the Student Dining Room. This will help lines move more quickly. If your daughter needs a replacement ID, please complete this [form](#) and have your daughter report to the Attendance/Security Office.

You can load your card and check balances through [MyKidsSpending](#). All outstanding lunch account balances will be billed through FACTS on January 4th. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Miller at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215.268.1070.

COVID Corner

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

"Are You Ready for Some Football?" 🏈🏈

NAPA NFL Playoff Pool Sale began on December 6th. \$100.00 per block includes all Playoff Games beginning January 15th through January 30th. Pools can be purchased [via this link](#).

Good for 12 Playoff Games

Prizes are as follows:

1st and 3rd Quarter winners: \$75

Half-Time winner: \$100

Final Score winner: \$150

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister

"Our road is a road of love. Those who love Jesus are always happy and free!" -Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

2022 is here! Let us ring in the New Year with a new mindset, a new disposition, and attune to Jesus' love for us so that in return we may do all that is God's will for us, which is *love*!

The countdown to January Kairos is here! We leave for our second retreat January 13th, please keep us in prayer.

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Happy New Year! Welcome back!

Proper Uniform: As we begin a new semester, please emphasize with your students the importance of wearing the proper uniform. This does not include: pajama pants, sweatpants, or sweatshirts of their choosing.

White Out Game: Please share your school spirit and join us for our girls' basketball game against Villa Joseph Marie on **Thursday, January 6th**. All Panda fans should wear white! The JV game begins at 5:30 and varsity begins at 7:00!

A limited number of white out shirts are still available for purchase.



Monday, January 20th: On Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will be volunteering at Face to Face in Germantown!

Wishing you and your families many blessings in the New Year! God bless! Go Pandas!

From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director of Counseling

Congratulations to Casey Stone '24 who has been selected as our Nazareth Representative for the HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth) State Leadership Seminar. Congratulations Casey!

Registration is now open for Sophomores and Juniors who are interested in attending the Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week ([PFEW](#)) this summer! This is a unique and fun opportunity to meet students from across Pennsylvania, learn about the free enterprise system, develop team building skills, and experience a week on a college campus. Please have your daughter let her counselor know if she is registering.

If you do not know who your daughter's assigned school counselor is, please look on the Power School schedule to see this information.

The Counseling Department wishes all of our students and families a healthy start to the New Year!

From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year! 😊

Class of 2022

Any transcript requests for February or March deadlines or rolling admission schools should be submitted as soon as possible.

Seniors can send their acceptances, scholarships, and grants to Ms. Mikulski via email or they can bring in their letters for Ms. Mikulski to copy.

Class of 2023

Student should follow this [LINK](#) to access the **College Brag Survey**. **This form must be submitted by 11:59 PM on February 18, 2022.** This form will close at 11:59 PM on February 18, 2022. Students should email their college counselor after they have submitted this form that way we can verify that we have it. We recommend writing their answers in a word doc and pasting them into the survey to avoid any potential technical problems where they might lose the information.

Students should follow this [LINK](#) if they would like to sign up for the SAT School Day being offered on April 13, 2022. **They have until 11:59PM on March 5, 2022 to sign up via the link.** The cost is \$55 or \$8 if you meet income eligibility guidelines (the link for IEG is in the Microsoft Form). You will receive a payment form for the SAT School Day via email closer to April 13, 2022.

Students must ask two teachers for letters of recommendation by April 8, 2022. These teachers should be from sophomore or junior year. Students can meet with their college counselor to discuss who they are thinking about asking. Students should complete the Teacher Recommendation Questionnaire for each teacher and have it with them when they ask teachers to write their letters. Students should tell their college counselor who agrees to write letters of recommendation for so that the teacher can be added to their Naviance account.

Tentative Schedule for Optional College/Post-Secondary Seminars for the Spring Semester:

Location: Room 324

2/10: Options/Application Timeline/Naviance

3/3: Major/Career/Naviance/Vita Navis

3/17: Common Application/Other Applications/Naviance

3/24: College Essay and Activities Resume

4/7: SAT/ACT/Khan Academy/College Board

4/21: Financial Aid/Scholarships

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

Weekly Athletic Schedule 1/3/22 - 1/9/22

Monday, January 3, 2022

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

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

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

6:45 - 8:00 - PSC Soccer - Nazareth Gym

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

2:45 - 4:15 - V Track Practice - Rush
4:00 - 6:00 - NAGS Basketball - Nazareth Gym
5:00 - 7:00 - V Swimming Practice - Bensalem HS
6:30 - 9:00 - V Cheer Practice - Nazareth Gym
7:30 - V BB vs. Conwell-Egan - Away

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

2:45 - 4:15 - V Track Practice - Rush
4:30 - 6:30 - JV/V Basketball Practice - Nazareth Gym
5:00 - 7:00 - V Swimming Practice - Bensalem HS
6:45 - 8:00 - PSC Soccer - Nazareth Gym

Thursday, January 6, 2022

5:00 - 7:00 - V Swimming Practice - Bensalem HS
5:30 - JV BB vs. VJM - Nazareth Gym
7:00 - V BB vs. VJM - Nazareth Gym

Friday, January 7, 2022

4:30 - 6:30 - JV/V Basketball Practice - Nazareth Gym
5:00 - 7:00 - V Swimming Practice - Bensalem HS

Saturday, January 8, 2022

All Day - Ryan Cheer Competition - Away
8:00 - Indoor Track Meet - Away - NY - Van
11:30 - JV BB vs. AFS - Away
1:00 - V BB vs AFS - Away

Sunday, January 9, 2022

2:00 - 4:00 - Torresdale Basketball - Nazareth Gym
5:30 - 8:00 - V Cheer Practice - 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
- American men and women serving overseas
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community