

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

January 9, 2022

Why do you fear?

God is so near, so real, so truly present. Let Him be your life.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Despite rapidly changing conditions and schedules this past week, including ice, traffic, snow, and malfunctioning bells, we are grateful to see our students back on campus after Christmas Break.

Speaking of changing conditions, there is a schedule change this week. The bell schedules for Wednesday and Thursday are flip-flopping. Wednesday is now an A Schedule and Thursday is a C Schedule for Course Information for our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors.

With two days back on campus, I wanted to share a reminder that proper masking for all, students and staff, especially during this highly contagious variant, is a key component to our health and safety plan. Students are reminded to properly wear their masks over their noses and mouth. Masking is not optional and we are grateful to all for cooperation.

Spring Semester Back to School Night: January 20th

Back to School Night for Spring Semester classes will be held remotely via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Schedules and procedures for Back to School Night will be shared in advance of the evening.

Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 10: A Schedule

Tuesday, January 11: A Schedule; NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 12: A Schedule

Thursday, January 13: C Schedule, Course Information Day

Friday, January 14: A Schedule

Mon-Wed and Fri, Jan. 10-12 and 14

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

Thursday, January 13

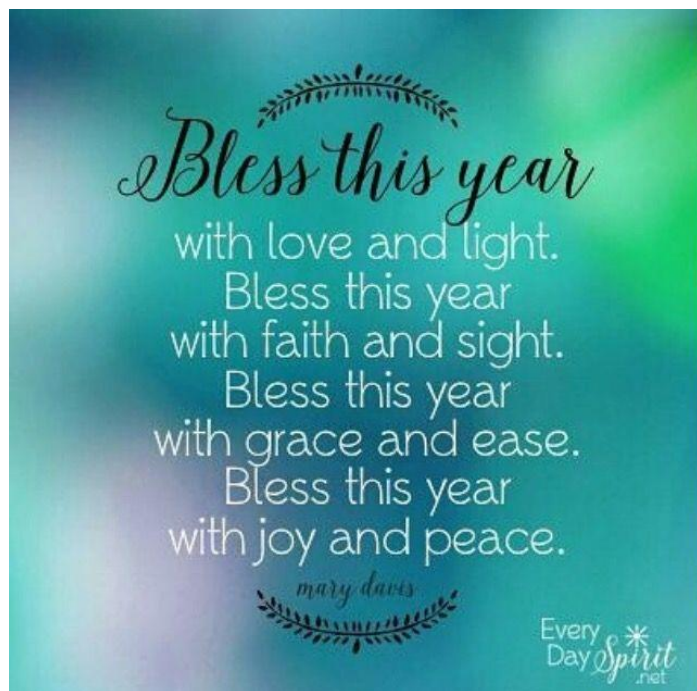
C Schedule

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
Course Selection	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 the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

It was wonderful seeing your daughters back this week. I hope everyone had a very restful break! May the New Year and the semester be filled with an abundance of blessings.



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 SAT.

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.](#) (Please note that this link might be affected by our internet provider's nationwide outage. If the link does not work, try again later. You may also email tevens@NazarethAcademyHS.org to register.)

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

There was a significant spike in the number of positive COVID-19 cases reported over the Christmas break as anticipated. Exposure for these cases occurred outside of the school setting. Some of the students who were ill over the break began to return to school this week in accordance with City of Philadelphia and CDC guidelines. There are two positive cases this week with no close contacts.

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

The City of Philadelphia has not lessened the quarantine from 10 days. We monitor its guidance daily and will update you if there are any changes.

Quick Links and Reference:

[Daily Health Screening Questionnaire](#)

[Current Guidance for Schools from the City of Philadelphia Department of Health](#)

[Visual Aid for Calculating Isolation, Quarantine and Testing](#)

[PA Department of Health Dashboard](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience!

NAPA

General Parent Meeting

January's General Parent Meeting will be held on January 11th at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Konnovitch will be explaining the Course Selection process. We hope that you will be able to join us for this very informative meeting. Please [click here](#) to RSVP. (Please note that this link might be affected by our internet provider's nationwide outage. If the link does not work, try again later. You may also email tevens@NazarethAcademyHS.org to register.)

Wawa Gift Certificates

"Wawa does it better" so why not grab a few to start off the new year - \$5.00 each. [Order here](#). (Please note that this link might be affected by our internet provider's nationwide outage. If the link does not work, try again later. You may also email tevens@NazarethAcademyHS.org.)

Way to Go Philadelphia Eagles!

Show your support for the Philadelphia Eagles and NAPA by purchasing your block for the NFL Playoff Pool. \$100.00 per block includes all 12 playoff games beginning January 15th through January 30th. That is less than \$9.00 per game. Pools can be purchased [via this link](#). (Please note that this link might be affected by our internet provider's nationwide outage. If the link does not work, try again later. You may also email tevens@NazarethAcademyHS.org to purchase tickets.)

Prizes are as follows:

1st and 3rd Quarter winners: \$75

Half-Time winner: \$100

Final Score winner: \$150

Snowball Dance

This year's Snowball Dance has been moved to March 11, 2022 at the Maltese Room in Bensalem. Tickets can be purchased until March 1, 2022. [Purchase tickets here](#). (Please note that this link might be affected by our internet provider's nationwide outage. If the link does not work, try again later. You may also email tevens@NazarethAcademyHS.org.)

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister

"There are those among us who are struggling with the joys and tensions of family. Maybe some are starting a new family or beginning again to build and strengthen the bonds of love that carry themselves through life. Families need special grace to put all things together with the love and affirmation that each family member can give."

A happy and healthy New Year to all. I came across a reflection in the Novena to the Holy Family that the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth wrote. I think it is perfect for the new year as we share a new semester as a school family, and as we look ahead to the next year with our own families. All the graces

you could ever need to grow, love, and bond in new ways this year are generously poured out from our Heavenly Father.

Reminders

- January Kairos is this Thursday! Please keep us all in prayer.
- New service hour opportunities will be posted soon.

From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

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 11:59PM on February 18, 2022.** This form will close at 11:59PM 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 2 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](#) 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 1/10/2022 - 1/16/2022

Monday, January 10, 2022

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

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice – Rush
5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS
5:30 – JV BB vs. MM – Home
7:00 – V BB vs. MM – Home

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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

Thursday, January 13, 2022

5 :00– 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS
5:00 – 6:30 – Soccer Workout – Gym
5:30 – JV BB vs. MSJ – Away
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym
7:00 – V BB vs. MSJ – Away

Friday, January 14, 2022

3:30 – V Swimming vs. Council Rock North – Away
4:30 – 6:30pm JV/V Basketball Practice- Gym
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym
6:00 – Indoor Track – Away – Lehigh U.

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Open

Sunday, January 16, 2022

All day – Varsity Cheerleading – Warren Hills Cheer Competition – Away
1:00 – 3:00 – Torresdale Basketball – Gym

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Students and adults attending Kairos this week
- 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



Nazareth Academy Greece Explorer 2022 Athens, Nafplio, Paros & Santorini

Where: The historical city of Athens, the Peloponnese, Nafplio and the Corinth Canal, the Cycladic island of Paros, and the world-famous island of Santorini

When: June 15-24, 2022 (10 days)

Objectives

- Students will learn more about democracy and Western Civilization while visiting the Acropolis and world-renowned Acropolis Museum
- Students will dive headfirst into Greek culture through amazing meals, centrally located hotels, private cooking classes and insider tours of local Greek Islands!
- Students will appreciate the incredible mix of ancient history and modern culture while visiting the oldest capital in Europe, Athens!

Cost

- Base price: \$4,495
- Additional personal costs include lunches, personal shopping and souvenirs, and COVID costs - we recommend budgeting \$300 extra.

Eligibility

- This trip is open to all 9-12th grade students at Nazareth Academy. Availability is first-come, first-serve, so sign up today!
- Deadline to register is January 20, 2022

Chaperones

- One Nazareth Academy chaperone for every 7 travelers who sign up for this adventure of a lifetime plus TFT guides.

Parent/Guardian Informational Meeting

- For those who are interested in learning more, there will be a parent/student Zoom meeting on January 11, 2022 at 8pm. A TFT representative will answer any questions you might have about the tour!

*For those who cannot attend the meeting, please reach out to Mr. Mike Sokolowski
(mskolowski@nazarethacademyhs.org) for more information.*

Still Curious?

Please visit our website at or scan the QR code below for more trip information, photographs, and more!

