

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

January 16, 2022

*May the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, be with you!
May they help you, teach you, and bless you at every step
and at every moment.*

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

On Friday afternoon, I was blessed to visit briefly with our students and their adult leaders on Kairos on Kearny, New Jersey. The Holy Spirit was truly at work at this retreat. I am grateful to Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister, and her team, especially the student and adult leaders, for all of their work planning and implementing this retreat. Thank you for remembering our retreatants in prayer. I know they did the same for all for us!

Course Selection

Course Selection is now underway! Course Selection Information Sessions, one for freshmen and one for sophomores and juniors were presented to our students on Thursday via Naz News. [Both sessions are available for parents to watch and students to review on the Naz News YouTube! Channel.](#) Students were directed to reach out to Department Chairs if they have questions, and, for your information, [here is the current Course Catalog.](#) Nazareth teachers, administration, and counselors are also here to support students during the course selection process, which closes on Thursday, January 20th.

Second Semester Back to School Night

Back to School Night for classes that started in the second semester, held remotely via Teams, is on Thursday, January 20th. No session will be held in person. Additional information and steps to logon to each session will be provided in a separate communication in advance of Thursday night.



Spring Semester Back to School Night Schedule

Remote Only, via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, January 20, 2022

6:30 PM-6:35 PM	Block 1A
6:40 PM-6:45 PM	Block 1B
6:50 PM-6:55 PM	Block 2A
7:00 PM -7:05 PM	Block 2B
7:10 PM -7:15 PM	Block 3A
7:20 PM -7:25 PM	Block 3B
7:30 PM -7:35 PM	Block 4A
7:40 PM -7:45 PM	Block 4B



Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, School Closed

Tuesday, January 18: A Schedule

Wednesday, January 19: B Schedule, Department Meetings

Thursday, January 20: A Schedule; Second Semester Back to School Night (remote only), 6:30 PM

Friday, January 21: A Schedule

Tue-Thurs-Fri Jan. 18-20-21

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, January 19

B Schedule

Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM- 7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM- 9:05 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM- 8:31 AM
Block 1B	8:34 AM- 9:05 AM
BLOCK 2	9:08 AM-10:13 AM
Block 2A	9:08 AM- 9:39 AM
Block 2B	9:42 AM-10:13 AM
Activity Period	10:16 AM-10:44 AM
BLOCK 3	10:47 AM-11:52 AM
Block 3A	10:47 AM-11:18 AM
Block 3B	11:21 AM-11:52 AM
BLOCK 4	11:55 AM- 1:00 PM
Block 4A	11:55 AM-12:26 PM
Block 4B	12:29 PM- 1:00 PM

From the Office of the President

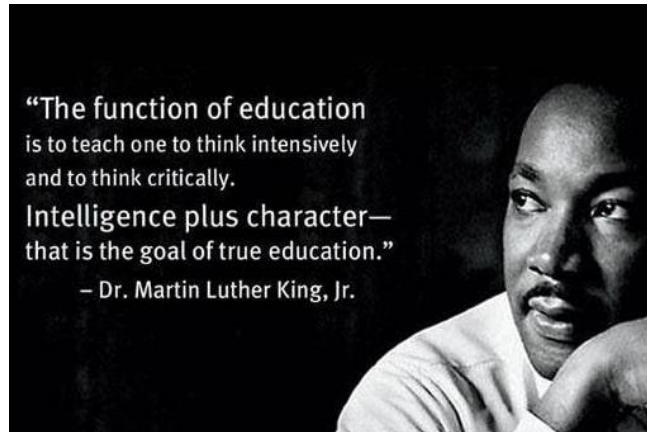
Mrs. Denise LePera

Tomorrow the nation will celebrate the Martin Luther King Day of Service. A federal holiday honoring Dr. King was signed in 1983 and the first federal holiday was observed in 1986. In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act making Martin Luther King Day as a national day of service – a day on, not a day off. A day to empower individuals, strengthen communities, bridge barriers, create solutions to social problems, and moves us closer to Dr. King's vision of a "Beloved Community."

At Nazareth, our mission reminds us the everything we do is in service to God and others. Service is a daily commitment. Students earn over 10,000 hours of service every year. May we continue to live out our commitment to service to God and others long after we leave Nazareth.

Our mission of embracing faith, family and education, as we challenge each student to attain her full potential academically, spiritually and personally builds character and creates leaders of tomorrow who will undoubtedly make a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you, Dr. King, for your vision of a beloved community and for your reminder that it is one's character that makes a difference in creating that beloved community.



Business Office

Yearbooks

Junior, Sophomore and Freshman families received an email from Jostens on how to purchase yearbooks. Yearbooks are \$85 and can be purchased online through the end of January. Any information regarding the final deadline will be sent through Jostens.

Senior families did not receive an order option, as all seniors will receive a yearbook as part of their graduation fee. Information regarding purchasing parent ads will be sent from Jostens and can be purchased through February 10th.



Need help buying a yearbook?
Visit www.jostens.com or call
1-877-767-5217

Need help in buying a parent
ad?
Email them anytime at
yearbookads@jostens.com
Call us at: 1 (800) 358-0800
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 8:00 pm EST

COVID Corner

This week there were 5 positive cases. 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 their guidance daily and will update you if there are any changes. We are happy to report that the guidance now states that anyone who has had a laboratory-confirmed COVID infection within the past 90 days who has recovered and no longer has COVID symptoms does not need to quarantine following an exposure, unless they develop symptoms.

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!

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister

"I desire that the Kingdom of God flourish in you and the spirit of the Holy Family be among you."

--Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

I am calling attention to our school theme back as we begin a first full week of the spring semester. The more I read and write with the quote, the more layers I peel back on its meaning and the intentions behind it. We have new challenges, new graces, new classes, new faces to invest in. We are able to spread the kingdom afresh, and even receive it anew. May we all do a little bit each day to spread the Kingdom of God (of peace, love, kindness, and goodness) and let the spirit of Family be among you.

What a spirit-filled weekend at Kairos! Thank you to Natalie Graveley, Michele Konicki, Ali Derassouyan, and Teresa Miller for their time, talent, and love this weekend! Our student leaders: Anna Monari, Alyssa Pearce, Katie Harmon, Danielle Russell, and Maddie Scott were fabulous and their hard work was impeccable. We are so blessed! The Retreatants are resting up in the grace of Kairos. May they live the fourth!

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

I hope you are enjoying your long weekend!

Naz-a-thon

Naz-a-thon is quickly approaching! Please be sure to check outside of Mrs. Sylvester's classroom for upcoming events and dine-out opportunities! Students should be consulting their homeroom representatives for updates and information.

Uniforms

Our uniforms are an important part of who we are as a Nazareth community. Please emphasize with your students the importance of wearing the proper uniform. Some students are disregarding our uniform policies. During the week of January 24th we will have a uniform check in homeroom. Unfortunately, demerits will be issued to those who are not in compliance.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Monday, January 17th: CSC at Face to Face Soup Kitchen

Friday, January 21st: \$5 Dress Down Day to support the Spring Show and Tri-M

January 30th - February 5th: Catholic Schools Week



February 1st: White Out Basketball Game: Shirts are still available for purchase for \$7. Please see Mrs. Hartey during Activity Period if you would like to purchase a shirt or to pick up your existing order.

Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless!

From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director of Counseling

Greetings Nazareth Families!

With course selection currently in process, the Counseling Department has reminded students to review the requirements for the Honor Societies [here](#) if they have an interest in applying. This is important related to course selection as some of the Honor Societies have course requirements for eligibility. Students can see the individual Honor Society moderator or their counselor with questions.



From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

Class of 2022

Seniors should send acceptances, scholarships, and grant awards to Ms. Mikulski via email OR bring them in for Ms. Mikulski to copy. This information is used for the Graduation Program that you will receive on graduation day!

Congratulations to our students who have received acceptances so far and to those who have already committed to their universities!

Class of 2023

Students 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 11:59PM 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 11:59 PM 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.

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 1/17/2022 - 1/23/2022

Monday, January 17

2:30 – 4:30 – V Cheer Practice – Gym
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 18

2:30 – 4:30 – V Cheer Practice – Gym
2:30 – 4:00 – V Track Practice – Rush
5:30 – JV BB vs. GMA-Home
5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS
7:00 – V BB vs. GMA – Home

Wednesday, January 19

2:30 – 4:00 – 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 20

3:30 – V Swimming vs. Council Rock South – Away @CR North
4:00 – 6:00 – NAGS Basketball – GYM
5:30 – JV BB vs. VMA – Away
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym
7:00 – V BB vs. VMA – Away

Friday, January 21

4:30 – 6:30 – JV/V Basketball Practice – Gym
5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS
6:00 – Indoor Track – Away – Lehigh U.
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Saturday, January 22

1:00 – JV BB vs. Truman – Home – Gym
2:30 – V BB vs. Truman – Home – Gym

Sunday, January 23

All day – St. Hubert V Cheer Competition – Away
1:00 – 3:00 – Torresdale Basketball – Gym
4:00 – 5:30 – Soccer Workout – Gym

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Students and adults returning from Kairos today
- 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