

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

January 23, 2022

Love manifests itself in doing the will of God.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Thank you those who were able to join us remotely for our Second Semester Back to School Night on Thursday. The second semester is underway and we are grateful to our families for their support and partnership in a Nazareth Education.

In the Covid Corner in this newsletter, please take particular note of the latest health and safety guidance from the City of Philadelphia. Also, please review the information about school uniform compliance from Mrs. Theresa Hartey. Thank you in advance for your support in this effort.

Personnel Updates

Nazareth Academy is looking to hire a mathematics teacher, please feel free to [share this opportunity](#) with anyone in your network.

Congratulations to our own Mr. Mike Sokolowski (*World Language*) who made his debut as a director with his stage production of *One Man, Two Guvnors*, that just closed its run two plus week run at the Swarthmore Players Club last night. The show was spectacular, lots of music, energy, fun, and laughs, with some audience participation along the way. Well done, Mr. Sokolowski, and can't wait for your next show!

Schedule for the Week

Monday, January 24: A Schedule

Tuesday, January 25: A Schedule

Wednesday, January 26: A Schedule

Thursday, January 27: A Schedule

Friday, January 28: A Schedule

Mon-Fri January 24-28

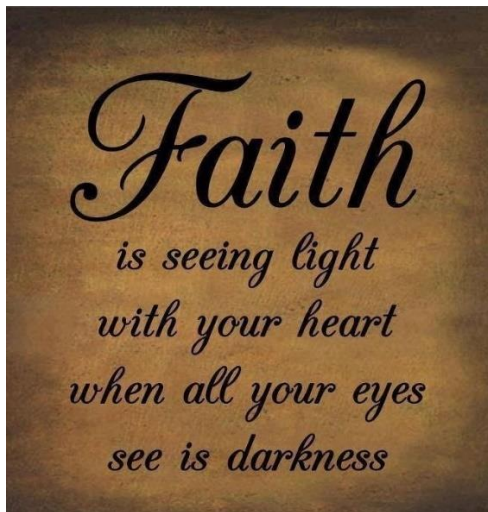
A Schedule

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

Our faith is probably our biggest saving grace. It gives us hope for a better world, belief in humanity and that together we can change the world. May the Holy Family of Nazareth strengthen our faith today and every day.



Advancement Office

Mrs. Terri Evans

Legacy Gala Silent Auction Call for Items It's that time of year again! As part of our Legacy Gala on April 22, 2022, our Online Auction will take place this year from April 3-22. The auction proceeds benefit students through tuition assistance.

We are asking now for donations that can be included in the auction. [Please check our Amazon wish list for possible items.](#) We are also looking for experiences that will be of interest to the Nazareth community.

Some examples:

- Restaurant gift cards (*Do you have a favorite? Ask them to consider supporting Nazareth with a gift card*)
- Gift cards for spa services, hair salons, etc.
- Tickets to sporting events (*Phillies, Flyers, Union, etc.*)
- Zoo and museum passes
- Tickets to concerts, concert venues, etc.
- Golf foursomes (*Are you a member at a club? Perhaps you could sponsor a foursome?*)
- Travel getaways (*Do you have a mountain or beach house that you would be willing to donate for a week or weekend?*)
- Special collectibles (*sports, art, etc.*)
- Other items the Nazareth community would enjoy

Last year our Virtual Legacy Gala raised more than \$70,000 in part because of the very generous donations to our silent auction. Let's make this year's auction even better! Parents, faculty, staff and alumnae donated more than \$8,000 in auction items.

If you have an item or items that you would like to donate to the Nazareth Legacy Gala Online Auction, please contact Mrs. Terri Evans at TEvans@NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215.268.1047.

Business Office

Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

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

On Wednesday, January 19th, the City of Philadelphia Department of Health updated their guidance.

Based on the mitigation criteria to shorten the isolation/quarantine period to the CDC guidance to 5 days, Nazareth will need to continue to require the 10-day quarantine/isolation period.

Changes to Contact Tracing:

In continuing with public safety recommendations, the Health Department's COVID Containment Division's Pediatric Partnerships team has been tracking patterns of transmission in schools, daycares, and other settings. The Health Department has updated the contact tracing to recommend **contact tracing only during in-school time periods focusing on those times with higher risk of transmission, such as mealtimes and other activities where masks cannot be worn**. Therefore, the Pandemic Team will no longer do classroom contact tracing where students and teachers are wearing masks properly. Cases and close contacts in the higher risk of transmission settings are reported to the Health Department daily.

Communication Regarding Positive Cases Going Forward:

We will continue to notify any close contacts identified during lunch and other times masks are not worn. To keep the Nazareth community updated, we will post positive cases every day on the Parent section of the website under a link: [Covid Dashboard](#). This dashboard will include daily updates of positive cases for the current and previous week.

Updates

This week there were 2 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

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!

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Mrs. Grace Pirolli P '22

Thank you to all who supported our Playoff Pool and congrats to all our winners this past weekend.

Good luck this weekend to all who purchased and supported this fundraiser. 🏈💰

Super Bowl Pool

Let's keep calm and get our game faces on ...the Super Bowl Pool is in full swing 🏈🏈

\$100 per block. 24 ways to win more than \$5,000.00 in prizes. [Purchase your blocks here.](#)

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From the Office of Campus Ministry

Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister

"Let us foster the Kingdom of God in ourselves first." --Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

Mother Foundress knows that God's Kingdom takes the shape most powerfully in our chest, our hearts. Feelings will not always flood in when we think about God, but one thing we can control is our thoughts. *Thoughts actually produce feelings, not the other way around. Most times it is not theology that is wrong, but our thinking that is wrong.*

Have you ever taken inventory of your thoughts? Recently I did this and realized my mind needed to be cleaned a bit. I have started to notice the parts of my day where negativity, fear, self-protection, and doubt creep in. I even noticed some ways I have acted out of those fears and doubts. If we notice the thoughts we have, we have made the first step to changing them! If God only speaks the truth about His Kingdom then He is not a liar. That said, here are two thoughts we can add to our thinking this week: "God is not running out of love, miracles, and wonders anytime soon" and "God *desires* to work through me what I cannot."

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Catholic Schools Week is quickly approaching. Here is our agenda for that week:

- Monday, January 31st – Celebrating Our **Community**: Liturgy 9 AM to open Catholic Schools Week
Quizzo in the gym during Activity Period: freshman homerooms
- Tuesday, February 1st – Celebrating Our **Students**: Dress Down Day, Candy papers for prizes; ice cream courtesy of NAPA for all students during lunches
Quizzo in the gym during Activity Period: sophomore homerooms
White Out Basketball Game 5:30 JV/7:00 V
- Wednesday, February 2nd – Celebrating Our **Nation**: Special morning prayer for our Nation.
Quizzo in the gym during Activity Period: junior homerooms
- Thursday, February 3rd – Celebrating **Vocations**: Adoration; Wear a Catholic Parish or NAHS shirt/sweatshirt in place of top half of uniform.
Quizzo in the gym during Activity Period: senior homerooms
- Friday, February 4th – Celebrating Our **Teachers and Staff**; Dress Down Day cost donation item for Face to Face in Germantown.
Quizzo in the gym during Activity Period: Student winners vs Faculty/Staff

Our Catholic Schools Week Collection for Face to Face in Germantown includes the following items. Students may bring in one of these items during Catholic Schools Week to earn a Dress Down Day on Friday, February 4th:

Clothing

sweat pants - medium, large

Kitchen Pantry Items

Coffee

Olive Oil

Rice

Dry beans (all kinds)

Bulgar Wheat

Red Wine Vinegar

Apple Cider Vinegar

White Vinegar

Toiletry Items

bars of soap (large size bars)

deodorant

toothpaste

toothbrush

shampoo (8 oz. size or larger)

lotion (8 oz. size or larger)

School Uniform

Here is a list of the Winter Uniform Requirements taken from the Student Handbook:

WINTER UNIFORM

- Dirty Buck Shoe is required for all incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors, new students and current students replacing shoes. Current seniors are permitted to continue wearing their Sperry school shoe. Any student who has orthopedic problems should see the Assistant Principal for Student Life.
- Blue, white and black plaid wrap around kilt
- Navy quarter zip fleece or navy with three white stripes heavyweight v-neck cardigan sweater or navy pullover sweater with school logo
- Navy blazer for Mass and assemblies
- Navy crew socks, without logos
- Navy opaque or navy ribbed tights
- Oxford Blouses are Worn with Winter Kilt
 - Freshmen/sophomores: White short sleeve or long sleeve button-down collar blouse with school logo
 - Juniors/seniors: Blue short sleeve or long sleeve button-down collar blouse with school logo

All students are expected to be in proper uniform. We will have a formal uniform check in homeroom on January 26th.

Demerits will be issued to those students who are out of uniform.

Special Note: Seniors are permitted to wear college sweatshirts from the schools to which they have been accepted.

Thank you for your help with this.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- January 26th: CSC project card making project for Lisa's Army after school (Thank you, Dr. Michelle Murphy-Rozanski!)
- January 27th: Homework Help NAGS
- January 31st through February 4th: Catholic Schools Week
- February 1st: White Out Basketball Game 5:30/7:00
- February 6th: Nazareth Skating Night at The Blue Cross RiverRink

Thank you to our Face to Face volunteers on MLK day! You did an awesome job! We are due to return to F2F on February 12th for meal prep. Please let me know if you are interested in helping!

Have a great week! Thank you for all that you do! Go Pandas! God bless!

From the Office of the Athletic Department

Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director

Weekly Athletic Schedule 1/24/2022 - 1/30/2022

Monday, January 24, 2022

- 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 25, 2022

- 2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice – Rush
- 4:00 – 6:00 – NAGS Basketball – GYM
- 5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS
- 5:30 – JV BB vs. VJ – Away
- 6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice-Gym
- 7:00 – V BB vs. VJM – Away

Wednesday, January 26, 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 27, 2022

3:30 – V Swimming vs. VMA – Away
4:00 – 6:30 – NAGS Basketball – GYM
5:30 – JV BB vs. MM – Away
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym
7:00 – V BB vs. MM – Away

Friday, January 28, 2022

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 29, 2022

11:00 – V Swimming vs. GA – Away
1:00 – JV BB vs. Sacred Heart – Away
2:15 – V BB vs. Sacred Heart – Away

Sunday, January 30, 2022

1:00 – 3:00 – Torredale Basketball – Gym
3:30 – 5:00 – Soccer Workout – Gym
5:30 – 8:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- Life in all forms, from conception until natural death, especially this weekend as we observe the 49th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court Decision
- 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