

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**February 6, 2022**

*Prayer stimulates the growth of fidelity.*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*



**From the Office of the Principal**  
***Mr. Jim Meredith***



What a memorable and celebratory Catholic Schools Week! From our beautiful liturgy to open the week, though the trivia competitions and dress down days, to the notes of gratitude to close the week, these special and fun moments remind us to celebrate who we are as a Catholic school, anchored by the values of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

A special thanks to our Student Council, moderated by Mrs. Natalie Graveley and Mrs. Kerstin Greenewald, who worked on events and surprises for our school community every day during the week. In addition to hosting a week of trivia competition, members of Student Council wrote notes of appreciation to each member of the NA faculty and staff. Thanks to NAPA, president Mrs. Grace Pirolli P '22 and moderator Mrs. Terri Evans, for providing ice cream treats for our students and lunch for our faculty and staff. Thank you to all who donated to the successful drive for supplies for Face to Face. Our community really demonstrated its generosity!

Please note the following calendar changes for March and April:

- March 18, Snowball Dance
- April 8, President's Holiday, No Classes
- April 19, Professional Development Day, No Classes
- April 20, A Schedule

### Schedule for the Week

Monday, February 7: A Schedule

Tuesday, February 8: A Schedule

Wednesday, February 9: B Schedule, Faculty Meeting

Thursday, February 10: A Schedule

Friday, February 11: A Schedule

#### Mon/Tue-Thurs/Fri February 7-8/10-11

##### 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, February 9

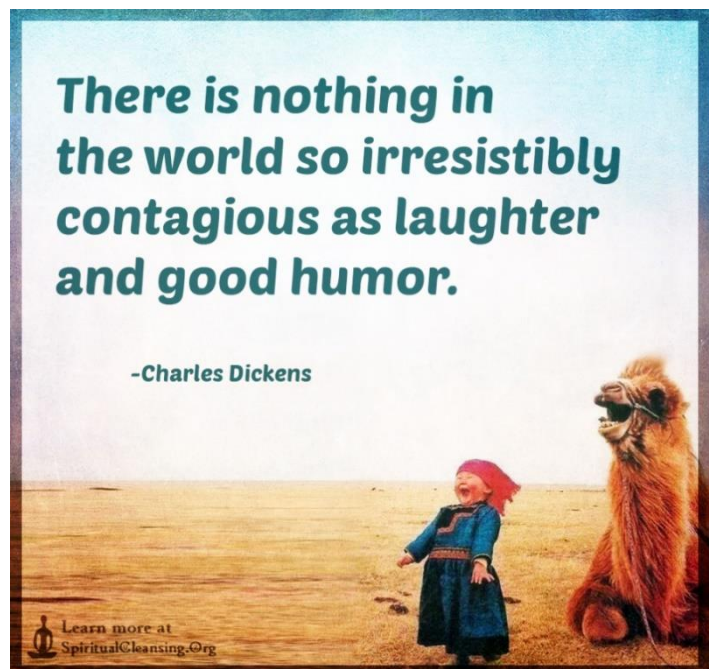
##### B Schedule

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*

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Catholic Schools Week celebrations worthwhile! May this week be filled with laughter and good humor....and warmer days!



## **Holy Family University Installs 6<sup>th</sup> President ~ No Classes at Nazareth on April 8th**



On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Holy Family University will install Anne M. Prisco, PhD as the University's 6<sup>th</sup> President. As a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, we are thrilled to host the Mass for this momentous occasion.

In honor of Dr. Prisco, Holy Family University and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, I am pleased to announce a **President's Holiday on Friday, April 8, 2022.**

Please keep Dr. Prisco, Holy Family University and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in your prayers during this special moment in their history!

## **Legacy Gala ~ April 22, 2022**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce this year's honoree for our Legacy Gala: Charlie and Nina Tanghe '98 Ingulli. The event is off to a great start with more than \$20,000 in early sponsorships. To learn more about how to sponsor or support the Legacy Gala, please [click here](#). This event supports the students at Nazareth, and has raised more than \$200,000 the last 3 years.

## **Advancement Office**

### **Mrs. Terri Evans**

#### **Virtual Gift Card Bingo**

Spend some time this Valentine's weekend playing bingo with those you love.

Friday, February 11, 2022 ~ games begin promptly at 7:00 PM. \$30 for 12 rounds of gift card bingo. We will have 3 cash game rounds for an additional \$10 per game. We hope you will join us for a great night spent with our Nazareth family. Don't miss out on a fun night of bingo. [Click here](#) to purchase your tickets.

## **COVID Corner**

This week there were no reports of positive cases. Here is the most recent [Covid Dashboard](#) that includes daily updates of positive cases for the current and previous weeks.

## **Updates**

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!



## Business Office

### Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

#### Registration for the 2022 – 2023 Academic Year

Enrollment contracts for the 2022 – 2023 academic year were sent electronically on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please return no later than Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03, Director of Finance, with any questions or concerns at 215.268.1069 or via email at [jmccloskey@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:jmccloskey@NazarethAcademyHS.org).

## NAPA

### Mrs. Grace Pirollo P '22

**"The More Super Bowl the Better!" NAPA's 2022 2<sup>nd</sup> Superbowl LVI Pool 🏈🏈**

Purchase via this [link](#). \$100/block. There are 24 ways to win more than \$5,000! Reserve your block today.

### Crown Deli Hoagie Super Bowl Sale

NAPA is selling hoagies for the big game. You have your choice of ham and cheese, turkey and cheese or Italian. All hoagies come with tomato and lettuce, but no condiments. Cost is \$5.50 per hoagie. Orders can be picked up on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon to 12:30 PM. [Click here](#) to order your hoagies.

**"A rose is only a rose until you give it away." 🌹 Take a Chance on NAPA's Valentine's Day Raffle ❤️**

Win a \$200.00 gift card to the Oldestone in New Hope and a dozen roses. \$10.00 a ticket 3 for \$25.00. Sale begins Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Winner will be announced on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Purchase your tickets [here](#).



### Come on out and support NAPA'S Craft Fair & Food Truck Festival ~

**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM – 5:00PM 🚚🚚 🎨🔧🔪 .**

Check out our food truck line up so far: Humpty's Dumplings, The Surf & Turf Truck, The Tot Rod, and Le Camion French Food Truck.

Craft show signup for anyone interested in being a vendor via this [link](#).

Volunteers can sign up via this [link](#).

## NAPA Board Nominations

The time has come to pass the baton to a new NAPA Board. If you are interested in volunteering your time and helping to make your daughter's experience at NAZ an even better one, NAPA is the place for you.

The following positions are open for the 2022-2023 school year:

President

Vice President

Corresponding Secretary.

Please email [NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org) with a short biography and what position you are interested in.

## Volunteers Needed

Super Bowl Hoagie Sale Pick Up

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 12:30 PM

6th & 7th Grade Practice Test

Saturday, March 19th, 7:30 AM to Noon

If you have time to spare and are willing to assist with either or both, please [click here](#) to complete the Volunteer Form. We appreciate all that you do for Nazareth.

Don't forget to check the [school calendar](#) for important information regarding different meetings that are happening during the week.



## From the Office of Campus Ministry

### **Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Campus Minister**

*"How excellent is our vocation, how great our purpose: to cultivate and spread among us -- and among others -- the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Divine Love." --Mother Foundress*

How excellent it is to close another beautiful Catholic Schools Week with gratitude to our Catholic Identity! These words of encouragement and consolation from our Mother Foundress remind us of two important purposes: our *universal* vocation as a school and our *individual* vocations as God's beloved children. Our deepest identity is found in God's Kingdom, where the Father's love fills us with peace, kindness, and joy. God is so ready to fill us with love and then send us to places, jobs, and communities that spread that love. We are grateful to share it in this community, learning from the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and their Vocations. Our own vocations are found when we give love to the world. We were all created to share that love in a unique sphere of influence that God prepares specifically for you. Nazareth teachers and staff who have said "yes" to God by being here now encourage the next generation to say yes to the ways God will use them to spread and cultivate His love in the world. It is the greatest thing we could choose to be in this world!

Mission Video: [We Are Family - Part IV - YouTube](#)

Congratulations to our students who were recognized for the mission core value of **recognizing God in the everyday**: *Alysha Khem, Erin Hoyer, and Katie Harmon*! These students were nominated by their faculty for compassion and empathy to their peers and friends.

Thank you for your generosity this Friday in our collection to Face-to-Face hospitality center! We have over 10 full boxes!

- A final opportunity to serve at Face-to-Face Kitchen is on Feb 12th from 9:30-1:00 - please email me to sign up
- Anyone who wants to participate in homework club (tutoring at NAGS) is welcome to join us every Thursday from 2:30-3:30

## From the Office of Student Life

### **Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal**

#### **Much Appreciation**

Thank you for your many contributions to our celebration of **Catholic Schools Week**! It was a great week to recognize our Catholic Identity and school spirit! We always appreciate your generous and kind support for our students, faculty, and staff!





Thank you to all who participated in and helped with our **White Out Basketball Game**—what an amazing, spirited evening it was! The positive energy in the gym was palpable! Congratulations to our basketball players, cheerleaders, singer, announcers, and Pandas for their awesome performances! Keep your white shirts handy for future white outs!

**Tonight, Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**, we will have **Nazareth Academy Skating Night at Blue Cross RiverRink** from 6:30 to 8:00. Parking, entrance, and skate rental are free for the NAHS community. NAHS students and their family and friends are welcome. It will be an evening filled with fun, friends, food, and of course, some ice skating! Please show your Nazareth spirit by wearing Nazareth gear! To park for free, simply mention to the attendant that you are there with the Nazareth Academy HS Community. Thank you to future Panda, Olivia Forkin, Class of 2026, and her family for arranging this awesome night for us!



Student Council will be selling **candygrams** all week!

On **Monday** night at 7:00 in the gym, there will be a sendoff to recognize our talented cheerleaders as they embark on their trip to Walt Disney World to compete in Nationals. Best of luck!

**Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**: Homework Club

**Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**: Dress Down Day to benefit CSC endeavors

**Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**: Meal Prep at Face to Face in Germantown

Have a great week! Go Pandas! God bless!

## **From the Office of College Counseling**

### ***Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling***

#### **Class of 2022**

Students should send Ms. Mikulski college acceptances, scholarships, and grants through email OR bring papers in to be copied. This information is used for the Graduation Program and for potential social media "shout-outs" later this spring.

Students can still earn scholarships! Please encourage your students to use sites like Going Merry, College Board, Fastweb, and Scholarships.com to search for scholarship opportunities.

#### **Class of 2023**

Students should familiarize themselves with the Microsoft Team dedicated to their class and the post-secondary process. This Team is meant to be a resource to students and is regularly updated with information about colleges, summer programs, scholarships, test-optional schools, the college essay, how to apply, etc.

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 11:59 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 11:59 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 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.

### Seminars

The first optional post-secondary seminar for the junior class will take place Thursday February 10<sup>th</sup> during activity period in Room 324. The first session will address skills for the future and will feature a guest speaker from Central Penn College. This seminar will focus on career options, the benefits of a career path, and reaching those goals effectively and efficiently. Interview skills, dressing for success, and job shadowing will also be discussed. **Please have your student fill out the [RSVP form](#) if they plan to attend.**

Below is a schedule for all upcoming seminars:

- **2/10:** Skills for your future: [RSVP Form](#)
- **3/3:** Application Timeline/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

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Brad Simon will be presenting to our students during activity period about the **college essay**. Students should complete this [FORM](#) to RSVP.

**Quest Bridge** is a national non-profit that connects exceptional and low-income students with college and scholarship opportunities. Applications for the Class of 2023 open this month. Follow this [link](#) to learn more about Quest Bridge and follow this [link](#) to learn more about how to apply.



## **From the Office of the Athletic Department**

### ***Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director***

#### **Spring Sports Update**

Remember that in order to try out for a spring sport, athletes must register on [Family ID](#), submit a [PIAA Physical Form](#) to the Athletic Department, and complete ImPACT Concussion Testing for freshmen and juniors who did not play a fall or winter sport. If you are a freshman or junior and participated in a fall or winter sport, you do not need to take the impact test again nor hand in the PIAA physical form. Not having these can affect one's participation on the team. This must be completed by March 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration for FamilyID will open on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Spring Sports:**

- Outdoor Track
- Lacrosse
- Softball

#### **Important Dates:**

##### **February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 4<sup>th</sup>**

ImPACT Concussion Testing will be completed online. You will receive an email the week of February 28<sup>th</sup> with directives to complete the impact testing. ImPACT concussion testing is mandatory for all freshman and junior athletes who did not play a fall or winter sport. Again, if you are a freshman or junior and participated in a fall or winter sport you do not need to take the impact test again.

##### **March 7<sup>h</sup>**

First official day for spring sports tryouts to begin for outdoor track, lacrosse, and softball. Specific information regarding each sport's tryout schedule will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding ImPACT concussion testing, tryouts, or FamilyID, please contact me at [dbradley@nazarethacademyhs.org](mailto:dbradley@nazarethacademyhs.org)

#### **Weekly Athletic Schedule 2/7/2022 - 2/13/2022**

##### **Monday, February 7**

3:45 – JV BB vs. GMA – Away  
5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS  
5:15 – V BB vs. GMA – Away  
5:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

##### **Tuesday, February 8**

2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice – Rush  
4:30 – 6:30 – JV/V Basketball Practice – Gym  
7:30 – V Swimming vs. VJM – Away – Senior Night

##### **Wednesday, February 9**

Cheer Nationals – Away  
2:45 – 4:15 – V Track Practice – Rush  
5:00 – 7:00 – V Swimming Practice – Bensalem HS  
5:15 – V BB vs. Ryan-Home – Senior Night

**Thursday, February 10**

Cheer Nationals – Away

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

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

5:00 – Indoor Track/Consolation Meet – Away – TBD

**Friday, February 11**

Cheer Nationals – Away

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

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

6:00 – Indoor Track/ Meet of Champions – Away – TBD

**Saturday, February 12**

Cheer Nationals – Away

10:00 – JV BBall vs. Lansdale Catholic – Away

11:30 – V BBall vs. Lansdale Catholic – Away

12:00 – 4:00 – SB Workout – Gym

**Sunday, February 13**

Cheer Nationals – Away

1:00 – 3:00 –Torresdale Basketball – Gym

3:30 – 5:00 – Soccer Workout – 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
- Our cheerleaders, coaches, and families traveling to Nationals this week
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community

A large, stylized, handwritten word "pray" in a cursive script, written in black ink. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent 'p' and 'y'.



**Sister Thea Bowman**, granddaughter of slaves, was a 20<sup>th</sup> Century religious leader, educator, and evangelist. *Did you know that she was a guest speaker here at Nazareth Academy during the 1970s?*

The Catholic Church has recognized her as Servant of God and she is on the path toward canonization as a saint. [Please click here](#) to watch her powerful and moving message that she delivered to the United States Conference of Bishops in 1989.



**Sunday, February 27  
7 pm**

Our Mother of Consolation  
Catholic Church  
Philadelphia, PA

**Admission:**  
Free-Will Offering

Suitable for Ages 10 & Up

The **All Inclusive Club** presents local Black Owned restaurants to support:

- Nourish with Naeemah @nourishwithnaeemah
- [Samarkand Steak House](#), 1135 Bustleton Pike, Feasterville Trevose
- [Pizza Brain](#), 2313 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia
- [Stripp'd Juice](#), 263 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Philadelphia
- [Clara's Groovy Deliciousness](#), 2804 Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia

*Stay tuned for more to be featured next week!*