

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**March 6, 2022**

*Tact and gentleness are particularly important in your dealings with people, lest your work for God suffer. Try to correct this situation and regard all persons with kindness and courtesy.*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## **From the Office of the Principal**

***Mr. Jim Meredith***

### **Donation Drive for Ukraine: March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>**

Nazareth Academy High School is joining Holy Family University, Nazareth Academy Grade School, and the FOP in collecting items for people evacuated from Ukraine. The collection, organized by the Ukrainian-American Relief Committee, will be flown to Poland for distribution near the Poland-Ukraine border.

The following items are needed:

Soap, Bar/Liquid

Toothpaste/Toothbrushes

Razors

Diapers, all sizes

Hand and feet warmers

Gloves/Mittens

First Aid Supplies

Flashlights

Trash bags

Shampoo/Conditioner

Sanitary Products

Baby Wipes/Diaper Cream

Socks

Band Aids/Bandages

Napkins, wet/dry

Batteries

Sanitizers

Underwear (men, women, children)

*No food or clothing will be collected at this time.*

Donations can be dropped off at the Main Office any day between Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> through the morning of March 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be an additional drive for Ukraine during Bread Basketball, details to be announced.

Thank you for your generosity and please continue to remember the people of Ukraine in your prayers.



## Class Meetings

Thank you to our students for their presence and participation during Class Meetings this week. Their energy and enthusiasm inspire me! These meetings gave us a chance to look at where we are now, how much we have accomplished, and what is left to do. In the meetings, we also discussed opportunities and challenges. Every student at the meeting had an opportunity to develop three personal goals and to provide me with feedback after the meeting ended.

## Kairos

On Friday afternoon, I was fortunate enough to visit briefly with the retreat team and the retreatants. I assured them of our love and prayers during their “step back” from daily life as they took time to grow closer with God, themselves, and others. Thank you to Ms. Shannon Donnelly, Ms. Ali Derassouyan, Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Ms. Moira Whalen, and Mr. Rob Wissmann for giving of their time and of themselves to our students on Kairos this weekend. I am also very grateful for the work of our student leaders during this important retreat.

## National Merit Scholarship Finalist: Madeline Scott '22

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced Nazareth Academy Senior Madeline Scott is a Finalist in the 2022 National Merit Program.

Maddie was one of 16,000 Semifinalists and is now one of 15,000 Finalists. She now has the opportunity to win a National Merit Scholarship.

We are proud of Maddie’s prestigious accomplishment and wish her the best!!



## Athletics

Best of luck to our student-athletes and coaches as Spring Sports begin this week. Even as Spring Sports start up, Winter Sports are still active as our swim team is preparing for States. Congratulations to our swimmers for qualifying for States and we wish you well as you compete!

## Title I Survey

Thank you to those who submitted the Title I surveys that are due this week. If you have not returned your family’s survey, please turn it in at the Main Office by Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. As explained last week, these surveys are crucial to receive government funds to benefit Nazareth students.

## Schedule for the Week

Monday, March 7: A Schedule  
Tuesday, March 8: A Schedule  
Wednesday, March 9: A Schedule  
Thursday, March 10: A Schedule  
Friday, March 11: A Schedule



**Monday-Friday March 7-11**

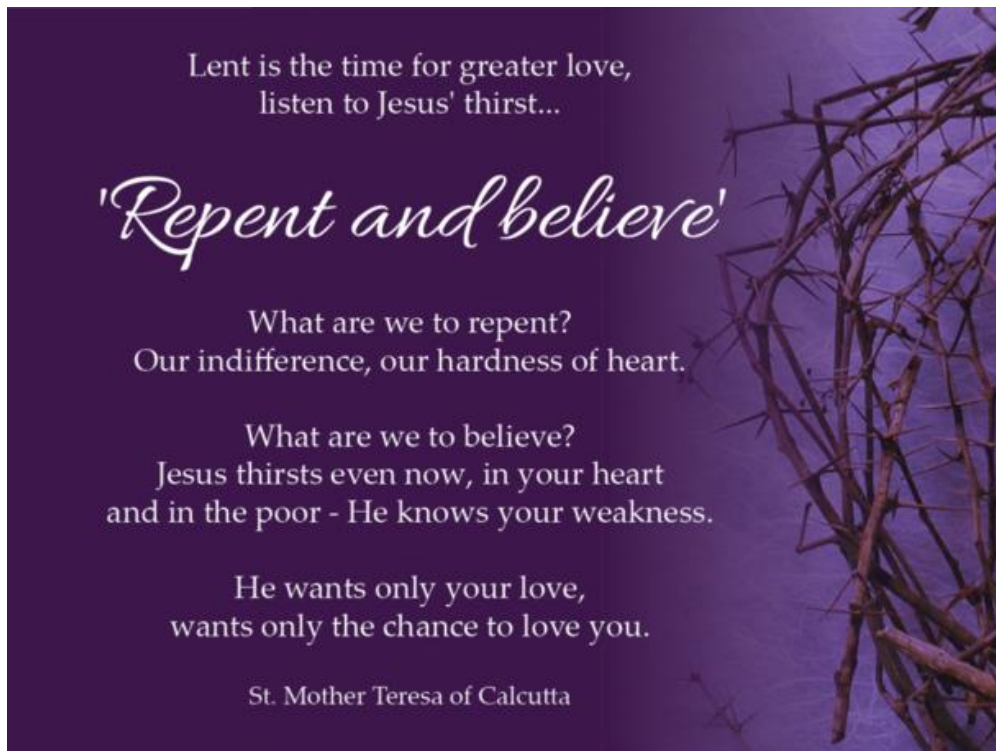
**A Schedule**

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

**From the Office of the President**

***Mrs. Denise LePera***

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta reminds us of Jesus' thirst for our love simply for the chance to love us. May this week of Lent be a time to let go of our indifference and those things that make our hearts hard.



## SAT Prep Classes: Last Call

Math ~ Mr. Severino

English ~ Mrs. Severino

The Math and English Departments will be offering after school non-credit SAT Prep courses for the May 7<sup>th</sup> exam beginning on March 11<sup>th</sup>. These courses will provide additional opportunities for our students to sharpen their skills and to perform better on the SAT's.

### Classes for the May 7<sup>th</sup> 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.](#)

## Legacy Gala Silent Auction Call for Items

Please consider donating a silent auction item. As part of our Legacy Gala on April 22, 2022, our Online Auction will take place this year from April 10-22. The auction proceeds benefit students through tuition assistance. We are asking 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.

Items for your consideration:

- An item purchased from our [Amazon Wish List](#)
- Tickets to sporting events (*Phillies, Flyers, Union, etc.*)
- Tickets to concerts, concert venues, etc.
- Travel getaways (*Do you have a mountain or beach house that you would be willing to donate for a week or weekend?*)

## COVID Corner

This week there were no reported 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:

- Following proper use of masks
- Using the hand sanitizing stations and washing your hands often
- Monitoring symptoms

## Mask Update

The City of Philadelphia announced on Wednesday, March 2 that Philadelphia's COVID-19 response level is Level 1: All Clear. **However, this announcement specifically excluded schools and early childhood education settings.** The target end date for mandatory masking in schools is March 9<sup>th</sup>. As soon as the City lifts the mask requirement for schools, Nazareth Academy High School will be mask optional

**Quick Links and Reference:**

[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](#)

[Covid Dashboard](#)

[Health Checklist](#)

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience!

**Business Office****Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03**

Enrollment contracts for the 2022 – 2023 school year were due on March 1, 2022. If you have not returned your enrollment contract, please do so as soon as possible.

**Stairwells**

Nazareth was accepted in the CORE program through the local Painters Union. Through this program, the apprentices will be painting our stairwells. During Mid-Winter Break, they began the project. As they return on their assigned days, certain stairwells maybe off limits. Thank you for your patience during this time.

**NAPA****Mrs. Grace Pirolli P '22**

**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.

**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*

*"Return to me with your whole heart." -Joel 2:12*

This theme for Lent, returning to the Lord with our whole heart, is an invitation to His mercy. He can soften our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our relationships. Something that always strikes me during Lent is Jesus' time in the desert. The time he spent, tempted and tired was combatted by His human nature. He shows us that in our lowest lows, and weakest moments, our humanity can be victorious. Not that it makes it easier, but that God did give us the capacity to win against evil and temptation! And now we have His grace to save us even more! Let us turn to God with our hearts and embrace this heavenly support.



### **Kairos**

Our last, and final Kairos retreat for the year happened this weekend.

I am so grateful to Ms. Alexandria Derassouyan, Ms. Theresa Hartey, Ms. Moira Whalen, and Mr. Rob Wissmann for sharing their time, talent, and attention with our students. We are always so blessed to experience this with the girls.

### **Bread Basketball**

Bread Basketball starts March 14<sup>th</sup>. Our first collection for those in need will be feminine hygiene products. Next week, more details will be shared.

## From the Office of Academic Affairs

### *Mrs. Patricia Quinn, Assistant Principal*

#### **Reminders**

- The end of the Mid-Spring marking period is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Report cards will be available online on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- GPA and honors are not based on Mid-Spring grades.

#### **Induction for Honor Societies**

This event is for all students who are being inducted into any honor society. This will take place in the school Chapel on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

#### **Exam Reminders**

- All students must take a final exam, with the exception of seniors who received an A-/ A at every marking period. At the discretion of the teacher, students enrolled in an AP class are not required to take a final exam.
- No student is permitted to change her exam day under any circumstance.
- Students need only be present for the day and block of their scheduled exams.

## **NAHS May Examination Schedule 2022**

### **Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> (2-60 minute examinations)**

8:10 AM Warning Bell  
8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 and Block 1 Classes meeting M, W, F  
9:40-10:40 AM Block 2 and Blocks 2A and 2B

### **Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> (2-60 minute examinations)**

8:10 AM Warning Bell  
8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
8:30-9:30 AM Block 3 and Block 3A  
9:40-10:40 AM Block 4 and Block 4 Classes meeting M, W, F

### **Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> (3-60 minute examinations)**

8:10 AM Warning Bell  
8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 Class meeting T, Th, F  
9:40-10:40 AM Block 3B  
10:50-11:50 AM Block 4 Class meeting T, Th, F

### **Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, *Ascension Thursday*, No School**

### **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

NO SCHOOL-FACULTY CLERICAL DAY  
GRADES DUE BY 12:00 PM

## **From the Office of Student Life**

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

#### **Kairos**

I had the opportunity to attend Kairos LXXI this weekend. Your daughters are truly amazing people, and I feel blessed that I was able to spend this time with them in prayer and reflection. The students inspired me with their faith, strength, and kindness toward one another.

#### **Sophomore Parents**

Jostens will host an informational Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 regarding the Class of 2024 ring orders. Informational packets will be coming home with your daughters and ring orders will be taken at school by Jostens representatives during all lunches on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting information:

**Zoom:** <https://zoom.us/j/92418261496?pwd=bjBHbTUwQjNoL082TmwweDdyZ00zUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 924 1826 1496

**Passcode:** 369862

#### **Uniform/Phones**

We continue to remind the students about the importance of adhering to the dress code. Seniors are permitted to wear their college sweatshirts through the end of March. Spring uniforms will begin on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

I want to reiterate the cell phone usage policy during the school day. Phones are only to be used at lunchtime and for classroom purposes designated by the teachers. It is incumbent upon all of us to help the girls obtain some time for thought/work away from the distractions of their phones.

### **Bread Basketball**

Bread Basketball is BACK! We will begin our Bread Basketball collections on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. For planning purposes, the collection for week one will be feminine hygiene projects for those in need.

### **Upcoming Events**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** Sophomore Parent Zoom regarding Class of 2024 Ring Orders

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** Ambassador Induction

**March 11<sup>th</sup>** Panther Irish Pride Dress Down Day to benefit St. Lucy's visit

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** Bread Basketball Collection Begins

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Jostens Visit to School for Ring Orders Class of 2024

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** Snowball Dance Here is the link to purchase tickets: [Snowball Dance 2022](#)

**March 25<sup>th</sup>** Class of 2022 Day

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Naz-a-thon

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Spring Drama performance: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** Junior Dinner Dance: Purchase tickets here: [Junior Dinner Dance](#)

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** Senior Prom

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

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

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

#### **Weekly Athletic Schedule 3/7/2022 - 3/13/2022**

#### **Monday, March 7**

3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth

3:45 – 5:45 – SB Tryouts – Eden Hall

4:00 – 6:00 – Lax Tryouts – Nazareth

4:00 – 6:00 – Swim Practice – Bensalem HS

#### **Tuesday, March 8**

3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth

3:45 – 5:45 – SB Tryouts – Eden Hall

4:00 – 6:00 – Lax Tryouts – Nazareth

4:00 – 6:00 – Swim Practice – Bensalem HS

6:00 – 9:00 – Cheer Senior Celebration – Dining Room



### **Wednesday, March 9**

3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth  
3:45 – 5:45 – SB Tryouts – Eden Hall  
4:00 – 6:00 – Lax Tryouts – Nazareth  
4:00 – 6:00 – Swim Practice – Bensalem HS  
6:00 – 7:30 – Soccer Workout-Gym

### **Thursday, March 10**

3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth  
3:45 – 5:45 – SB Tryouts – Eden Hall  
4:00 – 6:00 – Lax Tryouts – Nazareth  
4:00 – 6:00 – Swim Practice – Bensalem HS

### **Friday, March 11**

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice-Eden Hall  
3:30 – 5:30 – V SB Practice-Eden Hall  
3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth  
4:00 – 6:00 – Lax Tryouts – Nazareth  
4:00 – 6:00 – Swim Practice – Bensalem HS

### **Saturday, March 12**

10:00 – 12:00 – V SB Practice-Eden Hall

### **Sunday, March 13**

3:00 – 5:00 – Soccer Workout-Gym

## **Prayer Intentions**

Please remember the following in your prayers:

- The people of Ukraine, including the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth who minister there and those in our community who may have loved ones living in or near this part of the world
- 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

