

# The Naz Newsletter



*Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update*

**February 27, 2022**

*As much as we love and united with God, so much should we love and be united with each other.*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

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

### ***Mr. Jim Meredith***

Pope Francis has appealed to all for Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to be “a day of prayer and fasting for peace” in Ukraine. We will gather as a school community in our Chapel during homeroom on this day to begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Please remember in prayer 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.

[Please click here](#) to listen to a KYW Newsradio interview with Sister Angela Marie Mazzeo, CSFN, Superior General, about the [Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth who are currently ministering in Ukraine](#).



## **Class Meetings**

This week, I will host Class Meetings for each class during Activity Period in the Gym. These meetings are designed specifically for each class, and include an assessment of the school year so far and a look ahead at the coming months. The meetings will include positive messages and an opportunity for students to set individual goals and share feedback. For seniors and juniors who have rostered lunch during Activity Period, those students should bring their lunch from home that day as there is not enough time to purchase lunch and attend the meeting. The meetings are on the school calendar, but the schedule is as follows:

- Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: Senior Class Meeting
- Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>: Junior Class Meeting
- Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sophomore Class Meeting
- Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>: Freshman Class Meeting

Students should report immediately to the Gym directly from second block on the day of their Class Meeting.

## **Title I Survey**

Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act*, Nazareth Academy High School and our students are eligible to receive Title One funding from the federal government. To acquire these funds, we must have an accurate count of students and the income level for their families. In order to gather this information, a survey was mailed home to each family living in Pennsylvania on Friday and should arrive home this week, if it has not already. Even if you suspect that your income level exceeds the requirement, please still submit the survey. We want to submit a survey from every family. I want to assure you your privacy will be protected and no names are required on this family survey form that are sent to each district. *Only* the address and grade levels are provided to the school districts so its staff can determine the funding for the Title I program for the eligible students. Completed forms are due to the Main Office by Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much.

## **Personnel Announcement**

Beginning on Monday, February 28, Nazareth Academy welcomes Ms. Melissa Clark to our Mathematics Department. Ms. Clark will be teaching AP Calculus AB and BC while Ms. Jenna Souyack is on maternity leave.

Ms. Clark, a Nazareth Academy alumna, holds a B.S. in Mathematics from Northern Vermont University. As an undergrad, Ms. Clark served as Head Tutor for the Office of Academic Support Services, specializing in Precalculus, Calculus 1 - 3, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, and Statistics 1. As an undergrad, she was also an NCAA student-athlete and a member Student Government. Ms. Clark is currently pursuing an M.S. in Applied Statistics at Villanova University.

Welcome to Nazareth, Ms. Clark!

## **All Catholic Band**

Congratulations to our students who participated in the All Catholic Band Festival the weekend of February 18-20 at Archbishop Ryan High School under the direction of Dr. Patricia Cornett, Director of Bands at Temple University. Thank you to Mr. David Zagorski and Mr. Mitch Beck who helped to prepare our students for this honor.

Sophia DiPrimeo '23 – 1st Chair Bassoon  
Grace Palermo '24 – 1st Chair Euphonium  
Susanna Coyle '24 - Clarinet  
Olivia Lucano '23 – Clarinet  
Ciara Garvey '23 – Clarinet  
Belinda Gerz '23 – Trumpet



**Schedule for the Week**

Monday, February 28: A Schedule; Senior Class Meeting, Activity Period  
Tuesday, March 1: A Schedule; Junior Class Meeting, Activity Period; NAPA General Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, March 2: A Schedule; Ash Wednesday Prayer Service during HR  
Thursday, March 3: A Schedule; Sophomore Class Meeting, Activity Period  
Friday, March 4: A Schedule; Junior Class Meeting, Activity Period



**Monday-Friday, February 28-March 4**  
**A Schedule**

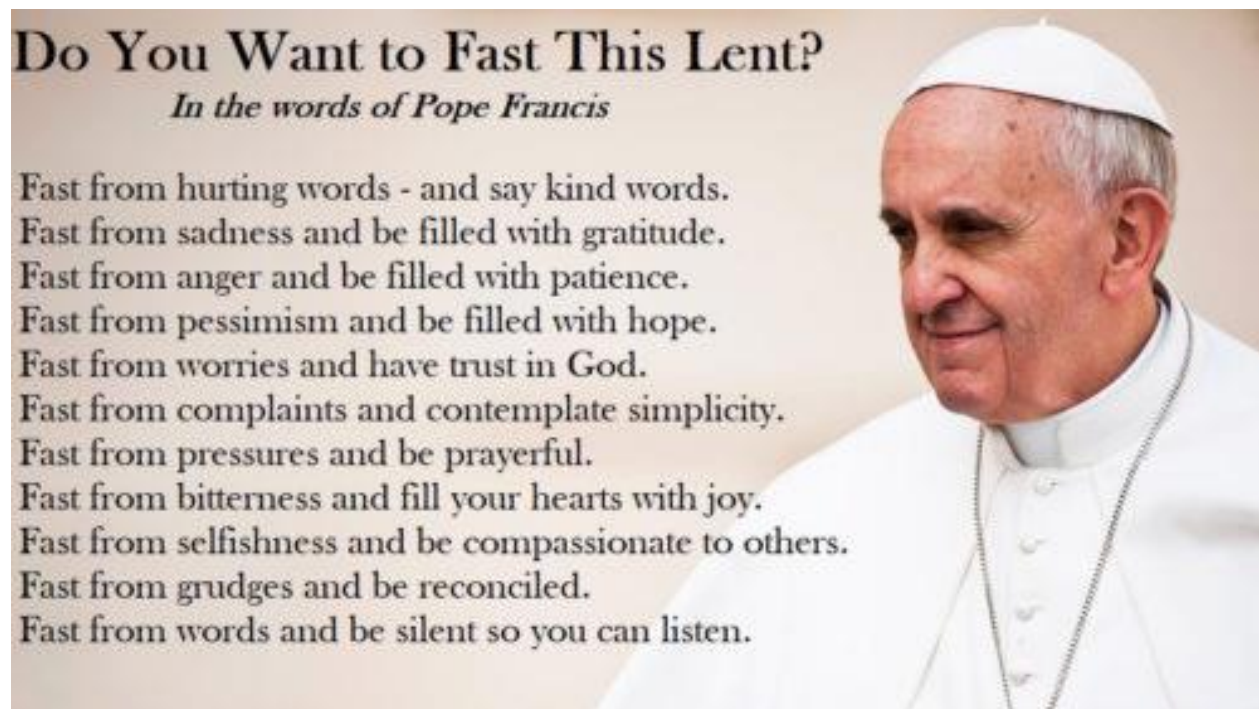
Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM -7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM- 9:21 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM - 8:39 AM
Block 1B	8:42 AM- 9:21 AM
BLOCK 2	9:24 AM-10:45 AM
Block 2A	9:24 AM-10:03 AM
Block 2B	10:06 AM-10:45 AM
Activity Period	10:48 AM-11:23 AM
BLOCK 3	11:26 AM-12:47 PM
Block 3A	11:26 AM-12:05 PM
Block 3B	12:08 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***

Ash Wednesday begins our lenten season. Fasting is a part of our lenten sacrifice but Pope Francis has insight into what we really need to be fasting from:



### **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 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

### **Self-Monitored Daily Health Screening**

Moving forward the daily health screening will be self-monitored rather than being completed via the online form. For your convenience, every morning you will receive a School Messenger with the [Health Checklist link](#). This reminder will include screening protocols. Students, faculty and staff should remain home if they are experiencing a fever, new loss of taste and/or, or have COVID symptoms especially if there is a known exposure.

### **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!

### **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

Believe it or not, this Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. As a Nazareth community we will use this verse from Joel as our theme for this Lenten Season. Our hearts don't need to be "ready" or "polished" to return to the Lord, they just need to be open and turned to Him. Ash Wednesday and Lent symbolize the time necessary to give Jesus some undivided attention. Getting Ashes on our forehead is a symbol that expresses, "I need a Savior." When we see it in the mirror and wear it out in the world, we are humbly admitting that we are weak, but Jesus is strong and can save us from distress. With that, we only give things up to the degree that they stop us from making time with Him. God doesn't care if you give up chocolate for your health -- He cares that you spend more intentional time with Him. He wants your heart, with all its cares, worries, sadness, thoughts, struggles, intentions, and needs... not your chocolate.

- We will have an Ash Wednesday prayer service at 7:45 AM on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students will report to homeroom and when the 7:45 bell rings, each grade will be called down to the Chapel.
- Our last senior Kairos retreat is March 3-6. Please keep us in prayer.
- Looking ahead, stay "tuned" as our Looney Tunes/Space Jam themed Bread Basketball is just a few weeks away! We start our Lenten drive March 14<sup>th</sup> and have a lot to look forward to!

## **From the Office of Academic Affairs**

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

- Deficiency Reports will be issued on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and are due back with parent signatures to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. If a student has a possibility of failing a course, it will be included on the report. Final Spring Deficiency reports will be issued on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and are due back to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- In response to teacher requests, I have been meeting with students with specific academic concerns.

- The Mid-Spring marking period ends on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and grades are due on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> by 8 A.M.
- Honors and GPA calculations are based on semester grades and not on the Mid-Spring report.

## From the Office of Student Life

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

Welcome back! I hope Mid-Winter Break afforded everyone some much needed time to relax and recharge!

#### Upcoming Events

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup>** Kairos Retreat

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

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** Honor Societies Induction

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

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

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** Junior Dinner Dance Here is the link to purchase tickets: [Junior Dinner Dance](#)

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

## From the Office of Counseling

### ***Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director of Counseling***



February is not just about Valentine's Day, it is also *Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month*. While it is not a topic that most would look forward to talking about, it is obviously a topic of great importance. In the coming months, our students will have opportunities to learn more about teen dating violence, what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like, and resources for prevention and support. There are some wonderful resources for parents listed below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. If you find any of the resources particularly helpful, I would welcome that feedback as well!

- Relationship Spectrum is [here](#)
- Parent Discussion Guide is [here](#) and includes resources

Please keep an eye out for future information and resources!

## 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 have submitted the College Brag Survey on February 18<sup>th</sup>. **If your student has not submitted it, then they must complete it by 11:59 PM on March 4<sup>th</sup>.** Please have them follow this [LINK](#) to access the College Brag Survey. 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**

Below is a schedule for all upcoming seminars:

- **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 from Saint Joseph's University 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 Family ID opened 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 this week 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 2/28/2022 - 3/6/2022**

#### **Monday, February 28**

5:00 – 7:30 – PSC Soccer – Gym  
7:30 – 9:00 – SB Workout – Gym

#### **Tuesday, March 1**

4:00 – 5:30 – Lax Workout – Gym  
6:00 – 8:30 – Naz-A-Thon Zumba – Gym

#### **Wednesday, March 2**

4 :00– 6:00 – Lax Workout – Gym

**Thursday, March 3**

6:00 – 7:30 – Soccer Workout – Gym

7:30 – 9:00 – Softball Workout – Gym

**Friday, March 4**

Open

**Saturday, March 5**

Open

**Sunday, March 6**

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



**Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange**, OSP was a Black Catholic religious sister who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first African-American religious congregation. She was also, as an Oblate, the first-ever African-American Mother Superior.

Born in Cuba around 1884 to a wealthy family, Elizabeth Clarisse Lange moved to the United States and arrived in Baltimore in 1813. A woman of great faith, she focused on education opportunities for Black children and then founded her own religious order in 1829 dedicated to the education of Black girls. During her life, she ministered to the marginalized and the sick, working with those afflicted during a cholera epidemic in the 1830s and 1840s.

After a life of service to God and humanity, [Mother Mary Lange](#) died in 1882. She was named a Servant of God by the Catholic Church in 1991, a step on the pathway to sainthood.

**Sunday, February 27**  
**7 pm**  
Our Mother of Consolation  
Catholic Church  
Philadelphia, PA  
**Admission:**  
Free-Will Offering  
Suitable for Ages 10 & Up

Thank you to the **All Inclusive Club** for presenting Black Facts on Naz News and sharing information about Black owned restaurants during the month of February.