

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

April 10, 2022

Live united with God in your heart.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd



From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Holy Week

At Palm Sunday Mass last year, Pope Francis reminded us, "During this Holy Week, let us lift our eyes to the cross, in order to receive the grace of amazement." The Pope also said, "God is at our side in every affliction, in every fear; no evil, no sin will ever have the final word. God triumphs, but the palm of victory passes through the wood of the cross. For the palm and the cross are inseparable."

May we all receive the grace of amazement during this Holy Week.



Holy Week

Diocesan Scholars

Congratulations to the following juniors who have been named Diocesan Scholars for 2022-2023 school year: Sophia DiPrimeo '23, Eva Donnelly '23, Jenna Garzone '23, Isha Mankar '23, Meghan Scott '23, and Megan Smith '23.

These Diocesan Scholars, selected through a rigorous application process, will take college class next year along with their high school courses.

Personnel Announcement

Beginning on Monday, April 11, Nazareth Academy welcomes Mr. Christopher Matase to our Social Studies Department. Mr. Matase will be teaching US History I or II while Mrs. Emily Wyatt is on maternity leave.

Mr. Matase holds a B.A. in Psychology/Social Sciences from Penn State University. Mr. Matase is currently completing the final coursework for an M.S. in Education at Gwynedd Mercy University. Prior to his teaching career, Mr. Matase served as a research assistant at the United States Constitution Center.

Welcome to Nazareth, Mr. Matase!

Schedule for the Week

Monday, April 11: A Schedule

Tuesday, April 12: Special C Schedule, Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 13: A Schedule, School Day SAT for registered juniors

Thursday, April 14: Holy Thursday, School Closed

Friday, April 15: Good Friday, School Closed

Mon and Wed, April 11 and 13

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

Tuesday, April 12

Special C Schedule

Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM-7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM-9:11 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM-8:34 AM
Block 1B	8:37 AM-9:11 AM
Stations of the Cross	9:14 AM-9:54 AM
BLOCK 2	9:57AM-11:08 AM
Block 2A	9:57 AM-10:31 AM
Block 2B	10:34 AM -11:08 AM
Activity Period	11:11 AM -11:42 AM
BLOCK 3	11:45 AM- 12:56 PM
Block 3A	11:45 AM-12:19 PM
Block 3B	12:22 PM - 12:56 PM
BLOCK 4	12:59 PM-2:10 PM
Block 4A	12:59 PM-1:33 PM
Block 4B	1:36 PM -2:10 PM

From the Office of the President

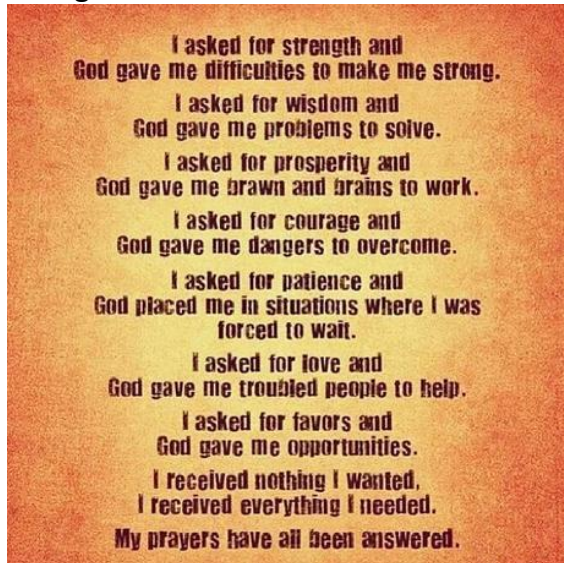
Mrs. Denise LePera

I am thrilled to announce that the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education has awarded Nazareth Academy High School \$27,000 for the 2022–2023 academic year. This is the second Ambassador's Fund grant awarded to Nazareth Academy in the last three years, with the first at \$99,300 in the 2019-20 academic year that launched the STREAM 21st Century Teaching & Learning initiative. This second grant builds on the successful outcomes of that initial funding and further enhances curricular innovation.

The funded program will create an academic multi-media center for innovation in the library that expands STREAM and inquiry-based learning, deepens curricular and co-curricular coherence across all programs, integrates in-depth experiential instruction, and incorporates projects based in social justice. Through the creative and ecologically-responsible reuse of existing space, the library will be upgraded to

serve as a Multimedia Center for Innovation with mobile collaborative tables and intuitive computer tables. Matthew H. McCloskey, Jr. (1893–1973), building contractor and US Ambassador to Ireland (1962–64), created and funded the Archdiocesan Educational Fund in 1967 to advance Catholic education and evangelization throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This charitable organization changed its name to Ambassador’s Fund for Catholic Education in 2020.

Thought for the Week



COVID Corner

This week there were 0 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:

- Using the hand sanitizing stations and washing your hands often
- Monitoring symptoms

5-Day Quarantine and Isolation Protocols

The City of Philadelphia has updated their mitigation protocols which allows schools to move the CDC recommended 5-day quarantine. However, there are guidelines that must be strictly adhered to.

Following the guidelines below, individuals required to quarantine or isolate can now return on Day 6 (after onset of symptoms or positive test for asymptomatic or date of exposure for close contacts).

- Must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- Must have a negative rapid antigen test **from a pharmacy or test center**
 - A positive test on Day 5 means that isolation and quarantine would continue through Day 10.
 - Negative test results from the pharmacy or test center must be emailed to COVID@NazarethAcademyHS.org
- Must wear a well-fitted mask for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms (when in school and around others)

- Must eat lunch away from other individuals in a designated until Day 10

Please note: If new symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell develop, the isolation period starts again at Day 0.

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

We are still waiting on a few enrollment contracts for the 2022–2023 school year which were due on March 1, 2022. If you have not returned your enrollment contract, please do so as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs. Miller at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org if you need another copy.

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Mrs. Grace Pirolli P'23

Mother's Day Raffle

Only the best for our moms. Take a chance on winning a beautiful Gucci large tote bag ~ 1 chance for \$25.00 or 3 chances for \$50.00. 🎟 Purchase tickets via this [link](#). Drawing will be held on Friday, May 13th.

Hershey Park Tickets

Purchase tickets for Hersheypark at a discounted rate of \$60 per ticket to be used up until January 1, 2023. Hersheypark Day for Nazareth is May 31st, so get your tickets and get Hersheypark happy with your friends. Purchase tickets via this [link](#).

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

As Holy Week approaches, Jesus and His sacrifices for us are so close. There are so many graces ready for us to receive this week. The only thing that will get in the way of receiving them is saying no to them. May we be like Simon of Cyrene and help those around us carry their Crosses, or like Veronica and wipe the face of those around us by being a listening ear or a shoulder to cry on. And may we always remember that Jesus fell 3 times in His struggles so and if we fall in our efforts, it is completely human and normal to do so and God gives us the grace to get back up.

This Tuesday we will have a Stations of the Cross Prayer Service during Special C Schedule in the Chapel.

What a successful and incredible Bread Basketball Drive! Thank you all for your generosity!

Have a blessed and hopeful Easter! We get to enjoy the Easter joy and hope for 40 days after Easter Sunday!

From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

We will be hosting a webinar with Prompt on April 21st at 6:00 PM. Prompt employs college essay experts who have helped students gain admission to highly selective universities. They'll be sharing their knowledge with Nazareth Academy families during a 30-minute virtual webinar: "Secrets to Great College Applications and Essays."

Please complete the [RSVP FORM](#) to confirm your attendance!

We are hosting a College Panel on April 28th from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center at Nazareth! As of today, representatives from Villanova University, Saint Joseph's University, Holy Family University, La Salle University, DeSales University, and Pennsylvania State University have confirmed their attendance. The reps will talk about their institutions and about admissions in general. Bring any questions you may have! This event is open to parents/guardians and students.

Please complete this [RSVP FORM](#) to sign up for the event!

Class of 2022

Students should continue to send their acceptances, scholarships, and grants to me via email or in person for use in the Graduation Program and future Instagram shout-outs!

Students should decline their other offers of admission if they have committed to a college. This can be done either through the student portal or by emailing college admission offices. If your student needs assistance, they can speak with me or Ms. Kaloudis.

Students and their parents have received individualized **Graduation Booklets** via email. They are **due back to me via email by April 12, 2022, at 11:59 PM**. These booklets are used by the College Counseling Department to finalize students' college choices, scholarships, majors, etc. We understand students have until May 1, 2022, to make their college decisions, so Ms. Kaloudis and I will work with students individually on this survey if they are unable to make a college decision before April 12, 2022.

Class of 2023

Students should have asked for letters of recommendation by April 8, 2022. Please check in with your student and have them reach out to their college counselor if they have not asked for recommendation letters yet.

The SAT School Day for juniors that signed up for it is April 13th. Please remember to bring a calculator, water, snack, #2 pencils, and erasers. SAT students may dress down this day and are permitted to leave

school after testing has concluded. SAT students and their parents received individual emails with more information about timing and other reminders.

Lunch Visits

April 13th: Savannah College of Art & Design

April 20th: Ursinus College

April 22nd: Marywood University

April 25th: California University of PA

April 29th: Binghamton University

From the Office of the Athletic Department ***Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director***

Weekly Athletic Schedule 4/11/2022 - 4/18/2022

Monday, April 11

3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth
5:15 – JV SB vs. Academy Park – Home – Eden Hall
4:00 – V SB vs. Academy Park – Home – Eden Hall
4:00 – 6:00 – V & JV Lax Practice – Nazareth

Tuesday, April 12

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall
3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth
4:00 – V Lax vs. MM – Away – ***1:55 Dismissal***
4:00 – V SB vs. LC – Home – Eden Hall
5:30 – JV Lax vs. MM – Away – ***1:55 Dismissal***
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Wednesday, April 13

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall
2:30 – 4:30 – JV Lax Practice – Nazareth
4:00 – V SB vs. Little Flower – Home – Eden Hall
5:30 – JV SB vs. Little Flower – Home – Eden Hall
4:00 – V Lax vs. AFS – Away – ***1:55 Dismissal***
4:00 – V Track @ GMA – Away

Thursday, April 14

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall
3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth
3:30 – 5:30 – V SB Practice – Eden Hall
4:00 – 6:00 – V & JV Lax Practice – Nazareth
6:30 – 9:00 – V Cheer Practice – Gym

Friday, April 15

No Practice or games.

Saturday, April 16

9:00 – 11:00 – V Lax Practice – Nazareth

10:30 – 12:30 – V SB Practice – Eden Hall

Sunday, April 17

Easter

Monday, April 18

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall

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

3:30 – 5:30 – V SB Practice – Eden Hall

4:00 – 6:00 – V & JV Lax Practice – Nazareth

Congratulations!

Prayerful best wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Emily Wyatt (*Social Studies*) who welcomed baby Hillary Ann on Monday, April 4th. Hillary weighed 7.3 pounds and is 19 inches in length. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Prayers for baby Hillary, Mrs. Wyatt, and their entire family!

Prayer Intentions

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sister Constance Sabalauskas, CSFN, former faculty member and guidance counselor at Nazareth Academy High School, and for the consolation of those who love her, most especially her family and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Also, 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

*Have a blessed Easter! The Naz Newsletter will return on
Monday, April 18, 2022.*

Classes resume on Wednesday, April 20th.