

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

March 27, 2022

True humility acknowledges one's limitations and weaknesses. At the same time, it recognizes God as the author of all good.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

From the Office of the Principal Mr. Jim Meredith



For the first time since November of 2019, our full Honors Convocation to induct students into their honors societies returned. Congratulations to all of our student honorees! Thank you to all of our guests who were able to join us for this special evening and a special thanks to the moderators who made this a special night.

Speaking of special events, the smiles continued for the seniors for the Class of 2022 Day. Thanks to Ms. Shannon Donnelly and Mrs. Theresa Hartey for organizing and hosting the day. The seniors were given an opportunity to celebrate as a class with some food, special t-shirts, music, fun, and games,

along with a serious message about who they are as young women, Nazareth Sisters, as they move into the future.

NAZ-A-THON is this Friday, April 1st. Please see Mrs. Hartey's section of this newsletter for details for students participating in this event.

Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Madeline Scott
Class of 2022 Salutatorian, Gianna DiBello



We opened our Class of 2022 Day on Friday with the announcement that Madeline Scott and Gianna DiBello earned the honors of Valedictorian and Salutatorian, respectively. Congratulations to Maddie and Gianna!

Schedule for the Week

Monday, March 28: A Schedule
Tuesday, March 29: A Schedule
Wednesday, March 30: A Schedule
Thursday, March 31: A Schedule
Friday, April 1: Naz-a-Thon

Monday-Friday March 28-March 31

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 words are so powerful and strong. Leaving impressions long after they are spoken. May this Lenten season be filled with kind words to your family and friends and the stranger you pass on the street.



Advancement

Legacy Gala Silent Auction Call for Items

We have almost reached our number of silent auction donations from last year. 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:

- 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 2 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. Konicki at 215.637.7676 in the Main Office if you need another copy.

NAPA

Mrs. Grace Pirolli P'23

It is time to vote for our 2022-2023 NAPA Board. The ballot can be accessed via this [link](#). Please take the time to vote for the parents who have submitted their names and would like to offer their talent to NAPA. One vote per person please. All votes are due in by April 1st. The new board will be introduced at the April meeting.

Easter Flowers

Spring has sprung and Easter Flowers are blooming with NAPA. Purchase your choice of 6" Hyacinths, 6" Tulips or 6" Daffodils via this [link](#). 🌷🌷 Easter Flowers will be picked up at Nazareth on Saturday, April 9th.

Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy

Let's get a jump on these goodies before they hop away. 🐰🐰 Order your sweet treats via this [link](#). All candy will be delivered directly to your home.

General Parent Meeting

Mark your calendars for the next NAPA General Meeting on Tuesday, April 5th at 6:30 PM. Sign up to attend the meeting 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

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

We have been returning to the Lord with our hearts in so many fruitful ways! Confession, prayer, adoration, and of course, donations! The Lord has even MORE to give us this season of Lent, all He wants us or willingness!

Bread Basketball is our 4-week donation drive, in the spirit of Lenten Almsgiving, to help the needs of the community. Each week is a different collection where homerooms will keep track of points, and the highest scoring homeroom gets to play in the faculty/student basketball game. ***This week we are collecting Diapers, Wipes, and Baby Formula***

On March 30th we will be doing a service project with Holy Ghost Prep to package our fun kits for the Ronald McDonald House from last week's donation drive. 3:00 in the Student Dining Hall!

From the Office of Student Life *Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal*

It was a busy week at Nazareth Academy. On Tuesday night, we honored our students who were inducted into various academic Honor Societies. Congratulations to our high achieving students on their many accomplishments!

On Friday, we celebrated the Class of 2022 as they begin to close out their careers at Nazareth Academy. They came together as a class and enjoyed a day filled with fun activities.

NAZ-A-THON

NAZ-A-THON is this Friday. Thank you to Mrs. Sylvester and her student committee members for their countless hours of preparation for this incredible fundraiser!



Here is the information for all students participating in the day:

Friday, April 1st is NAZ-A-THON. We will be dancing all day to support Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. This is an official Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon. There will be no classes. You should not bring a school bag to school and come dressed for the dance marathon in your homeroom color and the NAZ-A-THON shirt that you received in homeroom. You will report to homeroom as usual but wait to be called to the gym. Throughout the entire day, the only areas students are permitted to be in are the gym, the gym lobby, the Student Dining Room, and outside (where activities are set up). You will not be permitted in any classrooms. Once the dance marathon officially begins, no sitting will be permitted until 8:30 PM. Food and water will be provided throughout the day as well as lots of entertainment and activities. Gift baskets and concert tickets for raffle at NAZ-A-THON will also be available for sale. Check out the NAZ-A-THON Instagram for more specifics about the day.



Important Upcoming Dates:

March 30th Service Project with HGP for Ronald McDonald House

April 1st NAZ-A-THON

April 2nd Spring Drama performance: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

April 4th Spring Uniform begins

April 7th Bread Basketball Game 1:00

April 8th President's Holiday, No Classes; Junior Dinner Dance--[Purchase tickets](#) (by April 1st)

[Catalano Pictures](#)

April 9th Meal Prep: Face to Face

April 29th Senior Prom—[Purchase tickets](#) (by April 22nd)

[Catalano Pictures](#)

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

From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director of Counseling

Hello Nazareth Families!

On April 6th our student body will be hearing from special speakers on the topic of Teen Dating Violence. Last month we shared the [Relationship Spectrum](#) which describes healthy, unhealthy, and abusive relationships. To learn more about Teen Dating Violence, please visit the websites representing our speakers: [Laurel House](#) and [Morgan's Light](#). Stay tuned next week for more information about our April 6th presentation. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 215-268-1030 or email me at mwhiteley@nazarethacademyhs.org.

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!

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 will receive individualized Graduation Booklets from me by March 18th 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

Every student who signed up for the April 13th SAT School Day received an email on March 7th with a payment form. Please submit payment by April 1st.

Students must ask 2 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 were given an electronic copy of the questionnaire. 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.

The next optional seminar is Thursday March 24th during Activity Period in Room 324. We will be discussing application platforms and the application process along with helping students create a Common Application account if they wish to do so. Please have your student complete this [RSVP FORM](#) if they would like to attend the session.

Students were emailed college essay brainstorm worksheets that were given to us by Brad Simon, our admissions representative from Saint Joseph's University.

Lunch Visits

Representatives from Widener University, Alvernia University, Suffolk University, and The Catholic University of America will be conducting lunch visits the week of March 27th.

From the Office of the Athletic Department

Mr. Dan Bradley, Athletic Director

Weekly Athletic Schedule 3/28/2022 - 4/3/2022

Monday, March 28

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 – V & JV Lax Practice-Nazareth

Tuesday, March 29

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall
3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth
3:30 – V SB vs. Neshaminy – Away
4:00 – V Lax vs. Neshaminy – Home
5:30 – JV Lax vs. Neshaminy – Home

Wednesday, March 30

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 – V & JV Lax Practice-Nazareth
6:00 – 7:30 – Soccer Workout – Gym

Thursday, March 31

3:30 – 4:45 – Track Practice – Nazareth
3:45 – 4:45 – V Lax vs. Hubert's – Away
3:45 – V SB vs. CB East – Away
5:15 – JV Lax vs. Hubert's – Away
5:30 – JV SB vs. CB East – Away

Friday, April 1

Naz-A-Thon

Saturday, April 2

V Track@ North Penn Invite – Away
9:00 – 11:00 – V Lax Practice – Nazareth

Sunday, April 3

Open

Prayer Intentions

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mrs. Jane Newton, mother Mrs. Denise LePera (*Office of the President*), and for the consolation of those who love her, most especially her family.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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