

*Seek those things which are genuine, profound, yet simple.*

*-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd*

## **Weekly Update for Faculty and Staff**

### **April 18, 2022**



*On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.*

*-John 20:1*

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

#### **Jim Meredith**

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Break! He is Risen, Alleluia!

I want to thank Shannon Donnelly for leading Stations of the Cross for our school community on Tuesday and to Kate Chmelko and the Performing Arts Department for the beautiful music. Thank you to Alyssa Mikulski and all proctors for administering the School Day SAT on Wednesday. Over 50 juniors took advantage of this opportunity. Finally, thank you to the many teachers and staff who have covered classes over the past two weeks. Your presence and care for our students is greatly appreciated.

This week, I will be off campus as I attend the annual National Catholic Educators Association Convention in New Orleans. I look forward to meeting, connecting with, and learning from Catholic teachers and administrators from across the country. I have attended and also presented at this convention previously and it has always been an excellent event to showcase best practices for Catholic schools. Looking forward to seeing you when I return!

## **Faculty Professional Development Day: Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

Our third of three in the PD series on Inquiry Based Student-Driven Learning returns on Tuesday, April 19, 2022. Julia Skolnik and Tara Cox from Professional Learning Partnerships return to lead this session. We will meet in the Performing Arts Center for the first session that begins at 9:30 AM. Coffee and baked goods will be available in the Faculty Dining Room prior to the start of the session. The day concludes by 2:30 and lunch will be provided.

Please see this note from Julia and the attached items she mentions are included in the Weekly Update email:

*Tara and I are looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday to continue our professional learning series about Student-Driven Learning! Please bring the student-driven lesson or activity you worked on in our last session to the session on Tuesday. (See the attached photos for what you wrote in November that you planned to test and when.) We will be reflecting on how it went to test this out with students over the last few months, and building upon the lesson or activity even further. We've also attached the Student-Driven Activity Design Tool for reference, and will have copies available at the session.*

*See you soon!*

*Julia*

## **2022-2023 Planning**

For planning purposes, consider the type of professional development needed for the 2022-2023 school year. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, all teachers will receive a survey seeking input on topics for PD for next year. As we think about next year and wrap up this year, I will meet with all teachers during the month of May for a conference to discuss each teacher's evaluation. A digital signup will be shared the week of April 25<sup>th</sup>. As discussed at Academic Council on Wednesday, it is our intention to revise the evaluation instrument for 2022-2023.

## **Calendar Change**

Thursday, May 5, 2022 is now a B schedule to accommodate a Faculty and Staff meeting with MMI from 1 -2 PM.

## **Schedule for the Week**

Monday, April 18: Easter Monday, School Closed

Tuesday, April 19: Faculty Professional Development, No Classes

Wednesday, April 20: A Schedule

Thursday, April 21: A Schedule

Friday, April 22: A Schedule; Sophomore Retreat Day (*no class for sophomores; all sophomores report by 7:45*)

**Wed-Fri, April 20-22**

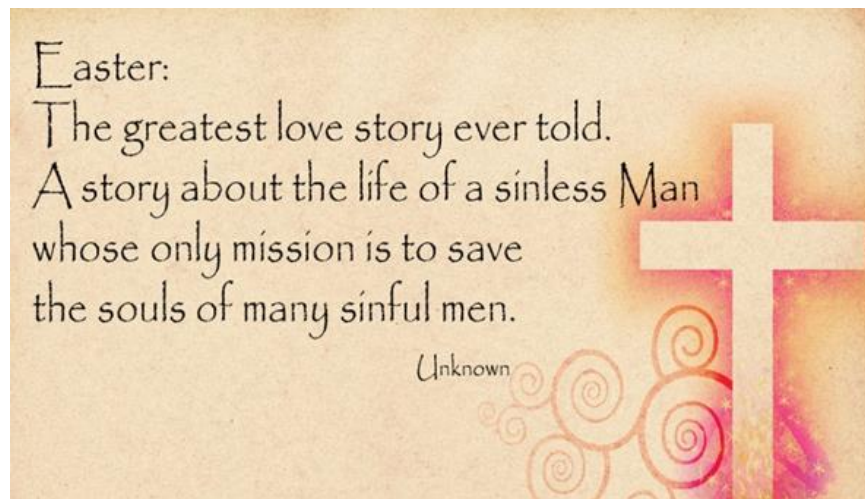
**A Schedule**

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**

### ***Denise LePera***

As we begin this wonderful Easter season, may we always remember that Easter is a symbol of hope, forgiveness and everlasting life. Around us, we see signs of spring: flowers, birds singing. May each of us bring a little more hope, love and joyful living to this world that desperately needs it!



## **Advancement Office**

### **Legacy Gala**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will celebrate the Nazareth sisterhood and our sustainability as we honor Charles and Nina Tanghe '98 Ingulli. If you are not able to join us but would like to support the students of Nazareth, our silent auction is open to all and closes at 9 pm on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**#SupportOurSisterhood**

***Ready, Set, Go!***  
[The Legacy Gala Auction is Now Open](#)

- **Billy Joel Concert Tickets in Madison Square Garden**
- **Signed print by Salvador Dali**
- **A Nazareth Academy High School Custom Cooler**
- **A Tiffany & Co. Silver Bracelet**
- **Club Box Tickets for the Philadelphia Eagles**
- **Premier Seating for the Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony**
- **And so much more....**



## **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**

According to the City of Philadelphia Health Department Commissioner, starting April 18<sup>th</sup>, masks are required in all indoor public spaces in Philadelphia, including schools and child care settings, businesses, restaurants, and government buildings. As a school within the city limits, we will need to return to wearing masks. It is our hope that the City will rescind this mask requirement as soon as possible.

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](mailto: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!

## **NAPA**

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

#### **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 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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.**

## **Celebrate**

Happy birthday this week to Jen McCloskey (*Finance Office, April 20*).

## 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
- Two eighth grade students who are fighting cancer
- Baby Dylan and Family
- Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- Justin
- Murphy Family
- Darlene Tinari, sister of Denise LePera (*President's Office*)
- Jim Whitaker, brother of Sister Maryellen Whitaker (*Library*)
- Zdunkiewicz Family