

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

May 15, 2022

Through the heart of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, intercede with Jesus to accept your total sacrifice and to grant you the gift of love and the grace of perseverance to the end.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

From the Office of the Principal

Mr. Jim Meredith

Welcome to the last full week of the 2021-2022 school year! Spirit Week and our May Crowning are upon us as we our students prepare for final exams.

Thank you to Ms. Kate Chmelko and the Performing Arts department, Mrs. Bridget Shaw (*Fine Arts*), and to our talented students for showcasing their work at the Spring Recitals and the Student Art Showcase. Also, in a crossover event, some of our student musicians performed during the Student Art Showcase. I was impressed and grateful to see many teachers, students and parents present at both events to support our students.

Thanks to Mr. Greg Severino and the Star Chasers for representing Nazareth proudly at both NASA and the American Rocketry Competition on Friday and Saturday. The world got a glimpse of all of the great work our students do as young women leaders in the STEM field.

Middle States Accreditation

I am thrilled to share that at the beginning of the month, Nazareth Academy High School was notified that the Middle States Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools has received, reviewed, and accepted the Mid-Term Report required for Middle States accreditation. Nazareth Academy High School is accredited until January 1, 2027.

Schedule for the Week

Monday, May 16: A Schedule

Tuesday, May 17: A Schedule

Wednesday, May 18: Special C Schedule, May Crowning

Thursday, May 19: A Schedule

Friday, May 20: Spirit Day, Special Schedule, dismissal 2:10

Monday-Tuesday-Thursday, May 16-17-19**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

Wednesday, May 18**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
May Crowning	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

Spirit Day Schedule**Friday, May 20**

Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM- 7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM-8:59 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM-8:28 AM
Block 1B	8:31 AM-8:59 AM
BLOCK 2	9:02 AM-10:01 AM
Block 2A	9:02 AM-9:30 AM
Block 2B	9:33 AM-10:01 AM
Activity Period	10:04 AM-10:34 AM
BLOCK 3	10:37 AM -11:36 AM
Block 3A	10:37 AM-11:05 AM
Block 3B	11:08 AM-11:36 AM
BLOCK 4	11:39 AM -12:38 PM
Block 4A	11:39 AM-12:07 PM
Block 4B	12:10 PM-12:38 PM
Spirit Day Festivities	12:40 PM-2:10 PM

From the Office of the President***Mrs. Denise LePera***

As we live out the core values of the Sisters, we are committed to doing good to others. Let us always remember that all that we do is in service to God and others and leave no good deed undone.

“We lost our souls not only by the evil we do but also by the good we leave undone.” -Bishop Fulton Sheen

Grateful Hearts

On Tuesday, the NAPA President, Mrs. Grace Pirolli P '22, presented the school with a check for \$45,000 from their many fundraising efforts. It is obvious that the feeling of sisterhood that Nazareth brings to

our students and alumnae is fully alive in our parents as well. Last year was the first year in recent history that NAPA began to fundraise again. In a pandemic year that kept them from holding in-person events, they raised \$30,000. This year they increased their efforts by 50% without the Fashion Show...amazing!!! This support will allow us to enhance our year-end and summer projects. Stay tuned!

And that's only the support designated to NAPA fundraising. Our parents' support and commitment go above and beyond by supporting our Advancement Events such as the Legacy Gala, the Panda Golf Classic, and Naz Bingos as well as our Annual Fund. What a blessing our parents are to the Nazareth community – we are grateful for all you do!

Alumnae Office

Mrs. Terri Evans

On Thursday night, the seniors were inducted into the Alumnae Association and pinned by their favorite Nazareth alumna. It was great to welcome them and see so many alumnae.



Thank you to Mrs. Erin Zwiercan '90 for her remarks to the graduates, and to Mrs. Linda Monari '85 for leading the pledge.

Congratulations to Anna Monari '22 on receiving the Nancy Ann Spirt Award. This award is voted on by the seniors and certainly well-deserved.



Advancement Office

Mrs. Ceal Biello

**Panda Golf Classic - Monday, June 6th 12:30 PM Shotgun Start
Union League Golf Club at Torresdale**

If golf is your game, this is your day! Join us at The Union League Golf Club at Torresdale and support our students! For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Annual Fund

Our girls love their school a million! The continued generosity of our community helps to make that possible. As the school year winds down and we begin to celebrate the Class of 2022, please consider honoring our newest alumnae and all of the Nazareth sisterhood with a gift to The Nazareth Fund. [Click here](#) to make your gift in honor of your favorite Panda.



COVID Corner

This week there were 3 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, masks are now recommended not mandated.

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

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

Lunch Accounts

The last day for lunches is Friday, May 20th. Reminder to please log into [MyKidsSpending.com](#) to view your daughter's account. If it is in need of funds, click on "Fund Accounts" and follow the prompts to load funds and bring her account up to date. All available funds remaining at the end of this school year will carry over to the next school year. Please contact Mrs. Teresa Miller with any questions or concerns at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

NAPA

Mrs. Grace Pirolli P '22

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. There are no classes on May 31st so those who purchased tickets can use them that day or any other day throughout the year. Purchase tickets via this [link](#).

NAHS Cutting Boards

For a limited time NAPA will be taking orders for NAHS cutting boards. You can choose between I Love My School A Million or a picture of the school cutting board. These beautiful cutting boards make great gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, your shore house and even for your college student for their dorm room. Place your order today via this [link](#). \$25 per cutting board.

Wawa Certificates

Wawa Certificates are still available for \$5 each. Make spring dinner nights easy and pick up your shorties using your certificates while supporting NAHS. Purchase via this [link](#).

NAPA Movie Night Under the Stars *Free Will Donations are appreciated.*

"There is a little magic in all of us - almost all of us." -*Encanto*

Mark your calendars for a fun night featuring the Water Ice Truck and *Encanto*, Saturday, May 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Movie will begin at dusk. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy a Night Under the Stars at Nazareth. [RSVP today](#).

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

This week is Spirit Week and in the middle of the week we will celebrate Mary, the Blessed Mother, with a crowning ceremony. Mary has a strong desire to be our motherly protection in life.

The Blessed Mother believed the words of the Archangel; "all things are possible for God."

Although they seemed improbable, she trusted Him, out of love, and was ready for everything forgetting herself, trials, and sufferings.

She did not rely on her own strength but on divine grace. -Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

Our May Crowning will follow a Special C schedule on Wednesday

All service hours must be submitted by Friday May 20th.

From the Office of Academic Affairs
Mrs. Patricia Quinn, Assistant Principal

NAHS May Examination Schedule 2022

Monday, May 23rd (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 24th (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 25th (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 26th, Ascension Thursday, No School

Friday, May 27th

NO SCHOOL-FACULTY CLERICAL DAY

GRADES DUE BY 12:00 PM

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

Senior Sleepover

Senior Sleepover was a huge success! The seniors experienced a night full of fun competitions and bonding as a class! Thank you to our awesome chaperones who helped make this night possible!

Class of 2023 Catalano Senior Portraits

Class of 2023 Catalano Senior Portrait information and schedules for the juniors have been emailed. Please reach out to Catalano with any questions.



Senior Uniforms

Please consider donating your gently used senior uniforms/blazers. We will make them available to future Pandas. Bring any donation items to Mrs. Hartey's office. Thank you!

Spirit Week will take place this week!

Spirit Week: May 16th to May 20th

Spirit Week Themes

Monday 5/16: Twin Day

Tuesday 5/17: Sophomore Day - Sophomores dress down and everyone else may wear red as the top part of their uniforms to salute the sophomore class.

Wednesday 5/18: May Crowning; Anything But a Backpack - backpack alternatives must be inanimate, school appropriate, and transportable on a stairwell!

Thursday 5/19: Dress Your Type/Celebrity Day

Friday 5/20: Spirit Day, Full Dress Down with Class Colors. Specially designed class t-shirts are available for purchase! T-shirt sale information to be shared on Monday.

Have an awesome week! Go Pandas! God bless! Thank you for all that you do!

From the Office of College Counseling

Ms. Alyssa Mikulski, Director of College Counseling

Class of 2023

Juniors should ask two teachers for letters of recommendation for college before finals week if they have not done so already. They should inform their college counselor of whom they ask so that the teachers can be added to their Naviance accounts.

Prompt Essay Services

On Thursday, April 21st, Prompt hosted its "Secrets to Great College Applications and Essays" webinar. If you missed it, not to worry! We have a recording so you can watch at your convenience: [Prompt Webinar for Nazareth Academy](#)

Prompt has also invited all Nazareth Academy juniors to sign up for a free strategy call, where a Prompt coach will help you strategize how to develop a personal brand, brainstorm compelling content and tell you more about how Prompt can help you along your journey. And, of course, you can ask Prompt anything about college essays and applications. [You can sign up here!](#)

Summer Program Highlights

[PennRSSA Summer Academy](#)

The PennRSSA Summer Academy is a free, virtual, six-week summer program that provides current juniors (rising seniors) across Philadelphia with high-caliber academic enrichment, exposure to varied careers, and individualized support with the college application process.

This year's PennRSSA Summer Academy program dates are Tuesday, June 21-Thursday, July 28. All synchronous programming will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ET.

With the support of Penn graduate students, participants will develop a well-researched college list, professional résumé, and polished personal statement. Working in small groups, they will also complete a Capstone Project, addressing a school or community issue of their choice.

Summer Bridge Program at Bucks County Community College

The Summer Bridge Program at Bucks County Community College provides rising seniors and students entering college the opportunity to take part in a comprehensive program that introduces them to college. The Summer Bridge provides training in skills necessary for college success (e.g., time management & study skills) and allows students to get a head-start on their academic coursework. Started last summer, the program was very successful in not only preparing the students for college coursework but also propelling them into courses that will be valid for their future degrees!

The program runs on Mondays and Wednesdays from July 6 – August 12, 2022, with an orientation session on June 27th. However, it is important that students register before June 1st to take advantage of the scholarship money, thereby providing the courses free of charge, a savings of over \$600 per course.

Scholarship money is available for both cohorts of students. Over \$10,000.00 in scholarship money is available to rising seniors and will be awarded to these applicants as they apply to the program until funds are depleted. Additional scholarship money is available for students entering college.

Princeton Review Program

The Princeton Review is hosting an Academic Success Week from May 15th to May 19th.

This series of events will provide you with the skills you need to tackle your finals and stay focused throughout the summer. Our expert instructors will discuss effective ways to study and write your academic essays, the importance of grades in college admissions, and what you need to know about the new Digital SAT®.

- Crafting Your Academic Essays | LiveOnline Sunday, May 15 | 8:00 PM–9:30 PM EST
- Study Skills 101 | LiveOnline Tuesday, May 17 | 10:00 PM–11:30 PM EST
- High School Academics & College Admissions | LiveOnline Wednesday, May 18 | 8:00 PM–9:30 PM EST
- Study Skills 101 | LiveOnline Monday, May 16 | 8:00 PM–9:30 PM EST
- The Digital SAT: What You Need To Know | LiveOnline Thursday, May 19 | 8:00 PM–9:30 PM EST

From the Office of the Athletic Department

Dan Bradley, Athletic Director

Weekly Athletic Schedule 5/16/2022 - 5/22/2022

Monday, May 16

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

4:15 – 6:45 – Track Senior Day – Café

3:45 – V SB vs. GMA – Away ***1:55 Dismissal***

Tuesday, May 17

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall
3:30 – 5:30 – V SB Practice – Eden Hall
4:30 – 6:00 – Basketball Open Gym – Gym
6:00 – 7:30 – Soccer Workout – Nazareth
6:30 – 9:30 – Cheer Practice – Gym

Wednesday, May 18

2:30 – 4:00 – JV SB Practice – Eden Hall
3:45 – V SB vs. VMA – Away***1:45 Dismissal***
6:30 – 9:30 – Cheer Practice – Gym

Thursday, May 19

3:00 – V SB vs. VJM – Home
3:45 – JV SB vs. Tennent – Home
4:30 – 6:00 – Basketball Open Gym – Gym
6:00 – 7:30 – Soccer Workout – Nazareth

Friday, May 20

TBD – V District One Champs – Coatesville HS
3:30 – 5:30 – V SB Practice – Eden Hall

Saturday, May 21

TBD – V District One Champs – Coatesville HS

Sunday, May 22

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Prayer Intentions

During this month of May, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary, we ask for her holy intercession in prayers for the following:

- Those killed and wounded in the mass shooting in Buffalo yesterday, the consolation of those who love them, and the entire community
- 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
- Mr. Jack Barth (*Facilities*)
- Mrs. Jessica MacKay, *former Director of Counseling*
- All intentions of the Nazareth Academy High School Community