

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

August 27, 2023

There is no love without sacrifice.

- Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 27: Mother/ Daughter Mass and Tea, 10 AM

Monday, August 28: A Schedule

Tuesday, August 29: C Schedule

Wednesday, August 30: Special C, Counseling

Thursday, August 31: Special Schedule, 2:10 Dismissal;
Welcome Back Block Party

Friday, September 1: School Closed, Labor Day Holiday

SPECIAL C COUNSELING ACTIVITY: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45 AM-7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM-8:50 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM-8:22 AM
Block 1B	8:25AM-8:47AM
Counseling	9:00 AM-9:50AM
BLOCK 2	10:00 AM-11:08 AM
Block 2A	10:00 AM-10:32 AM
Block 2B	10:35AM -11:08 AM
Activity Period	11:11 AM -11:41 AM
BLOCK 3	11:44 AM- 12:52 PM
Block 3A	11:44AM-12:16PM
Block 3B	12:19 PM - 12:52PM
BLOCK 4	12:55PM-2:10 PM
Block 4A	12:55 PM-1:33 PM
Block 4B	1:36 PM -2:10 PM

SPECIAL SCHEDULE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 31ST

Warning Bell	7:40 AM
Homeroom	7:45-7:57 AM
BLOCK 1	8:00 AM-8:57 AM
Block 1A	8:00 AM-8:27 AM
Block 1B	8:30 AM-8:57 AM
BLOCK 2	9:00 AM-9:57 AM
Block 2A	9:00 AM-9:27 AM
Block 2B	9:30 AM-9:57 AM
Activity Period	10:00 AM-10:30 AM
BLOCK 3	10:33 AM-11:30 AM
Block 3A	10:33 AM-11:00 AM
Block 3B	11:03 AM-11:30 AM
BLOCK 4	11:33 AM-12:30 AM
Block 4A	11:33 AM-12:00 PM
Block 4B	12:03 PM-12:30 PM
Welcome Back Block Party Outside	12:30-2:10 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, September 4: School Closed, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5: NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 6: Archbishop Nelson Perez, Mass of the Holy Spirit

Sunday, September 10: Grandparents Mass and Breakfast 10:00 AM

Week of September 11: Freshman Week

Thursday, September 14: Back to School Night 5:00 to 7:00 Juniors and Seniors,
7:00 to 9:00 Freshmen and Sophomores

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As Interim Principal, this will be my first update. Following what I hope was a restful summer, I enjoyed meeting our new students and seeing the familiar, beautiful faces of your daughters. I look forward to a joyous and productive time with them at our wonderful school. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

The orientation activities will continue this upcoming week. Please take note of the Orientation Activities section below for Tuesday, August 29th. On Tuesday, the students will travel from station to station for the below sessions, scheduled for time slots by location:

Syllabi

You should be receiving a syllabus explaining the course content and grading policy. Please read carefully and provide either an electronic or digital signature as required by the teacher.

Drop/ Add

The last day for drop/add is August 31st. From August 31st until September 29th any course that is dropped will be noted as a W (withdraw) on the student's transcript. After September 29th no class may be dropped.



From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

What an exciting week it was on our first week back. While the early start to our school year ends our summer sooner than most, the blessing of having our faculty and students return to campus reminds us how truly blessed we are to be at Nazareth Academy. And what a beautiful way to spend my Sunday morning...with so many of you and your daughters! Thank you for joining us.

Thought for the Day



Admissions Office

Ms. Ali Derassouyan '09

If you would like to display an Open House sign on your lawn, local business, or your parish, please have your daughter stop by the Main Office to pick one up.

Advancement Office

Mrs. Terri Evans

Taste of the Town Raffle Baskets

We need parents to help with soliciting and preparing the raffle baskets for this year's Taste of the Town event on Saturday October 28, 2023. We are looking for donations to help with making a basket or if you have a basket you would like to make and drop off, we would be most grateful. If you need ideas or suggestions, we would be happy to provide you with these as well. If you are interested in assisting in this area, please email

TEvans@NazarethAcademyHS.org

Grandparent Mass and Breakfast

Grandparent's Day Mass and Breakfast will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023. Mass begins at 10:00 AM and the breakfast will immediately follow in the gym. Please [RSVP](#) by September 4th to reserve your seats at Mass and the breakfast.

Finance Office

Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

As a reminder, all students must wear their ID cards on a visible Nazareth Academy High School lanyard. Students must swipe into the building every day.

Students will use their ID cards to make purchases in the Student Dining Room. This will help lines move more quickly. If your daughter needs a replacement ID, please complete this [form](#) and have your daughter report to the Attendance/Security Office.

You can load your card and check balances through [MyKidsSpending](#). All outstanding lunch balances will be billed to FACTS. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Kelly at MKelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215.268.1028.

Drop-off and Pick-Up Reminders

If you drop your daughter off at Nazareth in the morning, please pull up past the main staircase to allow for multiple cars to drop off.

At dismissal, please turn right at the first row, then follow the arrows making a left at the soccer field and driving to the last row making a left. You will then make a left to proceed back to the first row. Parents should not be parked in the center aisles. Having parents' cars line the perimeter of the lot is a safer process to exit. **Please do not park in the fire lanes in the circle.**

NAPA

Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

General Parent Meeting

The September NAPA General Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 PM in the PAC. Mrs. Denise LePera will be our guest speaker this month and will talk about the summer projects and what is going on here at Nazareth Academy. The NAPA board will discuss all of the upcoming events in the fall and ways for the parents to get involved. We will hold a raffle for the freshmen families that attend as well as one for the upperclassmen. Light refreshments will be served. To RSVP for the meeting [click here](#).

NAPA Fashion Show~ Sunday, October 8th

The Nazareth Academy gym will be turned into a Parisian cityscape as NAPA presents the 2023 Fashion Show with fashions by Dress Up Time. The day will begin with Mass at 10:00 AM in the Chapel, a sit-down lunch will be served immediately followed by a fashion show featuring our Nazareth girls and Holy Ghost Prep boys. Early bird tickets are \$60 per person until September 1st and will be \$75 per person after September 1st. There are opportunities for sponsorships and there will be a program book which will feature ads. If you would like to purchase tickets or become a sponsor for the event, please [click here](#).

Parent Volunteers

There are many ways to help with these events whether it be donating an item, setting up, cleaning up, making calls, chairing events, or working with the chairs on the day of the event and much more. We realize how busy life gets and that schedules are more hectic than ever so we greatly appreciate any amount of time that our volunteers can offer. Every minute counts! You will also find the Parent Volunteer requirements and [sign-up forms](#) on NAPA page of the website. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Holly Breece Kane P '24 at NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org for more information or with any questions.

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director

Thank you for the joyful student participation for our Opening Prayer Service on Thursday. The Senior Kairos Leaders really helped us get into the heart of this year's Mission theme: "May Jesus be pleased to dwell in your hearts." Megan Kennedy '19 helped us to kick-start the year with a presentation from the heart, with grace.

Thank you to Sister B for her hard work in providing detailed information about Service Requirements. And thank you, students and parents, for taking the time to read and understand our Service Program requirements. They are posted here for your information and all students will receive these requirements in hard copy through their homerooms.



Credit for Service 2023 - 2024

NAHS Policy for Service Outside of NAHS

- Student service must be performed through a charitable organization such as a parish, school, community group, or social service agency.
- Twenty hours of service (10 per semester) are required each school year. The 1st Semester service must be completed and documented by a designated date in December; the 2nd Semester service must be completed by a designated date in May.
- Within the twenty hours of service requirement per year, five of the hours must be served at a school-affiliated organization.
- Before beginning a service assignment, the student should obtain the approval of the Theology teacher. Junior and Senior forms will be collected by Mrs. Stanton.
- All service done outside of NAHS must be documented on the organization's letterhead.

Forms for Service Outside NAHS

To have your service recorded for credit, the formal letter must be submitted via email or letterhead document from the organization, signed by the individual from the organization who supervised service. The following information must be included in this report:

- Student name, class, section.
- Where the service took place and for what occasion.
- Date and amount of the service time (how many hours).
- Description of what sort of work a student has done.
- Signature of the supervisor and their title or position.

Students should **prepare a draft of the above information** to assist the supervisor in creating the report.

NAHS Service Forms

School forms apply **ONLY** to the service done at NAHS and in connection with our school. To receive credit for service done at the NAHS, include the following information:

- Student name, class, section.
- Where the service took place and for what occasion.
- Date and amount of the service time (how many hours).
- Description of what sort of work a student has done.
- Signature of the supervisor and their title or position.

The Advancement/Admission Offices will be sending the record of your service hours earned from their events, but it is **your responsibility to check whether the hours are recorded online.**

We ask that each student extend herself outside of her own family and help others in need. Here are some examples of unacceptable service choices:

- Babysitting
- Walking you neighbor's dog or pet sitting
- Distributing fliers for a politician or business
- Cleaning for a family member; helping them move, going grocery shopping for them or visiting them in the hospital
- Working for your family
- Reading at Mass, cantering, altar serving, unless it is for Masses in addition to Sunday obligation. Limited credit will be considered based on time of rehearsal, etc.

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Thank you so much to all who helped with Orientation and beyond this week! The Student Council helpers were incredible. I am grateful for their awesome enthusiasm and inspiring leadership.

Welcome Back Block Party

The Welcome Back Block Party will take place on Thursday afternoon! The students will be in Naz gear. **The parking lot will be closed to vehicular traffic from 12:15-2:00 PM.**

Uniforms

Proper uniforms must be adhered to beginning on Monday.

Here is the wording from the handbook: SPRING/FALL UNIFORM

- Blue cord summer weight wrap around kilt
- Navy or white 2-button pique fitted shirt with school logo
- White crew socks, no logos

In addition, all students must have their IDs on their person. Please help us establish high standards for our students regarding uniform compliance.

Student Council Pasta Night

Student Council will host a Welcome Back Pasta Night on Thursday, September 7th at Nazareth. We will have two seatings: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

All Nazareth Academy students and their families are welcome!

[Tickets for \\$10 can be purchased here.](#) This will be a wonderful event to bring our community together to share a meal and kick off the school year. All proceeds will benefit Student Council Initiatives. Buon appetito!

Are you able to help with food donations? Please sign up [here](#).

Naz-A-Thon

Our Naz-A-Thon Night at the Phillies is on September 22nd. To benefit Naz-A-Thon, tickets must be purchased in sections 412-428, and you must use the code **NZ2023**. [You can purchase tickets here.](#)

We are also selling T-Shirts as well as Crewnecks for the Phillies Game. T-Shirts are \$20 (\$22 for sizes 2X and 3X) and Crewnecks are \$30 (\$33 for sizes 2X and 3X). I have attached a picture of the T-shirt/Crewneck design. All orders are due on **August 30th**.

Breathing Room Thank You

No matter how many times I see the remarkable generosity of the Nazareth community, I still find it so moving! Thank you for your many kind contributions to the school supply collection for the Breathing Room Foundation. Our newest Pandas did an outstanding job making cards during their Orientation for the student recipients.

Looking Ahead...

- August 30th
- [September 7th Pasta Night](#)
- September 11th to 15th Freshman Week
- [September 15th Mixer](#)

Go Pandas! God bless!

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum, Director

Class of 2024

If you want to set up a meeting with your student's college counselor, please contact us via email. Senior parent newsletters will resume on September 5th.

On September 12th, Ms. Kaloudis and I will be hosting a senior parent/guardian college information night. Please RSVP via this [form](#) by September 8th.

On September 26th we are partnering with Holy Ghost Prep for a financial aid night. Please RSVP [here](#).

Class of 2025 & 2026

The PSAT on October 11th is digital. Students will need to take the PSAT on their own laptop or tablet. Their college counselor will meet with them to download the appropriate app (bluebook) for PSAT testing. More information about what will be required for test day will be provided soon. In the meantime, here are some resources students can use to prepare for the digital PSAT and the digital SAT (starting spring 2024).

- [Taking the PSAT/NMSQT – SAT Suite | College Board](#)
- [What to Bring on PSAT/NMSQT Test Day - SAT Suite \(collegeboard.org\)](#)
- [Official Digital SAT® Prep | Khan Academy](#)
- [Digital PSAT Prep from Test Innovators - SAT Practice Test by Test Innovators](#)
- [Webinar | Digital SAT: What You Need to Know \(6/23/2023\) \(vimeo.com\)](#)
- [Nazareth Academy High School | Revolution Prep](#)

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley, Director

Nazareth Academy fall sports are hosting online shops until **August 28th!** Place your order today for your favorite Pandas!

- [Cheer](#)
- [Cross Country](#)
- [Golf](#)
- [Soccer](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Volleyball](#)