

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

September 17, 2023

Cultivate peace, harmony, and charity among you.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

-Luke 16:13



THIS WEEK

Monday, September 19: A Schedule

Tuesday, September 20: A Schedule

Wednesday, September 21: B Schedule; Faculty Meeting

Thursday, September 22: A Schedule

Friday, September 23: A Schedule

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, September 26: Bring Your Sister to School Day; Deficiency Reports due in the Main Office

Wednesday, September 28: Club Fair, C Schedule Tuesday, October 3: NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 4: PSAT Pre-Administration, Extended Schedule to Follow in the Next Update

Thursday, October 5: Adoration; Special C- Holy Rosary Respect Life Month Schedule to Follow in the Next Update

Friday, October 6: Close of Mid-Fall Grades

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

It is hard to believe we are already in the middle of September. Looking ahead, you will soon see information regarding Bring Your Sister to School Day and the Club Fair to be held on Tuesday, September 26th and Wednesday, September 27th respectively. With the important PSAT approaching for grades 10-11 on October 11th, please encourage your daughters, especially if they are juniors, to practice and prepare for the test using Khan Academy and/or their College Board accounts.

Thank you to all who made Freshman Week so memorable, from our beautiful Mass through the Little Miss Freshman Pageant, for not only our freshmen, but for all our students. Thanks to Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Mrs. Natalie Graveley, and Mrs. Kerstin Greenewald for their tireless work behind the scenes to make all the events of the week successful. I am grateful for our homeroom moderators who took great care to provide a positive experience for everyone.

I would like to extend a belated thank you to Mrs. Cheryl Sylvester, Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Mrs. Kerstin Greenewald, and Mrs. Natalie Graveley for organizing the Pasta Dinner. The variety of delicious food and desserts was a treat! Thank you to all who either made food or donated items for this event. Hopefully, this tradition will continue.

Another belated thank you to Terri Evans and NAPA for the Grandparents Reception. Thanks again to Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Ms. Kate Chmelko, Mr. David Zagorski, readers, and chorale for the beautiful Mass. Thank you to the faculty who were present to assist in this great event.

On Wednesday and Thursday, sophomores and juniors came to the Chapel during Activity Period for information regarding the PSAT test. Thank you to Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum and Ms. Maria Kaloudis for assisting me.

Academics

- On September 26th, Deficiency Reports will be sent to the Main Office.
- Reports are sent to students who have earned a grade of 75 or less. It does not indicate failure, but it will inform you that there needs to be more effort or additional support.
- The report is to be signed by the parent/ guardian and returned to the issuing teacher by Tuesday, October 3rd.
- For any student who receives more than one Deficiency Report, her counselor will arrange a meeting with the parent(s) / guardian(s), issuing teachers, counselor, and me. The counselor will notify all involved and arrange a mutually agreed meeting time.

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

What a wonderful week for Freshman Week! It was wonderful to celebrate our newest class of Pandas. There is always a lot of activity here on Grant Ave. From Senior Parent College Night, Welcome Back Paint Night, Back to School Night, the Glow Mixer Dance to the mini golf event at Burholme. Pandas are always busy! All of these events could not take place without the wonderful parent volunteers who give of their time. Another reason we are a family community!

Thought for the Week



Admissions Office

Open House Signs

Our lawn signs for our Fall Open House are now available for pick up. Please have your daughter stop by the Main Office to pick up an Open House lawn sign for your lawn or for a place of business.

Bring Your Sister to School Day ~ Tuesday, September 26th

Sisters of our current Nazareth students in 5th through 8th grade are invited to spend the day at Nazareth! Please register your future Panda by [clicking here](#).

Advancement Office

Mrs. Terri Evans

Taste of the Town

Saturday, October 28th 6:00 to 10:00 PM the Taste of the Town will be held featuring Tailored Entertainment by DJ Danny Booch. What a great way to get out and mingle with our Nazareth family. There will be lots of great food and drinks, raffle baskets and of course dancing. If you know anyone who has a restaurant or bar that would like to showcase their food, please email me. We are also looking for donations that will help with making our raffle baskets a huge success. [Here is the link to order your tickets](#) and for family and friends.

NAPA

Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

Mum Sale

Get ready for fall and order your mums through NAPA's Mum Sale. We will be offering several color choices, red, yellow, orange, white, and purple. Cost \$10 for 1 or \$25 for 3. [Click here](#) to make your purchase today.

Fashion Show ~ October 8th

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. Tickets are \$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](#).

Wawa Hoagie Certificates

Treat yourself and purchase Wawa hoagie certificates good for a Wawa shorti of your choice for \$5 each. [Click here](#) to purchase.

Parent Volunteers

WE NEED YOUR HELP! 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

Just a reminder that EVERYONE in our NAHS community is invited to Adoration on Thursdays this year. Parents are most welcome to stop into our beautiful Chapel anytime from 8:00 AM through 2:15 PM on Thursdays. This Thursday will mark our first Adoration session since an air conditioning malfunction and other issues set us back thus far.

Below is a link to The National Eucharistic Revival. Check out the video on the homepage of the Website for an inspirational video about the significance of the Eucharist in our journey of faith.

[National Eucharistic Revival: A Grassroots Response to God's Invitation](#)



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Jesus Christ invites us to return to the Source and Summit of our faith—his Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Learn more about the exciting journey ahead!

www.eucharisticrevival.org

If you missed the sign up for the Caring for Friends event this Monday, don't worry. We will be making weekly trips to this amazing organization which supplies 20, yes 20! local food banks with food donated from other generous people in this community.



Caring for Friends™

How exciting for us to be able to participate in this local economy of love, in which the needs of some are supplied by the generosity of others. Your gift of time is invaluable in this process.

KAIROS

Our Fall Kairos trip is officially canceled. Seniors and Junior Kairos Leaders may now choose from the January and March trips. More to follow as the January trip draws near.

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



Thank You

Thank you to our students, faculty, staff, and families for your help with all the initial happenings here at Nazareth. Our campus is bustling with academics, activities, events, and athletics. Your great energy and enthusiasm are what help make our campus so vibrant and joyful. Thank you and God bless you for your goodness!

Club Fair

Our Club Fair will take place on September 27th. During this time, the students can get to know more about the plethora of amazing clubs that we have here at Nazareth.

Alex's Lemonade Stand: During the Club Fair, we will also host an Alex's Lemonade Stand. Lemonade and pretzels will be sold. All proceeds will benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Students may wear yellow instead of their regular uniform tops to support this pressing cause.

Naz-A-Thon

Naz-A-Thon 2024 is officially donating to the Child Life Department as well as the PICU and the Acquired Autonomic Dysfunction Program.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Phillies T-Shirt! Our Night at the Phillies game is on September 22nd, however, due to the Phillies game being close to being a sell-out our coupon code is currently deactivated. To buy tickets please contact Sean at smcclatchy@Phillies.com or call **215-218-5654** ASAP to secure your tickets for this game.

Naz-A-Thon is also holding a Fall Fest Fundraiser with Shady Brook Farms. All tickets must be purchased online using the code **23NAZ** or you can purchase tickets through the following link: <https://shadybrookfarm.com/collections/2023-fallfest-ticket-only>

Have a great week! God bless! Go Pandas!

From the Office of College Counseling
Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum, Director

NACAC College Fair

- Open to students in grades 9-12
- When: October 14th from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Where: Pennsylvania Convention Center Hall B
- Registration [link](#)
- View participating colleges [here](#).

Fee Waivers

Please view this [form](#) to see if your family meets income eligibility requirements to qualify for fee waivers for SAT testing, ACT testing, college applications, and NCAA fees. If so, please complete the form.

"Navigating the Future of College Admission Testing" Webinar

Register [here](#)! Topics include the new digital PSAT and SAT, navigating standardized testing in the context of college admissions, ACT v SAT, etc.

When: September 26th at 7:00 PM

Class of 2024

Instant Decision Day & Interview Day

La Salle University & Thomas Jefferson University Instant Decision Days are pending!

Holy Family University Instant Decision Day

- When: October 17th
- Register through Scoir By: October 9th
- Apply to HFU By: October 11th
- Details: Students will interview with our admissions representative and receive an admission decision on this day.

Saint Joseph's University Interview Day

- When: October 18th
- Register through Scoir By: October 10th
- Details: If students wish to apply to SJU, then they should apply by October 13th. They will not receive an admission decision on this day, but they will have the chance to talk about their application and ask questions. This is a great opportunity for any student, regardless of their interest in SJU, to practice interviewing.

PHEAA Night with Holy Ghost Prep

We partnered with the Holy Ghost Prep college counselors to offer a financial aid night on September 26th. Please [RSVP here](#) so we know that you are attending. The event will be held in the Frederico Theater at Holy Ghost Prep in Bensalem, PA at 6:30 PM.

- We recommend filling out the FAFSA sooner rather than later once it opens in December. You'll have to fill out this application every year your student is in college to qualify/see if you are eligible for aid. We strongly recommend that you fill out this application even if you think you are not eligible because some institutions look at the FAFSA to see if they can give you institutional aid, even if you do not qualify for aid under the FAFSA.
 - The application is being reduced from 130 questions to 30 questions.
 - The IRS Data Retrieval tool will be required.
 - The # of students in college question will be removed from the calculation of aid.

Net Price Calculator

The Net Price Calculator is a valuable tool to estimate what families will need to pay for their college education. We recommend that you utilize this tool before students apply to college. All college websites have a net price calculator tool that you can use. College Board has its own [calculator](#).

Scholarships

[QuestBridge | National College Match](#) Due September 26th

[Programs - Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation](#) Due October 2nd

[Heisman High School Scholarship \(heismanscholarship.com\)](https://heismanscholarship.com) Due October 17th

Class of 2024 & Class of 2025

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Class of 2026

Your student received invitations in her school email to create Scoir accounts this past week. Scoir is the platform we are using for college and career exploration as well as sending student's transcripts and letters of recommendation to college during application season. Her college counselor will follow up with her later this semester and in the spring to discuss this account and what she can be doing for college and career exploration. Your student is welcome to schedule meetings with her college counselor if she would like to meet sooner.

If your email address is in your student's Scoir account, you will be receiving email invitations this week to create a Scoir parent account. Here is the parent resource [link](#) for your Scoir account.

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Congratulations to our cross country team who took first place in their first Philadelphia Catholic League meet at Belmont Plateau on 9/13. The team had 5 runners finish in the top 15 of the meet. The tennis team had their first Philadelphia Catholic League match away at Cardinal O'Hara on their new courts on 9/12. They had a quick turnaround and won all courts in their match against Archbishop Wood on 9/13. Junior varsity and varsity volleyball both earned victories in their first Philadelphia Catholic League meet against West Catholic on 9/12. The junior varsity game for soccer against Archbishop Ryan was postponed due to weather, while the varsity lost a 3-2 battle. They are hoping to bounce back against Lansdale Catholic. We wish all our fall teams well as they continue competition in the PCL.

Celebrate

Congratulations to Meghan Scott, Class of 2023. On September 8th, Meghan was awarded a scholarship by Euditalia to study in Italy this summer. The award ceremony will take place on

October 23rd. Many thanks to Anna Maria Murray for mentoring Meghan throughout her high school years at NA!