

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

September 3, 2023

The work of God can stand firm and solid only when based on the spirit of God.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd



Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your laws.

-Psalm 119:135

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 4: School Closed, Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 5: A Schedule; NAPA Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 6: Mass Celebration with Archbishop Nelson Perez; Special Schedule

Thursday, September 7: Panda Perks, A Schedule, Adoration, Student Council Pasta Night

Friday, September 8: A Schedule

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 10: Grandparents' Day Mass and Breakfast, 10 AM

Week of September 11: Freshman Week

Monday, September 11: A Schedule

Tuesday, September 12: A Schedule, Senior Parent College Night, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 13: A Schedule, NAPA Welcome Back Paint Night

Thursday, September 14: A Schedule, Back to School Night

Friday, September 15: Special Schedule, Freshman Week Liturgy, 2:10 dismissal;
Freshman Day, Little Miss Freshman Pageant

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SCHEDULES

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Schedule for Senior and Junior Parents Only

5:30 PM - 5:35 PM HOMEROOM

5:40 PM - 5:45 PM BLOCK 1A

5:50 PM - 5:55 PM BLOCK 1B

6:00 PM - 6:05 PM BLOCK 2A

6:10 PM - 6:15 PM BLOCK 2B

6:20 PM - 6:25 PM BLOCK 3A

6:30 PM - 6:35 PM BLOCK 3B

6:40 PM - 6:45 PM BLOCK 4A

6:50 PM - 6:55 PM BLOCK 4B

Schedule for Sophomore and Freshman Parents Only

7:30 PM - 7:35 PM HOMEROOM

7:40 PM - 7:45 PM BLOCK 1A

7:50 PM - 7:55 PM BLOCK 1B

8:00 PM - 8:05 PM BLOCK 2A

8:10 PM - 8:15 PM BLOCK 2B

8:20 PM - 8:25 PM BLOCK 3A

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8:40 PM - 8:45 PM BLOCK 4A

8:50 PM - 8:55 PM BLOCK 4B



From the Office of the Principal ***Mrs. Patricia Quinn***

Back to School Night: September 14th

The schedule for Back to School Night is posted above. The Back to School Night will be in person and will be following the student's Friday schedule. I look forward to meeting you and it is my wish that your daughters are not only being challenged but are also having fun.

Academic Reminders:

- Please carefully review the syllabi for your daughter's classes.
- Drop/ Add is officially over. There were more changes than usual, and I hope that all students are now well-situated in their classes.
- Please communicate with teachers about any questions you may have.

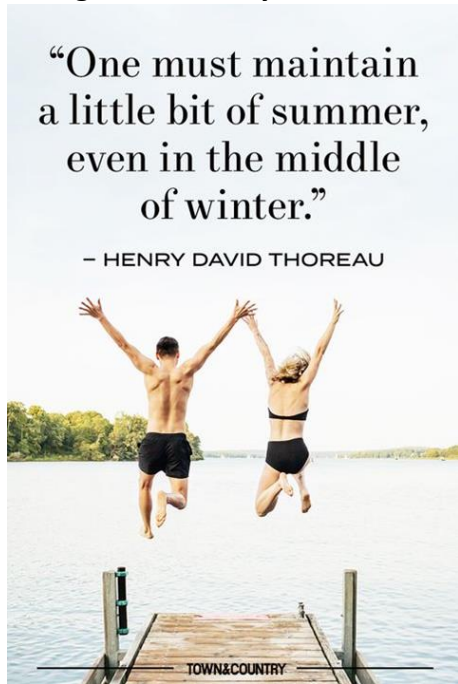
Have a wonderful Labor Day weekend and thank you for all that you do and for entrusting your daughters with us.

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

Blessings on this Labor Day weekend! Be safe!

While the calendar says summer ends on September 23rd, I always felt it was the end of the Labor Day weekend. My hope is that the time to relax and reflect, the time for laughter and fun that summer gives us stays with you long after those summer days have ended.

Thought for the Day



Personnel Announcement

Ali Derassouyan '09, our Director of Admissions, has accepted a position at Jefferson Einstein in their Graduate Medical Education Program. She will be working to recruit, onboard, and orient medical students who match in Family Medicine at Jefferson Einstein Hospital and follow them through their 3 years of residency to board certification.

This is a great career opportunity for Ms. D, and all of us wish her the best of luck and success at Jefferson University and in all future endeavors. She is very deserving of this career opportunity.

We are very appreciative of all the hard work that Ms. D. has done over the last 7 ½ years in working with our prospective students and their families. She will be missed by all.

School Messenger

Please make sure that you are receiving School Messenger text messages. A text message was sent on Thursday morning regarding closing the parking lot due to the Welcome Back Picnic. If you did not receive the text message, please [complete this form](#) and Mrs. Kelly will send you the form to opt-in. By having both parent and student cell phone numbers in School Messenger, it ensures more effective communication. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 215.637.7676 or MKelly@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

Finance Office

Mrs. Jennifer McCloskey '03

Reminder Regarding ID Cards and Lunch Accounts

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.

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.

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

We are looking for parents who would like to assist 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 ~ Sunday, September 10th

We hope your daughter(s) will come and celebrate their grandparents at this special Mass and breakfast. Please [click here](#) to purchase tickets.

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](#).

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.

Panda Perks Returns ~ September 7th

September 7th we will host our first monthly Panda Perk. The girls can purchase iced coffees outside at the bottom of the gym steps for \$5.00. Panda Perks will open at 6:30 and run until 7:30 AM. Support NAPA and buy your favorite iced coffee. Please feel free to stop by and purchase one for yourself to enjoy on your ride home or to work.

Freshman and New Student Paint Night ~ September 13th at 6:30 PM

We are excited for our paint night! This is a great way to meet fellow Pandas and their families in a fun, relaxing setting. There are two ticket options: you can work as a mother daughter duo or make your own. Tickets are \$65 a board and include a 3-foot wooden board, wooden "HOME" letters, a Panda head, and your choice of two interchangeable pieces or a round welcome sign. Register here for a night of fun.

Father Daughter Mini Golf Tournament

On September 16th at 10:30 AM NAPA will be holding their 2nd Annual Mini Golf Tournament for our dads (uncles, grandpops) and their Nazareth student. Come enjoy a friendly game of mini golf, refreshments and hopefully be one of our lucky winners of a prize for the best personal score, best team score and best foursome. This will take place at Burholme Golf and Family Fun Center 401 Cottman Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111. The cost for a dad and daughter is \$40 and \$15 for each additional daughter. Click here to purchase your tickets.

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](#).

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

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

In recognition of Year II of the National Eucharistic Revival, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place every Thursday, beginning this Thursday, September 7 at 7: 30 AM. All students, teachers, staff and NAHS family members are encouraged to set aside a few minutes in prayer in the True Presence of Christ.

"The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God." -
William McGill



On Wednesday, September 6th, Nazareth will welcome Archbishop Nelson Perez. Preparations are underway for a special liturgical celebration by His Excellency. What's so special about a visit from the Archbishop? Well, Catholic bishops all over the world are part of an unbroken chain of succession which has its origin in the apostles who lived and laughed with, and who learned from, Jesus. Bishops remind us of the continuity of the faith throughout history and its continued sustainability amid challenges to the faith. We ask parents and students to be on red alert about proper uniforms always, and particularly in anticipation of this event. Summer uniforms are fine, but please remember that blazers are always worn for liturgies. Thank you.



Upcoming Service Opportunities

1. Food Prep at Face to Face from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Sunday 10/29
2. Art Program assistance for residents at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home on Tuesday, September 26th from 2:30 to 3:30 PM
3. Stocking and restocking help at Caring for Friends on Monday 9/8 from 2:45 to 3:45 PM

Space is limited, so first come, first to serve! We can only take one or two more students for each of these service events. Not to worry, however, because we will be offering on and off campus service opportunities every week. "It is in giving that we receive." St. Francis of Assisi

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Thursday, September 7th: Pasta Night!

Please consider joining us for a nice evening while also supporting Student Council initiatives!

If you are able to make some food, we would be most grateful! You can drop off the food warm on the evening of the event or send it in the morning with your daughter to Room 213. Thank you!

- Sign up [here](#) to help with the food.
- Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

There will be a 5:00 PM seating and 7:00 PM seating, but you are welcome to come any time in between.

Glow Mixer ~ Friday, September 15th

Student Council will sponsor a Glow Mixer for Nazareth students and neighboring boy schools. The Mixer will be held from 8:00 to 10:30 PM. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

We are looking for some additional parent chaperones for the event!

Uniforms

All students should be in their full summer uniforms at this time. Full uniforms include ID badges. The students should have their blazers in school before Wednesday, September 6th so that they can wear them for our mass with the Archbishop (and for all formal events going forward). Thank you for any help you can provide!

Upcoming Events

- **Senior Sunrise**—before school on Wednesday, September 6th
- **Senior/Freshman Sister Meet-up** during Activity Period on Thursday, September 7th
- **Freshman Week** September 11th - 15th
- **Glow Mixer** September 15th

Have a wonderful week! 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 '98, Director

Congratulations to junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams for their wins over Renaissance Academy Charter School on Wednesday 8/30. We wish the tennis team good luck as they will play their first Catholic League match on Tuesday 9/5 against Lansdale Catholic.