

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

October 8, 2023

All our hope is in God who protects us.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

-Luke 17:19



THIS WEEK

Monday, October 9: A Schedule; Mid-Fall Grades Due by 8 AM

Tuesday, October 10: A Schedule; HSPT Prep Class 4-6 PM

Wednesday, October 11: Freshman Retreat; PSAT Testing for Grades 10-11, Special Schedule, 11:30 Dismissal; No School for Grade 12

Thursday, October 12: C Schedule-Talent Show; Mid-Fall Reports Available Online

Friday, October 13: School Holiday, No Classes, Offices Open

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, October 14: Fall Open House 9 AM - 1 PM

Wednesday, October 18: Academic Council to be held in the Chapel at 2:15 PM

Friday, October 20: Pink Day

Saturday, October 21: 8th Grade Entrance & Scholarship Exam 7:30 AM-12:00 PM

Monday, October 23: Picture Day for Grades 9,10,11

Tuesday, October 24: B Schedule, Department Meetings

Wednesday, October 25: C Schedule, Substance Abuse Presentation

Saturday, October 28: Mathematics Competition; Taste of the Town 6-10:30 PM

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

PSAT

PSAT testing will take place on Wednesday, October 11th. This week, please reinforce with your daughters (grades 10 and 11), the importance of this test. Students completed all preliminary registration on October 4th. There will be no bells that day and students will be dismissed by 11:30 AM.

On Wednesday morning before testing, the Junior Homeroom Moderators will be hosting the annual Junior Class PSAT Breakfast in the Student Dining Room. This breakfast runs between 7 and 7:30 AM and then the juniors will report for testing. There are no classes for seniors on October 11th and the freshman class will have a retreat.

Grades

Report cards will be available to be viewed online on Thursday, October 12th. The student's GPA is based on the semester and not midterm grades.

Open House

An exciting Saturday is ahead for the Nazareth Community with our Open House on October 14th. Admissions interviews are already underway and every interview in the past that I have conducted, either the student, the parent, or both, mentioned how impressed they were by our teachers, staff, students, and parents at the Open House and Shadow Days. For those working at the event, please consult any directives provided.

School Nurse

If your daughter has a medical concern, please complete the updated medical information. This form must be completed for every school year (cannot be carried over). If you are permitting the nurse to administer acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin), please complete the Student Medical Emergency Form. If this paperwork is not on file in the Health Room, medication may not be given. Please sign and print out a hard copy to be returned to the nurse. These forms can be found in the student section on the website (medical). I am also attaching this file if you would prefer to download it here.

Thank you for entrusting your daughters to us.

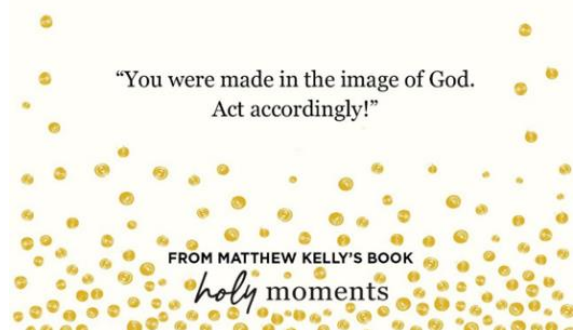
From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Next week is our Fall Open House and as of Friday there are over 160 students registered. That is almost a 20% increase over last year. At the NAPA meeting, there were a few questions. So I want to provide an update on three items:

- Seniors receive their yearbooks as part of the graduation fee and do not need to order.
- Juniors are entitled to 2 Ring Mass tickets.
- The Senior Prom date will be shared once the Phillies confirm which date we submitted is approved.

Thought for the Week



Admissions Office

Open House Signs

There are still too many Open House signs in our office, and we need more in the community! Please stop by the Main Office to pick up an Open House lawn sign for your lawn or for a place of business.

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

Fashion Show

Thank you to all who attended the Fashion Show earlier today. No surprise....our student models were fabulous!

Candy Apple Sale

The perfect gift for your holiday host, a festive addition to trim your Thanksgiving table, or something sweet to snack on by a fall firepit. Unique flavors to satisfy every palate. [Click the link](#) to order 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 of Campus Ministry

- Thank you to all who read and participated in Thursday's Celebrate Life Prayer Service. The warmth of God's love was evident in the both the weather and in your joyful presence!



- Thank you to last week's Caring For Friends volunteers. Director Danielle Flynn cannot speak more highly of the work ethic of our students! You represent the very best of NAHS in generosity and goodwill! See Laci Gillespie's emails to sign up for future Monday CFF trips.
- On Tuesday, five Naz students are headed to the farm in Redeemer Valley. These stalwart students endured the heat and humidity to clear a bed of dying sweet potatoes and ready it for garlic planting, which this week's student volunteers will undertake. You go student farmers! Casey Derouin is the point person for this continuous service opportunity. Please look for her email to sign up for future Tuesday trips to the farm.
- All students interested in the St. Lucy Email Buddies Program are meeting at Activity Period in the CSC room. We need 37 Naz students for this program, to meet the need of the 37 St. Lucy's students who would like to establish a pen pal friend, so please feel free to join us on Monday at Activity Period!
- Reminder: Face to Face trip on Sunday, October 29 for Food Prep from 10:00 to 1:00. Face to Face Volunteer Coordinator Becky Messa has opened up spots for more students. Look for an email from Kassandra Garro for sign-ups for the remaining spots. Thank you.
- Pandas for Life are hosting a SPA DAY for the Moms of Saint Margaret of Costello Home on October 25th at 6:00 p.m. Any student interested this opportunity to support these moms with an evening of self-care and the comforts of a spa experience, please let me know! Thank you!



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DA8A82FA6FFC25-44840316-celebrate>

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

American Red Cross Blood Drive

A huge thank you to John Marchese and the NHS officers for reinstating the Blood Drive here at Nazareth. They did an amazing job and surpassed their goal for collection! The NHS wanted to sincerely thank all those who came out to help or donate!

NHS

NHS is offering drop in tutoring for all subjects during activity period in room 324.

- Mondays: English
- Tuesdays: Science
- Wednesdays: Social Studies
- Thursdays: Spanish
- Fridays: Italian or French

Pink Out

Our 2023 Pink Out will take place on October 20th. Please click [here](#) to order this year's pink shirt. All orders must be received by October 11th. On October 20th, you may wear your pink shirt to school or some other pink shirt to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Proceeds from the pink shirt sale will go to GoPink. GoPink creates care packages for local breast cancer patients. Packages include: meal gift cards, mastectomy pillows, port pillows, hats, activity books, insulated cups, and t-shirts; these packages are intended to lift the spirits of the brave women in our area battling breast cancer.



Thank you for your support!

Junior PSAT Breakfast

The PSAT test is on Wednesday, October 11th.

We are going to have a “Junior Breakfast” in the Student Dining Room that morning. Breakfast will begin at 7:00 AM.

Juniors, please report to the Student Dining Room upon your arrival to school.

We are asking that you help with the breakfast foods by bringing the following items for sharing on the morning of the test:

- 1B - Paper goods (cups, napkins, plates, forks, knives, spoons) & fruit.
- 2B - Cereal Bars, granola bars, power bars, etc.
- 3B - Beverages (orange juice, cranberry juice, apple juice, milk, chocolate milk, etc.)
- 4B - Bagels (also includes butter and cream cheese)

The Dining Car has kindly offered to donate some items as well!

After breakfast, please report to your designated testing room by 7:40 AM.

Thank you for your cooperation! Best of luck!

Thank you! Have a great week! Go Pandas...and Phillies and Eagles! God bless!

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum, Director

Class of 2025 Parent/Guardian College Information Night

When: October 17th from 6:30PM-8:00PM

Where: Performing Arts Center (PAC)

[RSVP](#) by October 13th!

PSAT Testing for Sophomore and Junior Students on October 11th

Students should bring the electronic device they will be using to take the PSAT to school with them on October 11th. This device has the necessary bluebook application installed and pre-administration has been completed. **Students need to make sure this device is updated and fully charged. They should bring their chargers with them as well.** Students who are borrowing a device from school will receive it that morning.

They can use their own calculator, but a calculator is built into the bluebook application for their use. They will be provided with scratch paper, but they should have their own pen or pencil. Students are encouraged to bring water and a snack as well. Like a normal school day, they should wear the appropriate uniform and they need to be in their testing room no later than 7:45 AM. Dismissal is approximately 11:30 AM.

NACAC College Fair

Open to students in grades 9-12!

When: October 14th from 11:00am-3:00 PM

Where: Pennsylvania Convention Center Hall B

Registration [link](#); View participating colleges [here](#).

"Navigating the Future of College Admission Testing" Webinar

If you were not able to attend this webinar on September 26th, here is the link to the recording: [Philly Schools Webinar – September 2023 on Vimeo](#)

Class of 2024 Instant Decision & Interview Days

La Salle: Instant Decision!

Students were supposed to register for this event through Scoir by 10/6. If your student wants to participate but did not register, please have them contact their college counselor by the end of the school day 10/9. Students need to apply to La Salle by midnight on 10/9 in order to receive a decision.

Holy Family: Instant Decision!

Students need to register through Scoir by 10/9 and apply to HFU by 10/11.

SJU: Interview!

Students need to register through Scoir by 10/10 and apply to SJU (if they want to) by 10/13.

Jefferson: Instant Decision! See the note below about programs that they cannot give decisions for.

Students need to register through Scoir by 10/27 and apply to Jefferson by 10/31.

"We wouldn't be able to give decisions for the Occupational Therapy program (Interviews are required, but we can let students know if they've been invited to interview), and for the 4+2 PA program (unique deadline of December 1st and decisions are released in January)."

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

The 2023 Nazareth Academy golf team completed a successful 1st season in the PCL.

Advancing to the District 12 playoffs, they again won the AA Championship. Unfortunately, their overall score came up just short of advancing to States per PIAA guidelines. Adriana Seravalli '27 has qualified to advance in the individual girl's category.



Congratulations to varsity soccer for their victories over Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast, Gwynedd Mercy Academy, and Conwell Egan. Congratulations to junior varsity soccer for their wins over Archbishop Carroll and Conwell Egan.

Congratulations to tennis for their victory over Little Flower on senior day. We are so proud of our tennis team for advancing to Philadelphia Catholic League semi-finals on 10/10/23.

Our cross country team celebrated their seniors after their meet at Belmont Plateau. Congratulations to our junior varsity volleyball team for their victory over St. Hubert.

Early Dismissals

- Tuesday 10/10/23 - Tennis will have an early dismissal for their away match.
- Wednesday 10/11/23 - Cross country will have an early dismissal for their meet at Belmont Plateau.
- **These are subject to change due to weather cancellations and rescheduling.