

The Naz Newsletter



Nazareth Academy High School Parent Update

October 1, 2023

Prayer stimulates the growth of fidelity.

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

-Luke 16:31



THIS WEEK

Monday, October 2: A Schedule

Tuesday, October 3: A Schedule; NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM; Deficiency Reports Returned

Wednesday, October 4: Extended Homeroom Schedule, PSAT Pre-Administration

Thursday, October 5: Special C Schedule- Prayer Service; Adoration/ Blood Drive

Friday, October 6: A Schedule; Close of Mid-Fall Grades

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Friday, October 13: No Classes, Offices Open

Saturday, October 14: Fall Open House; 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

Adoration and Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Every Thursday, thanks to Mrs. Theresa Stanton, we now have weekly Adoration in our beautifully decorated Chapel.

Thank you to Mrs. Theresa Hartey for arranging our Club Fair and for her benevolence in organizing Alex's Lemonade Stand.



Academics

- Deficiency Reports should be signed and sent back to the issuing teacher by October 3rd.
- Any student who receives more than one deficiency report will have her counselor arrange a meeting with the parent(s), issuing teachers, counselor, and me. The counselor will notify all involved and arrange a mutually agreed meeting time.
- Mid-Fall grades close October 6th.
- Mid-Fall reports are available online on October 12th.

Wednesday, October 4

Extended Homeroom

Homeroom: 7:40-8:27; PSAT Pre-Administration After Prayers and Announcements

Block 1: 8:30-9:45

1A: 8:30-9:06

1B: 9:09-9:45

Block 2: 9:48-11:03

2A: 9:48-10:24

2B: 10:27-11:03

Activity Period: 11:06-11:35

Block 3: 11:38-12:53

3A: 11:38-12:14

3B: 12:17-12:53

Block 4: 12:56-2:10

4A: 12:56-1:32

4B: 1:35-2:10

Thursday, October 5

Prayer Service, Holy Rosary Respect Life Month / Special C

Homeroom: 7:40-7:57

Block 1: 8:00 -9:11

1A: 8:00-8:34

1B: 8:37-9:11

Special Event: 9:14-9:54

Block 2: 9:57-11:08

2A: 9:57-10:31

2B: 10:34-11:08

Activity Period: 11:11-11:42

Block 3: 11:45-12:56

3A: 11:45-12:19

3B: 12:22-12:56

Block 4: 12:59-2:10

4A: 12:59-1:33

4B: 1:36-2:10

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

The month of September has been filled with our board committee meetings. As we reflect on last year and what possibilities lie before us, there is much to be excited about. At our Finance Committee meeting, they were amazed at all work being done to invest in our infrastructure.

Yesterday we held our Strategic Planning Retreat Day with nearly 50 participants. It was a great day, and our Strategic Planning Committee is well-positioned to begin writing our plan for the future!

Thought for the Week

What a difference it makes when we follow our faith!



Admissions Office

Open House Signs

There are still too many Open House signs in our office, and we need more in the community! 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.

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 to help make our raffle baskets a huge success. [Here is the link](#) to order your tickets for family and friends.

NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

General Parent Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM

Ms. Sophie Escario, Director of Marketing & Communications will be on hand to speak about how Nazareth uses social media, as well as the process of sending in pictures of all activities, including sporting events to share with our Nazareth family. If you attend at least 6 of the 8 meetings, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition raffle. If you are a senior parent, you will receive a check for \$500 to use towards your daughter's college expenses. Attend all 8 and receive additional submissions for the raffle. [RSVP here](#).

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 that will feature ads. If you would like to purchase tickets or become a sponsor for the event, please [click here](#).

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.

Panda Perk

Come enjoy a Dirty Banana, the flavor of the month *Almond Joy*, or one of the many other delicious flavors on Thursday, October 5th beginning at 6:45 AM. We will be offering our new Javasoks, to help keep your coffee cold and the cup from sweating for \$16. We hope to see you as you drop your daughters off at school! Mrs. LePera can't wait for her Hazelnut...last month she bought 2 😊



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



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. It is also Respect Life Month. Every October, Catholics more conscientiously contemplate the unquestionable value of each human life and renew efforts to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. This Thursday we will gather in Chapel for a Student-led Celebrate Life Prayer service. Please remember your blazers.



Faculty and staff will continue to gather on Mondays at dismissal to pray a decade of the Rosary and students, always welcome to stop into Chapel, are specifically encouraged to gather at Activity Period on Wednesdays to pray a decade of the Rosary during this Month of the Rosary and Respect for Life.

Are you ready to....



*More info to follow about this 10/12 event.
sponsored by the Pandas for Life.*





Thanks to this group of students who stocked refrigerators and labeled food containers this week. There is an ongoing need for volunteers at CFF. If you are looking to a group service project for your team or club, colleagues, or friend group, check out the following QR code for info.



Students who expressed an interest in the October 29th Face to Face service trip should look for an email from Mrs. Stanton with a permission form for this event.

Thanks to Casey Derouin for taking on the role of liaison with Redeemer Farm for Naz student service. Students who signed up for the first trip to the Redeemer Valley Farm set for Tuesday after dismissal, please make sure to get your permission slip into Mrs. Stanton. You may do so electronically. Please remember to bring a change of clothes to school on Tuesday, especially footwear. Farms are messy!



Redeemer Valley Farm

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Club Fair

Our Club Fair generated wonderful enthusiasm and excitement on Wednesday! Please encourage your daughters to continue to pursue these clubs and activities. Please have them reach out to me if they need any assistance.

Alex's Lemonade Stand

Thank you so much! As a result of your beautiful generosity, we were able to raise more than \$700 for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation during Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Digital Citizenship Pledge

Next week, we will distribute [Digital Citizenship Pledges](#) for all students to sign. These pledges are a wonderful way to remind our students to always choose kindness, especially in the digital world.

Dress Down Day

Next Friday we will have a \$5 Dress Down Day to support the Fashion Show.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

As you may know from the weekly update sent out last Sunday, the NHS is running an in-school blood drive on Thursday, October 5th from 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM in the gym. The link to reserve an appointment, height and weight requirements, and health prescreening is linked below. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to sign up! Also, if your daughter is 16 years old and has signed up to donate, they **must** have the parent permission form filled out (also attached.) There are 18 out of 63 appointments open, however, more

appointments can be added once we have fulfilled the minimum number of donors. "Fall into giving blood" runs through October 1-20 which means donors get a \$15 gift card via email! If you do choose to donate, please drink plenty of water and eat before donating. Also, keep in mind that Iron levels are tested before donation so make sure to eat iron-rich foods the days leading up to your appointment. Thank you!
Height and Weight requirements:

Link to reserve an appointment: [Schedule an Appointment](#)

Junior Breakfast

The PSAT test on October 11th is quickly approaching. The junior homeroom moderators would like to assist with preparations for the day. We are going to have a "Junior Breakfast" in the Student Dining Room on the day of the PSAT. It is important for you to have a good breakfast on the day of this test to help you stay focused and use your maximum brain power. Breakfast will begin at 7:00 AM. Juniors, please report to the Student Dining Room upon arrival to school. We are asking that you bring breakfast food on the morning of the test. See below. After breakfast, please report to your designated testing room by 7:40. Thank you for your cooperation!

Homeroom Assignments for the Junior Breakfast

- 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)

Have a wonderful week! Thank you for all that you do! Go Pandas! Go Phillies! God bless!

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum, Director

PSAT Pre-administration Session for Sophomore and Junior Students on October 4th

Students should bring the electronic device they will be using to take the PSAT to school with them on October 4th. This device should already have the bluebook application installed on it and should be fully charged. Please encourage your students to bring their chargers with them that day as well. If your student is borrowing a device from school, they will be given a device during the session. Students will be completing a device readiness check and will be filling out preliminary information within the bluebook application to prepare for the October 11th PSAT.

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 will already have the necessary bluebook application installed and pre-administration will already have 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 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 11:00 AM - 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 Days and Interview Day

La Salle University Instant Decision Day

When: October 16th

Register through Scoir by: October 6th

Apply to La Salle by: October 9th

Details: Students will interview with our admissions representative and receive an admission decision.

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.

Thomas Jefferson University Instant Decision Day

When: November 7th

Register through Scoir by: October 27th

Apply to Jefferson by: October 31st

Details: Students will interview with our admissions representative and receive an admission decision on this day for most majors.

Class of 2024 Financial Aid

The FAFSA is legally required to be released by midnight on December 31st. While you can't complete a FAFSA application now, you and your student can [create](#) FSA IDs, which act as your electronic signature when completing the FAFSA. Creating these IDs now will allow you to complete the FAFSA sooner after it opens in December. If you were not able to attend the PHEAA night on September 26th, here is the contact information for the PHEAA speaker: Fran McKeown, frances.mckeown@pheaa.org.

Other Resources that Fran suggested:

- PHEAA toll-free number: 800-692-7392
- Federal Student Aid Info Center: 800-433-3243
- [Student Aid 101 \(educationplanner.org\)](https://www.educationplanner.org)
- [MySmartBorrowing](#)

College Counseling Caseload Reminder

Class of 2024

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Acevedo - Heletkanycz; Rachuba - Ruddick; Zdunkiewicz

Ms. Kaloudis: Hogan - Pizzo; Santiago - Winning

Class of 2025

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Albert, Alvarez; Brazukas - Brow; Cancellier - McCaffery

Ms. Kaloudis: Braddock, Burke; McColgan - Wnek

Class of 2026

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Adamchak - Martin; Thornton

Ms. Kaloudis: Mastrosante - Stratton; Tomes - Woltjen

Class of 2027

Mrs. Scheerbaum: Altieri - Mastil

Ms. Kaloudis: McCann - Zhang

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director



In their first season competing in the Philadelphia Catholic League (PCL), our golf team won the Girls Catholic League Championship and finished 1st overall in the regular season. Led by All-Catholic selection, freshman Adriana Seravalli, co-captains Casey Stone and Anna Woltjen, and senior Ava Pizzo, the team was very competitive against the boys' and girls' teams. The success of their season could not have been made possible without each team member's contributions. Those student-athletes are Kathryn Rakowski, Riley Gallen, Ryleigh Cassidy, Megan Unger, Maura Champion, Sloan Schreiber, Valentina McColgan, and Jaclyn Donnelly. Congratulations and continued success as they play in district playoffs on Tuesday.

Congratulations to tennis for their victory over Little Flower on Senior Day. Congratulations to varsity soccer for their victories over Little Flower and Bonner & Prendie. Congratulations to varsity and junior varsity volleyball for their victories over St. John Neumann and Maria Goretti.

Early Dismissals

- Monday 10/2/23 - Soccer will have an early dismissal for their away game at Archbishop Carroll.
- Tuesday 10/3/23 - 5 members of the golf team will be competing in district playoffs for most of the school day.
- Wednesday 10/4/23 – JV Soccer will dismiss early for a game at Archbishop Wood.
- Thursday 10/5/23 - Tennis will have an early dismissal for their away match at Lansdale Catholic.