

The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

November 19, 2023

To advance the welfare of the Mission we ought not to hesitate to provide every assistance. -Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd

“They will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name.” - Luke 19:10

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 13: A Schedule; Music Scholarship Auditions

Tuesday, November 14: A Schedule

Wednesday, November 15: A Schedule

Thursday, November 16: A Schedule

Friday, November 17: A Schedule; [Father Daughter Dance](#) 7:00-10:00 PM

Saturday, November 18: All Year Reunion 6:00-10:00 PM

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 19: [Alumnae Mass and Breakfast](#) 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Monday, November 20: Final Fall Deficiency Reports Sent Out. (These reports are due signed and returned to the issuing teachers by Monday, November 27th).

Tuesday, November 21: Mother Foundress and Thanksgiving Mass, Powder Puff Football Game, Special Schedule, 2:10 PM Dismissal

Wednesday, November 22 – Friday, November 24: Thanksgiving Break, No Classes; Offices Closed

Wednesday, November 29: B Schedule, Faculty Meeting

Tuesday, December 5: [NAPA General Meeting](#), 6:30 PM

Friday, December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, No Classes; Offices Closed, Snowball Dance, 7 PM

From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

Thank you to Theresa Stanton for the beautiful Junior Ring Mass and for leading our Junior Day Retreat on Friday. Many thanks to Natalie Graveley, Kerstin Greenewald, and the junior homeroom moderators, Grace Scarpello, Chris Matase, Karen Peyton, and Carolyne Heston for organizing all that is associated with a memorable Ring Day Celebration. Congratulations to our Juniors and their parents!

From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Our Ring Mass for the Class of 2025 was a wonderful celebration. The Nazareth ring represents what makes our students the extraordinary young women that they are. It carries with it the core values of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth...faithful listening, loving relationships and recognizing God in the everyday.

On Ring Day the sisterhood of Nazareth was celebrated across the country when our alumnae fondly remembered their own ring day with the same excitement for the contributions, achievements, and leadership of our Class of 2025. Many of them wore their rings proudly that day, made a gift in honor of our juniors, and offered a prayer for the Class of 2025.

Our traditions are a vital part of the Nazareth experience. That ring represents all those traditions we hold dear, and continually enhances and enriches the top-notch academic, spiritual, and family atmosphere provided to our students.



Grateful for Each of You

According to the Oxford Dictionary there is a difference between being grateful and thankful. When we are thankful, we are pleased and relieved. When we are grateful, we show an appreciation of kindness. One is a feeling, and one is an action. Please know that we are grateful to all our parents – current and alumnae parents – for their support of our Ring Day of Giving honoring our traditions and the Class of 2025. Your commitment of time, talent and treasure goes a long way in making a difference to our Nazareth students.

May we live each day grateful for all of God's blessings.

"PIGLET NOTICED THAT EVEN THOUGH HE HAD A
VERY SMALL HEART, IT COULD HOLD A RATHER
LARGE AMOUNT OF GRATITUDE."

— A.A. MILNE, WINNIE-THE-POOH



Advancement Office

Mrs. Terri Evans

Alumnae Mass and Communion Breakfast | Sunday, November 19 ~ 10 AM

Every year we honor an alumna and a faculty/staff member who exemplify our mission of embracing faith, family and education while living out the core values of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth: faithful listening, loving relationships and recognizing God in the every day. The awards are named for Mother Foundress and Sr. Neomisias, Nazareth's first principal. With that, I am thrilled to announce this year's honorees:

Mother Foundress Alumna Award
Eileen Hurley, Esq. '89

Sr. Neomisias Faculty Staff Award
Mrs. Kerstin Greenewald

NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

Father Daughter Dance Volunteers

Help make this year's Father Daughter Dance a success [by signing up to volunteer](#)! Join us in supporting this special tradition! You can purchase tickets for the dance [here](#).

Christmas Sale

NAPA is getting ready for Christmas! From wreaths and garland, to poinsettias, and wrapping paper - [the NAPA Christmas Sale has everything for this upcoming holiday season!](#) Be sure to grab this year's beautiful Nazareth ornament designed by a proud Panda grandparent with the iconic school tower on one side and the Nazareth crest on the other.

We will also be offering a 5 inch in red or white poinsettia which will be placed in the Chapel for the Christmas season. These purchases can be made in memory or honor of someone. The cost for these poinsettias will be \$12. Pickup for poinsettias, ornaments, and wreaths/garlands will be on **Saturday, December 2nd from 8:30 AM to 10 AM in the Nazareth Academy Student Dining Room.**

NAPA General Parent Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 PM

Mollye Readinger-Scott, MA, is an ICF certified coach, and experienced trainer and facilitator who has been presenting for Minding Your Mind since 2015. Mollye along with Kelly A. will speak at the December 5th NAPA General Parent Meeting on the topic of mental health.

[Please join us for this compelling presentation.](#) Please bring a friend and earn extra entries for each friend you bring for the meeting incentive raffle. We hope to see you there!

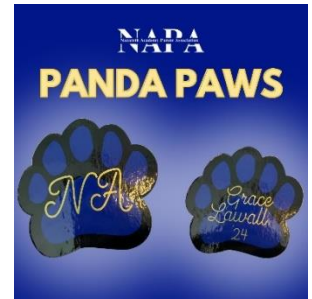
If you attend at least 6 of the 8 meetings, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition raffle. If you are a senior parent you will receive a check for \$500 to use towards your daughter's college expenses. Attend all 8 and receive additional submissions for the raffle.

We will have light refreshments with a Christmas theme for this meeting.

Panda Paw Sale

NAPA is selling Panda Paws that will be displayed on the Student Dining Room wall for the duration of your daughter's time at Nazareth Academy. These will be attached to the wall with a velcro adhesive allowing your daughter to take the Panda Paw with her upon graduation.

[Join us in this special fundraiser to decorate the Student Dining Room with Panda Pride!](#)



Snowball Dance

Nazareth, Nazareth are you ready?! We hope to see you at the Snowball Dance for a flurry of fun and making memories with your Nazareth sisters!

[RSVP by December 1st](#). If you are bringing a guest, [please complete the guest permission form](#) and return it to the Main Office as well. We hope to see you at the Snowball Dance!

Nazareth Banners

Show your Nazareth pride by repping one of our new Nazareth Academy High School banners! Whether you use it at home, down the shore, or in any fun location... you will be representing the Nazareth community in style! Banners are \$60 each. [Click here to purchase a banner](#).

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 the Registrar/Academic Dean

Ms. Theresa Ennis

It is hard to believe that the close of the Fall Semester is quickly approaching. GPAs and honors are calculated on semester grades. Final deficiency reports for the Fall Semester will be issued before the Thanksgiving break. Please continue to review your daughter's grades on PowerSchool. Exams will be administered from December 18th until December 20th. The exam schedule is given below. During exam days, your daughters only need be at Naz when they are scheduled to take the exam. Seniors who have received an A-/A at the Mid-Fall marking column and currently have an A/A- in the last full week of classes may be exempt from final exams at the discretion of their teachers. For any class that is a prerequisite for a future class, a final exam must be taken. For classes that run for the full academic year, August until May, Mid-Term Exams will be taken in December.

NAHS December Examination Schedule

Monday, December 18 (2–60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell
8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 and Block 1 Classes meeting M, W, F
9:40-10:40 AM Blocks 2, 2a and Block 2b

Tuesday, December 19 (2–60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell 8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:30-9:30 AM Block 3 and Block 3A
9:40-10:40 AM Block 4 and Block 4 Classes meeting M, W, F

Wednesday, December 20 (3–60-minute examinations)

8:10 AM Warning Bell 8:15 AM PRAYERS, ATTENDANCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS
8:30-9:30 AM Block 1 Class meeting T, Th, F 9:40-10:40 AM
Block 3B 10:50-11:50 AM
Block 4 Class meeting T, Th, F

Thursday, December 21: EXAM MAKE-UP DAY

NO SCHOOL-FACULTY CLERICAL DAY
GRADES DUE BY 2:00 PM

From the Office of Student Life

Mrs. Theresa Hartey, Assistant Principal

Father Daughter Dance

[Join us for the 2023 Father Daughter Dance!](#)

- \$85 for Father & Daughter
- \$25 for each additional Daughter

Ticket price includes dinner, dessert, beverages, and live DJ. 50/50 chances will be available the night of the dance as well. We look forward to seeing you there for a night of dancing and fun!

Powder Puff

The juniors and seniors will battle it out on Tuesday, November 21st during our annual Powder Puff Football game. We are selling shirts for this special occasion. [Please place your order by Monday, November 13th.](#)

We will see who emerges victorious in this year's game!

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director

What a wonderful Junior Ring Mass and Day! The amazing Class of 2025 enjoyed their Junior retreat this past Friday, enjoying one another's company and celebrating their rings and the Nazareth sisterhood.



From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum, Director

Congratulations to our 9 seniors who participated in the Thomas Jefferson University Instant Decision Day! All were accepted!

College Guidance Network Webinar

When: 11/19 at 8:00pm

Topic: The Price You Pay for College

Register [here](#).

Financial Aid Reminders for the Class of 2024

The FAFSA is set to open by December 31st at midnight. Once we know an official date, we will let you know. In the meantime, you can create your [FSA ID](#); both you and your student need one. This acts as your digital signature for the application.

Once you complete the FAFSA, you can complete the PA State Grant [Application](#).

Standardized Testing

Our friends at Revolution Prep are excited to support our students by sharing a \$200 Gift Card to use toward a tutoring package of your choosing (if you purchase in November, they're giving an additional \$50 off- \$250 total).

We also have a partnership with Revolution Prep so your student can take free practice tests: [Nazareth Academy High School | Revolution Prep](#)

If your family is looking to pursue tutoring to elevate student success in the coming year, there are plenty of options. You should find the fit that is best for you, though I can say that Revolution Prep is well regarded. They focus on establishing relationships with students and families while breaking down learning barriers and building confidence at the same time.

The gift card can be used on tutoring programs that will help you:

- close academic learning gaps and accelerate learning
- prep for projects, quizzes, essays, and high-stakes tests (PSAT, **ACT, SAT, AP exams**)
- build strong study habits and interpersonal skills
- get organized, work on time management and chunking assignments, plus much more!

To learn more about the ways Revolution Prep can support you, click the link: [2023-HOLIDAY GC-Flyer \(hubspotusercontent-na1.net\)](#)

If you're ready to receive your \$200 Revolution Prep gift card, visit the page below: [Your free Revolution Prep gift card is waiting! | Revolution Prep](#)

Students can also use the Bluebook application and their free Khan [Academy](#) accounts for test prep along with other paid options like [Kaplan](#), Test [Innovators](#), and Huntington Learning [Center](#).

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

If you are interested in trying out for a winter sport, [please be sure to register on Family ID](#), pay the athletic fee for your sport, and submit your PIAA physical form to Morgan Hooven, our athletic trainer, in the athletic department. Please have all steps completed by 11/15/23.

If you have any questions about winter sports, please reach out to the head coach. Their email addresses can be found on the athletics portion of our website.