

# The Naz Newsletter



*A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff*

**December 3, 2023**

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Monday, December 4:** Dress Down for CSFN Mission in Ghana | A Schedule | Varsity Mathlete Competition

**Tuesday, December 5:** A Schedule | Academic Council 2:15, Physics Lab | NAPA General Meeting, 6:30 PM

**Wednesday, December 6:** B Schedule | Department Meetings

**Thursday, December 7:** C Schedule, Polar Express | Twilight Retreat and Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception

**Friday, December 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception - NO CLASSES | Snowball Dance, 7 PM



**Wednesday, December 13:** NAPA Jingle Bell Brunch 9:00 AM-1:00 PM | Class of 2028 Accepted Students Night 6:00-8:00 PM

**Thursday, December 14:** C Schedule, Advent Christmas Liturgy | Christmas Concert 7:00-9:00 PM

**Friday, December 15:** C Schedule, In-School Christmas Concert | 2:15 Advent Angel Exchange, Christmas Party

## From the Office of the Principal

***Mrs. Patricia Quinn***

### Twilight Retreat Dinner

You will soon be receiving a Google doc from Michele Kelly. Please respond so that we can order dinner for the correct number of attendees.

### Christmas is in the Air!

Advent Angels have been in full flight this week as our internal Angels have been very generous to each other so far. Many thanks to Sister Boguslawka for beautifully decorating our hallways and throughout the school.

### Senior Prom

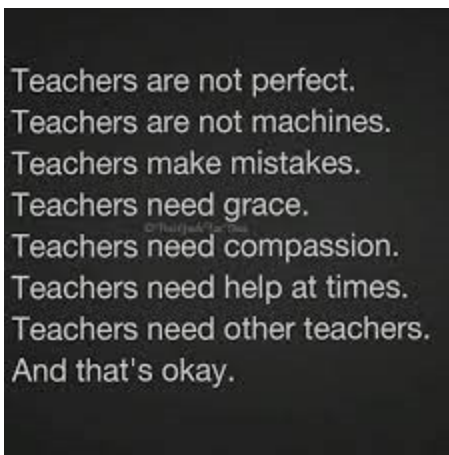
The Senior Prom will be held on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Citizens Bank Park! Mark your calendars. Thank you to Mrs. Hartey and the senior moderators for their work in arranging this spectacular event.

## Clothing Drive

Sarah Ratka '24 will be running a clothing drive/thrift store this winter, run by your daughters' donations. Any money collected through the sale will be donated to The Monkey and The Elephant Café, which helps Philadelphia teens aging out of the foster care system with gaining career & life skills. If your daughters are interested in donating, please collect clean, bagged clothing and bring them to Room 222.

## **From the Office of the President**

***Mrs. Denise LePera***



I came across this meme recently and thought how very true it is. But really, doesn't it apply to moms, dads, friends, co-workers, siblings....None of us are perfect. We all need help. We need each other. But most importantly we all need grace and compassion. And that's okay.

In the season of Christmas giving, let us always remember to give those in our lives the grace and compassion they need, so that when we need it, they will give us the grace and compassion that we so desperately need.

## Tag Day in Support of Our Sisters in Ghana

On Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, there is a Tag Day to support the 2023 Christmas Charity Fundraiser for the Mission School in Yamfo. The school educates 290 students. The global economic crisis caused the prices of the school supplies to double and triple in Ghana. To provide the Catholic Education for the families in great hardship, the sisters reached out to the NAHS community for help in sponsoring the cost of the English textbooks that will enable them to continue the English program. The school needs 290 English textbooks at the price of \$4.50 each, which amounts to \$1,262.00 in total. English proficiency gives the students a greater chance for further education. Thank you in advance.



## **Advancement Office**

### **EITC/OSTC**

Why pay PA Taxes when you can direct those dollars to Nazareth students! Learn how you can redirect your PA tax dollars to fund tuition assistance for deserving students through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program.

It's a simple process and you receive up to 90% in Tax Credits of the donated amount.

Have questions? Want to start the process? Contact Denise LePera at 215-637-7676 or at [DLePera@NazarethAcademyHS.org](mailto:DLePera@NazarethAcademyHS.org).

### **NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24**

#### **NAPA General Parent Meeting ~ Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 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 six of the eight 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 eight and receive additional submissions for the raffle.

We will have light refreshments with a Christmas theme for this meeting. **In addition, there will be a dress down day on January 19, 2024 for all students whose parent(s) attend this December meeting!**

### **Panda Perks**

Panda Perks will be back on Thursday, December 7. Please join us in the Gym Lobby from 6:45-7:30 AM for an iced coffee to get your day started. The cost is just \$5. The flavor of the month is Peppermint Mocha.

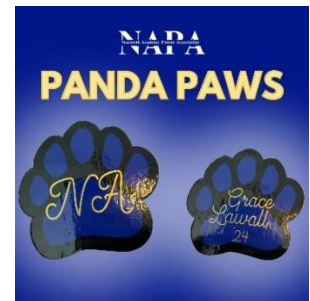
### **MoMA & Broadway NYC Trip**

On **Wednesday March 13, 2024**, Nazareth students can join Mrs. Shaw and the Art Department for a fun filled day appreciating the Arts in New York City. The day will begin at The Museum of Modern Art, where students can view modern and contemporary art, including Wyeth Christina's World and Claude Monet's Water Lilies. Then dine together while viewing priceless artifacts from Elvis and The Beatles at the Hard Rock Café. Finally, heading to the Shoenfeld Theater to watch the brand-new Broadway musical, The Notebook. The day will begin at 7:30am boarding the tour bus at Nazareth, and end at 7:30pm in the Nazareth parking lot. Students will need a ride home at the end of the day.

\$215 includes: MoMA admission, Lunch at the Hard Rock Café, The Notebook Tickets and Transportation. Please click [here](#) for more information regarding the trip and the permission form.

### **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! If you are bringing a guest, please complete the guest permission form and return it to the Main Office. We hope to see you at the Snowball Dance!

### **NAPA End of the Year 50/50**

The End of Year 50/50 drawing will be held on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Grand prize will be \$2,023! Looking forward to starting 2024 off with a bang!



### **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](mailto:NAPA@NazarethAcademyHS.org) for more information or with any questions.

## From the Office of the Registrar/Academic Dean

### Ms. Theresa Ennis

#### 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*

#### Naz-A-Thon

The Kendra Scott *online code* starts Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Use code **GIVEBACK-FJBIG** to ensure that 20% of sales goes to Naz-A-Thon.

We are holding our first board night on December 7<sup>th</sup>! It's \$10 to play board games, \$20 to paint, or \$25 for both! All paint order forms are due on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own charcuterie board and enjoy some Christmas Karaoke!

The last day to purchase tickets for our Flyers game is December 20<sup>th</sup>. Purchase tickets using [this link!](#)

The last day to purchase tickets for our Sixers game is December 28<sup>th</sup>. Purchase tickets through [this link.](#)

We are holding an Eagles ticket raffle! Chances are for 2 tickets in section 111 row 8 for the game on December 31<sup>st</sup> when they play the Arizona Cardinals. Tickets are \$20 for one chance and \$50 for three chances. Come to room 213 to purchase your chances. The winner will be selected on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**From the Office of Campus Ministry**  
***Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director***



*"Prepare we in our hearts a home  
Where such a mighty Guest may come."*

These words appear in the Advent hymn *On Jordan's Banks*, which dates back to 1690 and hails from Hamburg, Germany. We claim them now as this year's Advent theme. Piggybacking off of our spiritual theme for the 2023-2024 school year from the writings of the Foundress, Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd, "May Jesus be pleased to dwell in your heart," this year's theme goes to the HEART of the reason for the season.

At all times and in all circumstances, even on the back of a donkey or amid the smells of a stable, Mary's heart was always ready to welcome God, and particularly God made Man in the form of the Infant Christ. In today's Gospel, St. Mark encourages us to remain vigilant, like Mary, in both joy and trial, and to continuously ready our hearts for Jesus.



Reaching back, once again in time and across continents, we are encouraged to join Christians around the world in reciting the beautiful [Christmas Novena](#) which begins on the Feast of St. Andrew and is prayed throughout the Advent Season.

Our joy of the Advent Season overflows in generosity to others, and particularly of the less fortunate. In this spirit our school community will offer a few optional ways to spread Christmas joy.

Tomorrow's dress down day supports the mission of the Sisters of the Holy Family in Ghana, specifically to supply students in their two Primary Schools in Chirra and Yamfo with much needed textbooks.



CSC's Operation Santa Clause Drive is underway. All students are encouraged to support this drive by bringing one unwrapped toy to Homeroom tomorrow, December 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Each toy will be given to a child served by Good Saint Ann, an organization which ministers to the homeless youth of Philadelphia.



#### **CHRISTMAS ELVES NEEDED:**

1. The Del Val Vets home put out a late request for Nazareth volunteers to help decorate for Christmas tomorrow, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Any interested student, please contact Mrs. Stanton asap. Thank you! We would leave from Naz directly following dismissal and return at approximately 4:00 p.m. Students could earn two hours of service while bringing cheer to those who served our country.
2. Student help is still needed to wrap up this shipment of the Period Equity Project. Students work to fill over 750 bags for local women's shelters as part of the Period Equity Project. We will most likely need two more Activity Periods to complete the job, so check in to Room 218 on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you.



## From the Office of College Counseling *Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director*

### A Message from Greg Schrader at Revolution Prep

"We offer both free Practice Digital PSAT/SAT and our own [Sample Practice Digital SAT Score Report](#) detailed question by question analysis for students who received their results and are looking for specific areas of improvement needed with module information. In addition, we have our brand new '[PSAT, Now What?](#)' live webinars in November and December to help families understand the new adaptive test results. These webinars are recorded so if a date/time does not work for a family, they can still sign up and have the presentation emailed to them.

I also wanted to remind you of a special opportunity for you and your students. Until *December 22, 2023*, we're extending an offer of \$200 off our private or small group tutoring [packages](#). We understand the importance of providing personalized support to students, and we believe that this discount will make our services even more accessible to families.

### GEARS Day at the University of Pennsylvania

SWE is a national non-profit organization that aims to advocate and increase opportunities for women and gender minorities in engineering and technology fields. At the SWE chapter at Penn, they aim to do so by inviting high school aged students to their annual GEARS Day.

A purple poster for GEARS Day 2024. At the top left is the University of Pennsylvania logo and the text 'UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS PRESENTS'. The main title is 'GEARS DAY 2024' in large white letters, with 'SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024 AT UPENN' below it. A large white gear graphic is on the right side. A white box on the left contains the heading 'WHAT IS GEARS DAY?' and a bulleted list of activities. At the bottom left is a QR code and the text 'APPLY BY DEC 18TH, 2023' and 'https://tinyurl.com/GEARS2024'. At the bottom center is a white box with the text 'For more information, please contact pennswe.gears@gmail.com'.

On Saturday, January 27th, 2024, they will be hosting GEARS Day. It is a day-long, no-cost camp intended to educate high school students about engineering professions. The event is held on Penn's campus. Attendees will participate in hands-on workshops focusing on various engineering disciplines including bioengineering, chemical engineering, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and computer science. Students will also get a chance to hear from and speak with engineering professors and college students. They hope that this day will inspire attendees and show them that women and gender minorities are able to enter such fields with vast opportunities available to them.

They hope that students from Nazareth can attend GEARS Day this coming year and experience all of the amazing things engineering has to offer. They are releasing applications and will accommodate as many applicants as space



and resources allow for GEARS Day. All students are welcome to [apply](#). The application will close on December 18th. They will get back to each applicant with final decisions in early January.

## **From the Office of the Athletics**

***Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director***

Good luck to our basketball, indoor track and swimming and diving teams as they begin their winter sports season.

### **Early Dismissals**

Please excuse the basketball team at 1:55 pm on Tuesday 12/5/23 for their game at The Agnes Irwin School.