

The Naz Newsletter



A Weekly Update for Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff

December 10, 2023

“Since the Christmas holidays are near, I want to send you my warmest greetings... in this mystery, may Jesus permit you to participate in all the graces which He brought to the world and gave to us through His holy Nativity.”

-Blessed Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd



LOOKING AHEAD



Monday, December 11: A Schedule

Tuesday, December 12: Special C | Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 13: A Schedule | NAPA Jingle Bell Brunch for the Class of 2024 |
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

This will be the last update until January 7, 2024.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. God bless you and have a wonderful Christmas break!



From the Office of the Principal

Mrs. Patricia Quinn

From Pope Francis, December 24, 2022

A manger, the Christ Child's first resting place, can teach us a lot about the meaning of Christmas, Pope Francis said in his Christmas homily.

"In order to rediscover the meaning of Christmas, we need to look to the manger," he said on Dec. 24.

"Yet why is the manger so important? Because it is the sign, and not by chance, of Christ's coming into this world," he said. "It is how he announces his coming. It is the way God is born in history, so that history itself can be reborn."

May the joy of the Christmas story fill your heart with wonder, your life with purpose, and your home with warmth. Merry Christmas!



From the Office of the President

Mrs. Denise LePera

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the happiest, healthiest of New Years.

My hope is that you have more time for reflection, more family dinners, more time for self-care and good conversation.

May we keep Christmas alive in our hearts all year long! And as Tiny Tim said, in *A Christmas Carol*, "God Bless Us, Everyone"

True Meaning of Christmas

Charlie Brown: Isn't there anyone, who knows what Christmas is all about?!

Linus: "Sure Charlie Brown, I can tell you what Christmas is all about. Lights please?"

And there were in the same country shepherds, abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them! And they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all my people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, and good will toward men.



That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Business Office

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 account balances will be billed through FACTS on January 4th.**

Questions? Please contact Mrs. Miller at tmiller@NazarethAcademyHS.org or 215-268-1070.

Christmas Hours

Offices will close at 2:15 PM on December 15th so that our staff can celebrate at our annual Christmas luncheon.

So that staff can enjoy the Christmas season, the main office will be open on a limited basis. In order to provide responses to any concerns or issues, staff and administrators will be checking their emails and voicemails and will respond within 48 hours.

December 21st: Clerical Day | Offices Close at 2 pm

December 22nd: Offices Closed

December 25th & 26th: Offices Closed

December 27th, 28th & 29th: 9 am to 12 noon

January 1st & 2nd: Offices Closed

NAPA ~ Mrs. Ellen Lawall P '24

MoMA & Broadway NYC Trip

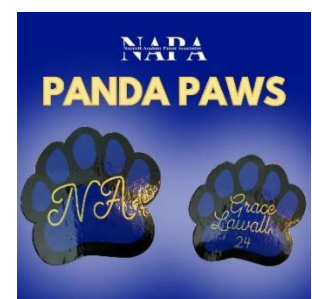
On **Wednesday March 13, 2024**, Nazareth students can join Mrs. Shaw and the Art Department for a fun filled day appreciating the Arts in New York City. The day will begin at The Museum of Modern Art, where students can view modern and contemporary art, including Wyeth Christina's World and Claude Monet's 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!



NAPA Ornament Sale

Order this one of a kind Christmas ball featuring a drawing of the beloved Nazareth Academy High School steeple. Artwork for this year's ornament was done by Charles Lucas, the proud grandfather of Grace Lawall '24. We know this will make a beautiful addition to your Christmas tree.

All ornaments come in a white keepsake box; \$25 per ornament. Purchase [here](#).



NAPA End of the Year 50/50

The End of Year 50/50 drawing will be held on December 27th. Grand prize will be \$2,024! Looking forward to starting 2024 off with a bang!



NFL Playoff Pool

Why wait for the big game when you can win big every game of the playoffs!?!? \$100 gives you a chance to win four times per game. New numbers are emailed prior to each game. For more information, please click [here](#). We all win when we support Nazareth!!



Craft Fair & Food Truck Festival

Looking for a way to get involved at Naz? Our [Festival](#) will be on Saturday, March 9, 2024. We are looking for committee members for this event. Time commitment is mostly the weekend of the event. Please reach out to Ellen Lawall at NAPA@nazarethacademyhs.org if you are interested in helping.



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

During exam week, students only come in for the exams they are scheduled to take, then they are permitted to go home for the day when they are finished taking their exam(s).

There is no homeroom period and students should report directly to the classroom for the exam they are taking (i.e. their Algebra 1 exam is given in their Algebra 1 classroom).

Attendance is recorded before each exam.

If students are scheduled to take an 8:30am exam, they can arrive between 8:10 - 8:15 and go directly to their classroom. If they are taking a 9:40 exam they can arrive at 9:30. Students who arrive prior to 9:30 must go directly

to the student dining room to wait until 9:30. If they are taking an 11:50 exam, they can arrive at 11:40.

Students are not permitted in the hallways or lockers during exam times (8:30 - 9:30, 10:40 - 11:40 on Monday & Tuesday and 8:30 - 9:30, 10:40 - 11:40 & 11:50 - 12:50 on Wednesday) to avoid distraction for those taking an exam.

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

Today, December 10th is the last day for the Kendra Scott Online code. Use code **GIVEBACK-FJBIG** to ensure that 20% of sales goes to Naz-A-Thon.

Naz-A-Thon is doing a night at the Flyers on December 21st; you can purchase tickets through the QR code in your homeroom, or you can use [this link](#). The deadline to buy tickets is on December 20th.

We are also doing a Naz-A-Thon Sixers game as well. The game is on January 15th, however the deadline to buy tickets is on December 28th. There are only a limited number of tickets available, so make sure to get your tickets soon [here](#).

We are selling Christmas ornaments! Pictures of the ornaments were posted on social media; you can purchase an ornament for \$5 in room 213.

We are having an Eagles Ticket Raffle; tickets are for the game on December 31st. Chances are one for \$20 and three for \$50. You can come to room 213 to purchase tickets.

We are raffling off a WAWA basket. Tickets are \$5, you can come to room 213 to buy a chance. The last day to buy raffle tickets is December 18th.



Downtown Christmas Trip

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.”—Buddy the Elf

After exams on Tuesday, December 19th, all students are invited to travel downtown to go to Reading Terminal Market, Christmas Village, and Macy’s.

We will have lunch at Reading Terminal Market, visit the shops at Christmas Village, and watch the Light Show at Macy’s. It is sure to be a fun-filled jolly afternoon!

Please sign up [here](#) if you would like to join us. The cost of the bus is \$20. You must register for the trip by Thursday, December 14th.



A quick look at this week’s **Christmas uniform add-ons!**

| UNIFORM ADD ONS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/11-12/15 | |
|--|---------------------------------|
| M | FESTIVE HATS |
| T | CHRISTMAS SOCKS |
| W | RED & GREEN OVER UNIFORM |
| T | UNIFORM WITH BLAZER FOR MASS |
| F | CHRISTMAS SWEATERS |

Dec. 11th Christmas hats

Dec. 12th Christmas socks

Dec. 13th Red and Green

Dec. 14th Christmas Mass/full uniform and blazers

Dec. 15th Sweaters

From the Office of Campus Ministry

Mrs. Theresa Stanton, Director

Thank you to Nicole Sojka (not pictured) Cameron Crumbock, Molly Kelly, Maeve Power, and Amy Van for braving the cold and damp weather on Monday afternoon to bring some Christmas joy on campus of the Del Val Vets Home by stringing hundreds of lights!





On Tuesday, students will be invited to go to Confession following our Advent Penance Service in preparation for our Christmas Liturgy on Thursday. Each student is encouraged to donate a gift which she will be able to present at Mass on Thursday as part of CSC's Operation Santa Toy Drive. Toys will be donated to Good Saint Ann to be shared with the many ministries they support which serve the homeless youth and struggling families of Philadelphia. **Please remember blazers for both Tuesday and Thursday, ladies!**

From the Office of College Counseling

Mrs. Alyssa Scheerbaum '12, Director

Class of 2024

If your student has received acceptance and scholarship information, please encourage her to send that information to her college counselor!

Please remember to create your [FSA ID](#) now in preparation for the release of the FAFSA application. You and your student need your own FSA IDs in order to complete and submit the FAFSA. The FAFSA should be available by midnight on 12/31.

Classes of 2025 & 2026

Ms. Kaloudis and I have emailed the students on our college caseload about setting up meetings to discuss course selection. Please encourage your student to take advantage of this opportunity. Course selection starts on January 16, 2024.

Class of 2027

Your student is welcome to meet with her college counselor to talk about course selection as well even though she doesn't have many elective classes to choose from for her sophomore year.

*Your student's school counselor has also discussed or will be discussing course selection with her. Your student can schedule a meeting with her school counselor to discuss course selection as well.

Caseload Reminder

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

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.

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.

A purple poster for GEARS DAY 2024. At the top, it says 'UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS PRESENTS'. Below that, 'GEARS DAY 2024' in large white letters, followed by 'SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2024 AT UPENN'. A white gear graphic is on the right. A white box contains the text 'WHAT IS GEARS DAY?' followed by a bulleted list: 'Explore hands-on workshops in different engineering disciplines, led and developed by Penn Engineering students', 'Learn the significance of women and gender minorities in engineering', 'Network and receive mentorship from Penn Engineering students and interact with leading engineering professionals.', and 'Learn more about the Penn Engineering admissions process.' At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text 'APPLY BY DEC 18TH, 2023' and the URL 'https://tinyurl.com/GEARS2024'. A small lightbulb icon is next to the QR code. At the very bottom, a white box says 'For more information, please contact pennswe.gears@gmail.com'.

From the Office of Counseling

Ms. Mary Jane Whiteley, Director

If your student is interested in receiving mental health or substance use services and you do not know where to start, please see the [Cora Student Assistant Program \(SAP\) brochure](#). If you wish to schedule a free SAP assessment through Cora, or need help with mental health/substance abuse resources, please contact your student's school counselor for next steps.

From the Office of the Athletics

Mrs. Brigid Kelley '98, Director

Early Dismissals for Athletics

Swimming & Diving will dismiss at 1:50 pm on Monday 12/11/23 for their away meet.

Indoor track will dismiss at 11:45 am on Tuesday 12/12/23 for their meet.

Swimming & Diving will dismiss at 1:30 pm on Thursday 12/14/23 for their away meet.